

- 25th November**
7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale
- 30th November**
10.00 am Combine Parish Worship
St Paul's Inverleigh
11.30 am Annual Meeting of
Parishioners
St Paul's Inverleigh
4.00 pm Installation Abp Ric Thorpe
- 2nd December**
7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale
- 4th December**
4.00 pm Nativity Selfie
Bannockburn Site
- 6th December**
9.00 am Devonshire Tea
Parish Ministry Centre
9.00 am Nativity Selfie
Bannockburn Site
- 7th December**
5.00 pm 9 Lessons and Carols
Epiphany Meredith
- 9th December**
7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale
- 10th December**
11.00 am Christmas Communion
Estia Health Bannockburn
- 12th December** Carols Inverleigh

Parish Roster for November 30

Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh: Volunteer

Reading:

Inverleigh: Volunteer
Volunteer

Communion Assistant:

Inverleigh: Bruce McDonald

Morning Tea: Bring to share

Parish Directory

Parish Office 5281 2553
Vicar
Rev'd Timothy Smith
0412 673 152
revdrtim@hotmail.com

Wardens
Darrell Blackman 0457 338 678
Carol Newlands 0409 654 527
David Bannister 0477 564 268

Parish Council Secretary
Carol Newlands 0409 654 527

Parish Treasurer
David Osborne 0419 398 455

Assistant Treasurer
Luanne Thornton 0437 667 011

St John's Op Shop
Naomi Peel 0418 346 484

Surprise Op Shop
Luanne Thornton 0437 667 011

Pastoral Care
Alison King
pastoralcare.gpas@gmail.com

THE LATEST IN DAD TECH



Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith
23rd November 2025—CHRIST THE KING / REIGN OF CHRIST [34]



Christmas
Bowl

THE CHRISTMAS BOWL IN ZIMBABWE

In drought-affected Zimbabwe, Lucia's life is shaped by both hardship and hope. A mother of nine, she also cares for her elderly aunt and a cousin who is blind. Lucia lives in Bikita, a region where rivers have dried up and the land has grown weary under the weight of climate change. "We used to have many fruit trees and rivers that flow, but now the rivers have dried up," she says. "We are seeing less water. There is a lot of heat in the area and some of the crops are moisture stressed." When the rains failed, Lucia's harvests grew smaller. There were times when she could only feed her children wild fruits or boiled greens. "There was nothing we could do because things got worse" she says. But with support from the Christmas Bowl, Lucia and her community have found new strength. With support from Act for Peace's local partner, Christian Care, Lucia learned conservation farming techniques that help crops survive in dry conditions. "When the rain falls, you plant your seeds like we were shown, you mulch and then tend to them when they germinate. We followed all of that and it was a success!" Christian Care also provided chickens and the training to raise them safely. "[Before] it pained me that I didn't know how to take care of chickens and protect them from baboons and disease," Lucia says. "We

(Continued on page 4)

Parish Ministry Centre: 11 Byron Street, BANNOCKBURN VIC, 3331
(03) 5281 2553 revdrtim@hotmail.com
www.goldenplainsanglican.org
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094651898435

Sentence: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. *Zechariah 9:9*

Collect: Eternal God, you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of your kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy and may worship and adore you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Song of Zechariah (APBA p 425);
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-34

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 215 – You servants of God; 201 – King of glory king of peace; 52 – Let us sing to the God of salvation; 231 – At the name of Jesus

Bannockburn: *Be still*; The servant king; Jesus is king; Build your kingdom here; Let us sing to the God of salvation; *As the deer*; At the name of Jesus; *You laid aside your majesty*

Meredith: *Be still*; The servant king; Jesus is king; Build your kingdom here; At the name of Jesus; *You laid aside your majesty*

Intercessions: ...rule our hearts and wills, **Jesus, come into your kingdom.**

World: peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, India & Pakistan, Thailand & Cambodia and all places in conflict, war, or threat of war; for South Sudan and all developing nations; where there is injustice, loss of freedom, racism, misogyny and death, where there is need for education, health services, employment, food; for all national leaders to bring about justice and grace in an ever changing and uncertain world.

Church: to share the good news of God's kingdom in an uncertain world; Bp Sarah to be installed as Archbishop of Canterbury, Bp Mark Short as our National Primate, Bp Ric Thorpe to be installed as Archbishop of Melbourne (and Louie), Bp Brad and the Oodthenong Episcopal Area; our Annual Meeting of Parishioners, election of lay leadership; for parish organisational and administrative unity and financial viability; working toward the kingdom of God.

Community: the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples, their elders; the work of treaty; all who come into our communities of any race, creed, colour, faith, or no faith that will develop culture positively; all experiencing times of uncertainty and transition, those without work, those facing redundancy and those facing financial insecurity.

