

<b>11th May</b>	7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale
<b>17th May</b>	<b>ASCENSION</b>	
<b>18th May</b>	2.30 pm Chaplaincy Supervision	Vicar's Study
<b>18th May</b>	7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale
<b>20th May</b>	12.30 pm Deanery Meeting	St John's Highton
<b>23rd May</b>	4.15 pm Geelong v Sydney	GMHBA
<b>24th May</b>	<b>PENTECOST</b>	
<b>25th May</b>	7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale
<b>27th May</b>	7.00 pm Parish Council	Parish Ministry Centre
<b>29th May</b>	7.25 pm Geelong v Carlton MCG	
<b>31st May</b>	<b>TRINITY</b>	
	10.00 am Combined Parish Worship	
	11.30 am Parish Community Growth Meeting	Epiphany Meredith
<b>1st June</b>	7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale
<b>3rd June</b>	Communion	Estia Health Bannockburn
<b>4th June</b>	Geelong v Adelaide	Adelaide

**Parish Roster for 17th May**

**Church Cleaning:**

**Inverleigh:** Liz McDonald  
**Bannockburn:** Freda & Paul Duke

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The thing about God is that, in His eyes, we can be both a masterpiece and a work in progress.



**TEESDALE HOUSE STUDY GROUP CHANGE OF DAY**

Due to a change in programming of the members, the house group is moving from Tuesdays to Mondays, same time 7.00 pm.

**Golden Plains Anglican News**

*Living the Gospel in Our Community*

†Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith  
 10th May 2026—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

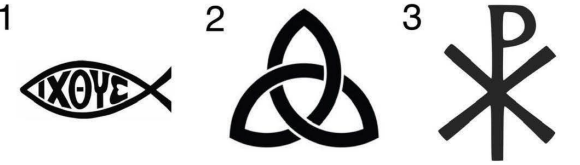
**CROSSOLOGY**

*If you had a Christian tattoo what does it say about your faith personality.*

From *Ship of Fools*, a satirical Christian site from the UK. Please read these with your tongue firmly planted in your cheek.

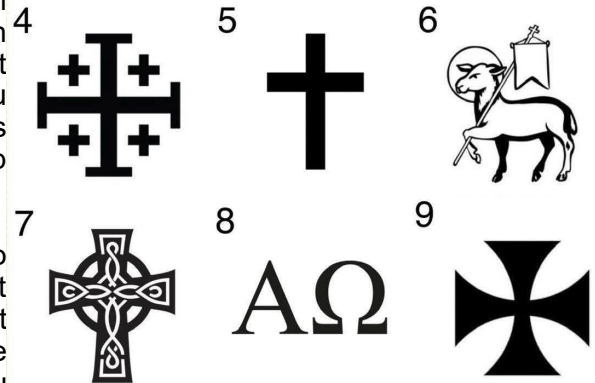
**1. Ichthys Fish**

You either got saved at a youth retreat in 2003 or you still have a DC Talk CD somewhere in a Rubbermaid bin labelled "important." You say "relationship, not religion" with the solemn conviction of a person who has never read Leviticus but owns six study Bibles. You probably have strong opinions about coffee being "fellowship juice."



**2. Trinity Knot**

You are either Irish, pretending to be Irish, or Reformed but want your forearm to say "ancient mystery" instead of "I argue about the filioque online." You like doctrine, symbolism, and pretending this was not at least partially inspired by a Celtic worship playlist. You have said "perichoresis" in a casual conversation and frightened the Methodists.



**3. Chi-Rho**

You are absolutely the person who says "actually, this symbol predates the cross as a common Christian emblem" while everyone else is just trying to eat the potluck casserole. You like early church history, incense, creeds, and making evangelicals feel like their faith began in 1977 at a folding chair crusade. There is a 78% chance you own a copy of the Apostolic Fathers.

