

Mark Your Calendars


- 18th March**
 7.00 pm House Group
 Teesdale
- 19th March**
 12.30 pm Deanery Meeting
 St Pauls, Geelong
- 25th March**
 7.00 pm House Group
 Teesdale
- 26th March**
 7.00 pm Parish Council
 Parish Ministry Centre
- 30th March**
 10.00 am Combined Parish Worship
 and
 11.30 am Parish Community Growth
 Meeting
 Epiphany Meredith
- 2nd April**
 11.00 am Communion
 Estia Health, Bannockburn
- 4th April**
 7.40 pm Geelong v Melbourne
 GMHBA Stadium
- 5th April**
 9.00 am Devonshire Tea
 Parish Ministry Centre
- 8th April**
 7.00 pm House Group
 Teesdale
- 15th April**
 7.00 pm House Group
 Teesdale
- 17th April**
MAUNDY THURSDAY
 7.00 pm Community Meal
 Parish Ministry Centre
- 18th April**
GOOD FRIDAY
 9.00 am Liturgy of the Cross
 St Paul's Inverleigh

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Parish Roster for March 23

Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh:	Dianne Morgan
Bannockburn:	Paul and Freda Duke

Reading:

Bannockburn:	Carol Newlands
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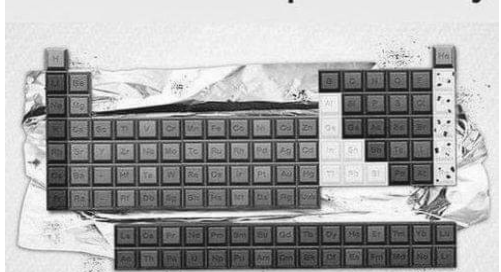
Communion Assistant:

Inverleigh:	Geoff Morgan
Bannockburn:	Lynette Oates

Morning Tea:

Bannockburn:	Carol Newlands Lynette Oates
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I eat chocolate periodically



Golden Plains Anglican News
Living the Gospel in Our Community
 Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith Anglican Parish
 16th March 2025—SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

HOPE: FROM THE PSALMS

Joy Mangurra, indigenous church leader, gives her story of coming to faith and the hope in a powerful and loving God who will set things right.



I come from Numbulwar, a small community on the east coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria in southeast Arnhem Land.

My siblings and I grew up at a small outstation called Walker River. During this time, I was first introduced to Jesus by my (Abuji) grandmother at Sunday school and the small fellowship services we had in the bush. Though I heard about Jesus as a child, I didn't accept him as my saviour until later.

Our family moved from our outstation to the Numbulwar Mission during my teenage years. That was a sad time for our family; the isolation, deteriorating living conditions, access and lack of food supplies meant we had to leave.

During my teenage years and early adulthood, I got distracted by the things of this world. I felt hopeless because I was looking for answers in the wrong areas. I filled the void of not knowing God with things introduced to our people from the outside world, things like gambling and disco.

In 2006 (or 2007), after much encouragement from my mother and sister, I started returning to services. My sister recently gave herself to God and wanted me to attend church. My mother was a church leader, and she kept sharing stories of Jesus from the bible with me. At a Christmas service, I felt the Holy Spirit speaking to my heart, and I gave myself to Him.

After I gave my life to God, the rest of my sisters started following

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Worship Today: SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sentence: Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 3:20*

Collect: God of our ancestors, whose servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown: endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:1-9

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 433 – Christ is our cornerstone; 105 – Let all the world in every corner sing; 476 – As a chalice cast of gold; 665 – Jesus Christ is waiting

Bannockburn: *Spirit of the living God*; Jesus is King; Faithful One; God! When human bonds are broken; *Be still*; All are welcome (Let us build a house); *Jesus Christ*

Meredith: *Be still*; Jesus Christ is waiting; Let all the world in every corner sing; As a chalice cast of gold; *Spirit of the living God*; All are welcome (Let us build a house); *Jesus Christ*

Intercessions: *God of Our ancestors,*
hear the prayers we bring today .

World: all national leaders and those in authority that they may work together for justice and peace in the world; for Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine, and all nations in conflict, war or the threat of war; for South Sudan, Bangladesh, and all developing nations seeking revitalisation with security, housing, education, employment, medical intervention, food, freedom, and clean water, those displaced from homelands, suffering poverty, hunger, loss, injury; refugees or asylum seekers; may we trust in the nature of God to act for the orphans, widows, poor and oppressed and hope for a world of justice and mercy.

Church: for all church leaders and the unity of the worldwide Church, our Diocese in this time of leadership transition; the Board of Nominators and a unity of Spirit for the election of a new archbishop; the establishment of the Youth and Family Community Cinema at Meredith, to identify our hopes in the nature and person of God and be inspired to undertake personal and corporate acts for the growth of his church; may we see God at work in and through us that feeds our hope.

Community: the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples, their elders; those working toward reconciliation and treaty, recognition of the country on which we live, work and play; for all who come into our communities of any race, creed, colour, faith, or no faith that they will experience welcome; for who are struggling with life; that our neighbours will be find a new and better hope.

Those in need: Matt Bellchambers, Shirley Musgrove, Melinda Gregory, Karen Schulze, John Thornton, Jenny Bannister, Margaret McLaren, Mary Simpson, Sarah Rees, Jayden Rees, Fay McFarlane, Timothy Deng, the Osborne family.