Those in need: Matt Bellchambers, Shirley Musgrove, Melinda Gregory, Karen Schulze, Jenny Bannister, Margaret McLaren, Sarah Rees, Jayden Rees, Fay McFarlane, Jesse Osborne, Phil Dickson, Paul Duke, Josie Andrews, Naomi Peel, Alison King, Josie Harvey, Steve and Stacie Copland .

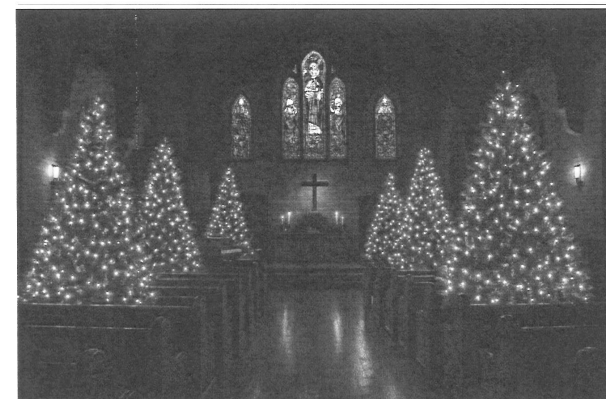


CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



St. Paul's Church

• 175 Latrobe Terrace, Geelong



✦ Celebrate the Season with Sparkle & Joy! ✦

Get ready to be dazzled by twinkling lights, festive music, holiday cheer and a forest of beautifully decorated Christmas trees!

Dates & Times:

- Friday, December 5th — 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM **CONCERT AT 7.00 pm**
- Saturday, December 6th — 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM with **Sausage Sizzle**



Come and enjoy beautifully decorated trees, festive music, stalls, and a warm community atmosphere.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES & DRESS UPS



Great for families, friends, and anyone who loves Christmas!



Celebrate the season and support our local community!



All Welcome. Entry by gold coin donation. Children free.

For more information, contact St. Paul's Church at
office@stpaulsgeelong.org.au

NATIVITY SELFIE



4th December

4—8 pm

Bannockburn Site

during

Bannockburn Twilight Christmas Market.

6th December

9—1 pm

Bannockburn Site

during

Bannockburn Farmers Market

Please be available.

CAROL SERVICES

Nine Lessons and Carols

7th December

5.00 pm

Church of the Epiphany
Meredith

Led by the Geelong College
Community Choir

Carol Service

12th December

6.00 pm

St Paul's

Inverleigh

Music provided by Community Band

YOUTH AND FAMILY COMMUNITY CINEMA



Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Stir up, we pray you, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for the Ordained Ministry of the Church are appropriate during Ember week

Monday

Morning: Pss 56 & 57

2 Kings 23:4-15

Mark 1:29-39

Evening: Pss 60 & 61

Ecclesiastes 8:1-13

Revelation 11:1-14

Tuesday

James Noble (d.1941) *Pastor*
Pioneer Aboriginal Deacon

Morning: Pss 62 & 63

2 Kings 23:16-30

Mark 1:40-45

Evening: Pss 64 & 67

Ecclesiastes 8:14-9:6

Revelation 11:15-19

Wednesday

Morning: Pss 65 & 20

2 Kings 23:31-24:9

Mark 2:1-17

Evening: Ps 66

Ecclesiastes 9:7-16

Revelation 12:1-6

Thursday

Morning: Ps 68:1-20

2 Kings 24:10-25:7

Mark 2:18-3:6

Evening: Ps 68:(21-23)24-35

Ecclesiastes 9:17-10:15

Revelation 12:7-18

Friday

Morning: Ps 71

2 Kings 25:8-21

Mark 3:7-19a

Evening: Ps 119:65-88

Ecclesiastes 10:16-11:8

Revelation 13:1-10

Saturday

Morning: Ps 69:1-16

2 Kings 25:21-30

Mark 3:19b-35

Evening: Ps 69:17-23(24-30)31-38

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14

Revelation 13:11-18



Next Sunday 30th November
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Year A (Matthew) Commences
10.00 am Holy Communion

Inverleigh

Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:9-14

Matthew 24:36-44

11.30 am Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Inverleigh

(Continued from page 1)

thank the people from Christian Care. You do not know how happy I am because you have increased my livestock.” Lucia has also joined a local group, where women work together to share knowledge, support one another, and build small incomes. “We buy each other food so that there is food in the household,” she says. “The teachings of Christian Care are so helpful. We are so happy that we have been helped by donors who came from a faraway place.” Even as the climate continues to change, Lucia’s faith and determination are stronger than ever. “God answered us by giving us such good friends,” she says. “To be helped by someone who doesn’t know you, but gives so that your family can survive – that is love.” For Lucia, hope looks like a field of millet standing tall under the sun, a clutch of healthy chickens in the yard, and the sound of her children laughing on their way to school. “I am hopeful for the future,” she says. “If we follow the lessons we’ve learned, our households will prosper. This is going to change our way of living.” Through your gift to the Christmas Bowl, you are walking alongside families like Lucia’s - helping them grow food, restore the land, and build a future filled with faith and hope.