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**Worship Today: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sentence:** 'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.' *John 14:23*

**Collect:** O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Readings:** Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-19; 1 Peter 3:8-22; John 14:15-21

**Hymns:**  
*Inverleigh:* 560 – All my hope on God is founded; 413 – Holy Spirit come confirm us; 499 – Lord Jesus, joy of loving hearts; 422 – Come, Holy Spirit, come

**Bannockburn:** *How deep the Father's love for us;* Christ is risen; Father God I wonder; A new commandment; Bless the Lord O my soul; *When the music fades;* Come, Holy Spirit, come; *Thank you for saving me*

**Meredith:** *How deep the Father's love for us;* All my hope on God is founded; A new commandment; Bless the Lord O my soul; Come, Holy Spirit, come; *Thank you for saving me*

**Intercessions: Loving God, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

**World:** Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia, United States, Iran, the Middle East, all who perpetrate war and those who defend their nations, South Sudan and all developing nations; wherever there is terror, violence, injustice, loss of freedom, racism, hunger, displacement, and homelessness; that all national leaders law makers will have a spirit for the building up of their people and the global community.

**Church:** unity of the Anglican Communion, Abp Sarah Mullaley; our Diocese Abp Ric Thorpe, our Bp Genieve; God's blessing on all our outreach ministries: Youth and Family Community Cinema, Thursday Lunch, Men's Breakfast, Op Shops, and all the non-church community groups our members are active in be opportunities in this uncertain world to share our faith and invite to church.

**Community:** the Wadawarrung and all custodians of country on which we live and work, for reconciliation and treaty with our First Nations Peoples; for all the communities of our Parish especially Inverleigh, Bannockburn, and Meredith; to be catalysts of welcome and belonging as communities in diversity; those facing mortgage and rental stress, increasing costs of living, fuel, and insurances; where there is food insecurity, and the threat of homelessness; all those who make their living from the land.

**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, Josie Harvey, Steve and Stacey Copland, Timothy Deng's brother Weng, Judith Palmer-Howlett, and all others on our heart and mind.

**ORGAN RECITAL at ST PAUL'S GEELONG**

**The Embrace of Fire**

**Tom Healey (organ)**

**Helen Seymour (mezzo soprano)**

**7.30pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, St Paul's, 171 LaTrobe Tce**

Program includes a song cycle by local composer, Michael Hannan, with soprano, Helen Seymour (who wrote the poems). Also, organ music by Widor, Bach Cesar Franck, Hans Zimmer (from 'Pirates of the Caribbean').

**\$20/under 18 free. Cash or Card at the door.**

**REMINDER**

The start of worship at  
The Church of St Paul  
Inverleigh  
will be moving  
to

**8.30 am**  
commencing  
**Sunday 7th June**

and continue through the months of  
June July and August

**COMBINED PARISH  
WORSHIP**

TRINITY SUNDAY  
**Sunday 31st May**

IS the 5th Sunday of the month  
is our next combined Parish worship  
**10.00 am**

**Church of the Epiphany  
Meredith**

Followed by our  
Parish Community Growth Meeting  
Please bring Morning Tea to share.



**THY KINGDOM COME** started as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England to **pray from Ascension to Pentecost** for more people to come to know Jesus. This year's Thy Kingdom Come is all about the presence of God through His spirit. God is with us in the everyday – in the joys and sorrows of life (and everything in between) and the One who, through His spirit, longs to reveal Himself to those who do not yet know Him. From the story of Ruth to the story of Gideon, from the story of

Elijah to the story of the early church who waited for the promised Holy Spirit to come demonstrating God's transformative presence, power and love at work in the lives of people and places. **Praying for 5 friends, family members or colleagues** to encounter the life-transforming love of Christ, is at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come. **Try praying only using your hands** Sit with your hands open as if holding one of the five people. Take time to rest in God's presence in silence. When you are ready simply offer them up to God by slowly lifting your hands upwards. Waiting again until you are ready to release them into God's hands. Then close your hands together and after a short while place them on your knees. Repeat with each of your five.

