

- 16th February**
 2.30 pm Army Chaplain Supervision
 online
- 17th February**
 7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 18th February Ash Wednesday**
 12 noon Deanery Meeting
 Christ Church, Little River
- 7.00 pm Communion w/ Ashes
 St Paul's Inverleigh
- 21st February**
 11.00 am Opening of Community
 Centre CT Monastery Teesdale
- 24th February**
 7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 28th February**
 1.30 pm Archbishop's Roadshow
 St Cuthbert's Grovedale
- 3rd March**
 7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 4th March**
 11.00 am Communion
 Estia Health Bannockburn
- 10th March**
 7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 14th March**
 8.30 am Men's Breakfast
 Parish Ministry Centre
- 4.15 Geelong v Fremantle
 GMHBA Stadium
- 16th March**
 2.30 pm Army Chaplain Supervision

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**MY COFFEE LOOKED AT ME
 THIS MORNING AND SAID,
 "SORRY, I DONT DO MIRACLES."**

@SunsetHeaven



Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

‡Inverleigh‡Bannockburn‡Meredith
 15th February 2026—SIXTH (Last) SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

HELP ME NOT SMITE ANYONE THIS WEEK

My husband did this insanely terrible thing. I got an awful, sexist email. He read it and said, "Don't worry about it, just ignore it." I know. Right? So I started making the mental list of all the things he does that annoy me. That night, we were going away to watch our son row/cult participate, and I didn't pack for him. He travels a lot and he doesn't like it, so packing is one of the things I do in our marriage that makes his life a little easier. It's a small kindness I offer to lower his stress. It's a kindness I choose. And I decided he did not deserve my kindness



because of his complete lack of outrage at the sexist email. So I punished him by not packing for him. I don't have to pack for him. It's not his right. I packed for myself and then put a suitcase on the bed for him. He didn't pack a jersey. He didn't pack deodorant. He didn't pack a hat. We had to buy all of these things. It wasn't until we were buying a jersey that I realised what I had done. Oh pettiness, how great is your sting. I behaved out of hurt, not out of love.

There's this great moment in the stories where Jesus and the disciples go to a village and they're not welcomed. James and John are furious. They turn to Jesus and say, "They are being rude. Should we call down fire from heaven and destroy them?" Which honestly feels proportionate. A good, clean, biblical smiting. And Jesus stops them. He rebukes them.

Rebuked is such an awful word. It's the word you get when you're technically wrong, morally compromised, and spiritually corrected all at once. It hurts when I feel Jesus' rebuke. When I realise I've chosen pettiness and revenge over love and peace. Again. And especially in my marriage, the one place in the world where I want love and peace more than anything, I still reach for the fire. We all have a village we want to burn down. So I told my husband what I had done and asked for his forgiveness. Which is the worst part, because obviously he started it. Then we rolled our eyes at each other and went out for dinner. Grace to me, and grace to all of us who have been petty this week. I'm going to ask God to help me not smite anyone this week.

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Worship Today: SIXTH (Last) SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sentence: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. *Psalm 119:1*

Collect: Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives: grant that we may never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Spirit, may fulfil your law in perfect love; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Master, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-27

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 433 – Christ is our cornerstone; 453 – We limit not the truth of God; 598 – Dear Father, Lord of humankind; 447 – Lord your almighty word

Bannockburn: *Lord you have my heart*; All are welcome; Majesty (here I am); Refiners fire (Purify my heart); Help us accept the past; *All I once held dear*; We limit not the truth of God; *When the music fades*

Meredith: *Lord you have my heart*; Christ is our cornerstone; We limit not the truth of God; Help us accept the past; Lord your almighty word; *Refiners fire (Purify my heart)*

Intercessions: Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

World: peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, India & Pakistan, Thailand & Cambodia, Sudan, Iran and all places in conflict, war, or threat of war; South Sudan, Venezuela and all developing nations; for Denmark and Greenland and all experiencing political coercion; where there is natural disaster; injustice, loss of freedom, racism, and violence, where there is lack of education, health services, employment, food; all national leaders and law makers to revise politics for the times.

Church: to share the good news of God's kingdom in an uncertain world; Bp Sarah Archbishop of Canterbury, Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Brad as he prepares for the Diocese of Adelaide; to continue to rethink what we say and do; the development Youth and Family Community Cinema; for parish growth; Parish Council as they continue to work for viability.

Community: the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples on whose country we live and the work of reconciliation; for all who come into our communities that in diversity they will be welcome and safe; those who are recovering from fire and floods; those facing interest rate and rental increases; those suffering food insecurity; for all farmers and graziers

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, Mawut Gotbaai, Timothy and Weng Deng.

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Monday

Morning: Ps 105:1-22
Jeremiah 22:1-19
Jude 1-16

Evening: Ps 105:23-45
Genesis 35:1-15
Luke 10:1-12

Tuesday

Morning: Ps 106:1-24
Jeremiah 22:20-23:8
Jude 17-25

Evening: Ps 106:25-50
Genesis 35:16-29, 36:6-8
Luke 10:13-24

Ash Wednesday

Morning: Ps 38:1-4, 18-21
Daniel 9:3-19
1 Timothy 6:6-19

Evening: Ps 39:1-8, 13-15
Isaiah 58:1-12
Matthew 6:7-15

Thursday

Morning: Pss 110 & 111
Jeremiah 23:9-22
Hebrews 1:1-12

Evening: Pss 112 & 113
Genesis 37:1-24
Luke 10:25-37

Friday

William Grant Broughton (d.1853) *Bishop*
First Bishop of Australia

Morning: Pss 114 & 115
Jeremiah 23:23-40
Hebrews 1:13-2:9

Evening: Pss 116 & 117
Genesis 37:25-38:11
Luke 10:28-11:4

Saturday

Morning: Pss 121, 122 & 123
Jeremiah 24
Hebrews 2:10-18

Evening: Ps 119:129-152
Genesis 38:12-30
Luke 11:5-13

**The greatest chefs will tell you
"Where there is fat there is flavour!"
I now identify as flavourful**



ASH WEDNESDAY

18th February
7.00 pm Holy Communion
with Imposition of Ashes
St Paul's Inverleigh

**Next Sunday 22nd February
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

8.00 am Holy Communion
Inverleigh
10.00 am All-Age Communion
Bannockburn

5.00 pm Holy Communion
Meredith
Readings

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5:12-21; Matthew 4:1-11