In Memorium: Charles Osborne



A fun and interactive piano bar style evening of requests, singalongs and dancing, with local piano man, Rohan Windle.

Get some friends and family together to make up a table of 10 or grab yourself a ticket or two to join a mixed table.

This event is a fundraiser by the Inverleigh Public Hall Committee to help with essential maintenance on the Inverleigh Hall, a valuable community asset.

For more info: Rhonda 0409 188 258

BOOK EARLY TO GET A TICKET!

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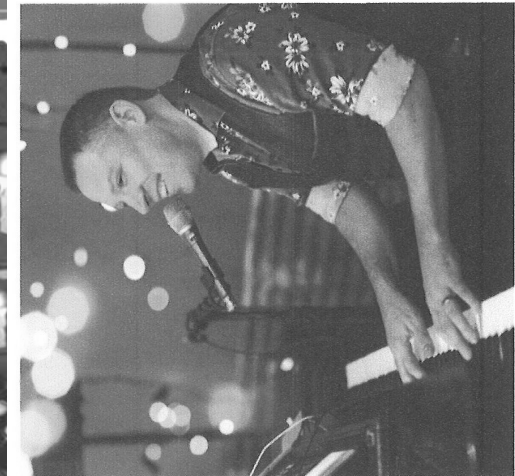
INVERLEIGH HALL PIANO BAR

Requests, singalongs, fun!

2 MAY 2025

7-11pm | Tickets \$27pp
Inverleigh Public Hall

Book a table with friends
BYO food & drinks



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me and giving themselves to God. I look back at the days of learning the bible in the bush and thank God for the seeds of his word planted in my heart. I also thank God for the faithful encouragement of my mother. The Bible stories she shared with me cut through the noise of the world so that I could find hope in Jesus.

My five sisters and I were baptised together by Rev. Yulki and Rev. Peter on the beach in front of the church. I remember the promises I made at my baptism; it is a reminder for me of the commitment I made to God.

I am now a church leader at Numbulwar and studying at Nungalinya College. My main ministry is running fellowship services for our community most nights. I also try to share my hope in Jesus with my community in the everyday moments of life, like fishing and sitting around the campfire.

As I continue to serve Jesus in Numbulwar, I am encouraged that as we preach and teach the stories of Jesus, people continue to find hope. Though many of the people who taught us the gospel have now passed away, it is exciting that the same words that gave me hope are still at work in our community today, bringing hope to others.

I am excited to join with you in the Hope 2025 campaign. Isn't it wonderful that we can unite and share our hope in Jesus? Whether we are in a small remote aboriginal community or the big smoke, we are all called to the same hope by the grace given to us by Christ. (Ephesians 4:4,7)

Questions for reflection:

1. Read the Psalms as they are provided in the Newsletter for the coming week, or according to the Lenten Study. Where can you see hope in the psalm? What does this tell you about the nature of God? What action or emotion does it inspire in the Psalmist?
2. How does God's action described in the psalms give you hope?
3. Whose cries 'out of the depths' are stirred in you? What action are you or your church could do inspired to renew their hope?
4. Can you think of someone you know who does not know the hope that can be found in Jesus and share your hope with them?

Pray:

God of hope, you call us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world. By your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service. Through our words and actions may the same Spirit bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday

Patrick (d.461) *Missionary*
Bishop and Missionary to Ireland

Morning: Ps 40

Genesis 43:1-15
Luke 12:49-59

Evening: Pss 42 & 43

Jeremiah 29:1-19(20-23)
Hebrews 7:11-25

Tuesday

Cyril of Jerusalem (d.386) *Theologian*
Bishop and Teacher

Morning: Pss 41 & 44:1-9

Genesis 43:15-34
Luke 13:1-9

Evening: Ps 44:10-27

Jeremiah 29:24-30:9
Hebrews 7:26-8:6

Wednesday

JOSEPH *Joseph*
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Morning: Ps 1

Joel 2:27-32
or Genesis 49:22-26
Ephesians 6:1-4

Evening: Ps 92

Hosea 11
Matthew 2:13-23

Thursday

Cuthbert of Lindisfarne (d.687) *Bishop*
Bishop and Missionary

Morning: Ps 48

Genesis 44:18-34
Luke 13:22-35

Evening: Ps 49

Jeremiah 31:1-14
Hebrews 9:1-10

Friday

Thomas Cranmer, Abp of Canterbury (d.1556)
Martyr and Liturgist *Bishop*

Morning: Ps 50

Genesis 45:1-15
Luke 14:1-14

Evening: Ps 119:41-64

Jeremiah 31:15-26
Hebrews 9:1-10

Saturday

Thomas Ken Bp Bath and Wells (d.1711) *Bishop*
Bishop and Teacher

Morning: Ps 51

Genesis 45:16-46:7
Luke 14:15-34

Evening: Pss 52 & 53

Jeremiah 31:27-40
Hebrews 9:23-10:4



Next Sunday 23rd March

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

HOPE from Isaiah 40-55

8.00 am Holy Communion

Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion

Bannockburn

5.00 pm Prayer and Praise

Meredith

Readings

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-9

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9