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#### 4. Jerusalem Cross

You either went on a Holy Land tour once and came back spiritually unbearable, or you are one chalice away from joining a chivalric order no one asked about. You want people to know your Christianity has “kingdom” energy, not suburban Bible study energy. Your ideal vacation includes old stones, martyrdom stories, and quietly judging megachurch architecture.

#### 5. Plain Cross

You are either beautifully sincere or you made the safest tattoo choice known to man. This is the Honda Civic of Christian tattoos: reliable, respectable, and impossible to mock without sounding like a demon. You probably say, “I just wanted something simple,” which is tattoo language for “I fear both God and future regret.”

#### 6. Lamb With Banner / Agnus Dei

You are either deeply liturgical, secretly medieval, or one Gregorian chant away from buying beeswax candles in bulk. You want your tattoo to whisper “Christus Victor” while everyone else at church is still clapping on beats one and three. You have strong feelings about the church calendar and think Easter should be more than one Sunday and a ham.

#### 7. Celtic Cross

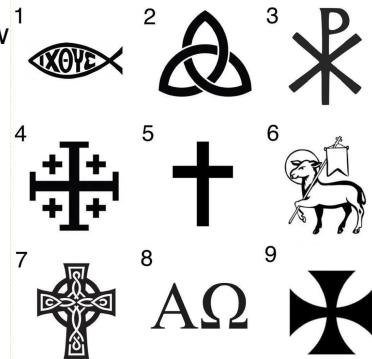
You wear boots to church and have at least once described your faith as “rugged.” You like ancient Christianity, stone monasteries, misty hills, and pretending your Scottish ancestry gives you a theological personality. You are three conversations away from saying “the old paths” while looking meaningfully into the distance.

#### 8. Alpha and Omega

You want your tattoo to be biblical, classy, and just obscure enough that unbelievers ask about it, giving you the perfect evangelism ambush. You probably like Revelation, but only the majestic throne-room parts, not the parts that make your small group nervous. Your tattoo says: “Christ is Lord over history,” but also, “I enjoy explaining Greek letters at inappropriate length.”

#### 9. Iron Cross / Templar-Adjacent Cross

You are the Christian who wants everyone to know you are not here for soft-focus worship music and beige cardigan theology. You either ride a motorcycle, lift weights, collect swords, or have a YouTube playlist titled something like “Spiritual Warfare / Crusader Metal / Gym.” Your tattoo says, “Jesus is Lord,” but with the unmistakable subtext: “and I am prepared to make Vacation Bible School look like a siege.”



The Jerusalem Cross (4) got me, ha ha ha.

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### Bible Readings

#### Prayer for the week:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant that we may walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### Monday

**Morning:** Pss 28 & 29  
Numbers 20:1-21  
1 Corinthians 10:1-11

**Evening:** Pss 30 & 32  
Exodus 35:20-36:7  
John 13:36-14:7

#### Tuesday

**Morning:** Ps 31  
Numbers 20:1-21  
1 Corinthians 10:1-11

**Evening:** Ps 33  
Exodus 40:17-38  
John 14:8-31

#### Wednesday

**Morning:** Ps 35:1-17  
Numbers 21:10-35  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*At Evening Ascension Day*

**Evening:** Ps 99  
Isaiah 63:7-14  
Colossians 2:20-3:4

#### Thursday

**ASCENSION DAY**

**Morning:** Ps 110  
Daniel 7:0-14  
John 14:12-29

**Evening:** Ps 97  
2 Kings 1:1-15  
Revelation 5:1-10

#### Friday

**Morning:** Ps 37:1-17  
Numbers 22:1-20  
1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

**Evening:** Ps 37:18-41  
Deuteronomy 29:1-21  
John 15:12-25

#### Saturday

**Morning:** Ps 38  
Numbers 22:21-40  
1 Corinthians 11:2-16

**Evening:** Ps 39  
Deuteronomy 29:29-30:20  
John 15:26-16:11



### Next Sunday 17th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

Inverleigh

**10.00 am All-Age Communion**

Bannockburn

**5.00 pm Holy Communion**

Meredith

**Readings**

Acts 1:6-14

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 5

John 17:1-11