

UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS

**3rd June**  
7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

**4th June**  
11.00 am Communion  
Estia Bannockburn

**7th June**  
9.00 am Devonshire Tea  
Parish Ministry Centre

9.30 am Parish Governance Info  
St Cuthberts, Grovedale

4.15 pm Geelong v Gold Coast  
GMHBA Stadium, Geelong

**9th June**  
Public Holiday

**10th June**  
7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

**14th June**  
12.30 pm Ladies Social Group  
Shell Club, Corio

**17th June**  
7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

**18th June**  
12.00 noon Deanery Meeting  
St Albans, Hamlyn Heights

**Parish Roster for June 8**

**Church Cleaning:**  
Inverleigh: Liz McDonald  
Bannockburn: Carol Newlands  
Lynette Oates

**Reading:**  
Bannockburn: Carol Newlands

**Communion Assistant:**  
Inverleigh: Bruce McDonald  
Bannockburn: Lynette Oates

**Morning Tea:**  
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When you get it you know it!

**PENTECOST**  
**Next Sunday**  
**8th June**

**Come dressed in a colour of fire as we celebrate the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith Anglican Parish

1st June 2025—SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

**NEW ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE ELECTED**

Diocesan Administrator, Bishop Genieve Blackwell announce the decision following the deliberations of the Archbishop Election Synod.

The Election Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne, comprising approximately 760 clergy and lay parish representatives of the diocese, began its work on Friday 23 May. On the 24th May the synod elected The Right Reverend Dr Richard (Ric) Thorpe to be the next Archbishop of Melbourne. He will succeed Archbishop Philip Freier who retired in February after serving 18 years in office, once internal processes to confirm his election have been completed.

The Archbishop-elect currently serves in a special episcopal role as Bishop of Islington in the Diocese of London to oversee church planting in London and allow him to develop church planting initiatives throughout the Church of England. This encompasses diocesan, national and international responsibilities, held together within the Gregory Centre for Church Multiplication with a focus on church planting. He has also had limited experience of broader episcopal responsibilities during episcopal vacancies within the London Diocese.

Ordained in the Diocese of London, Bishop Thorpe did his undergraduate theological studies at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University and his doctorate through Asbury Theological Seminary, Kentucky United States. His passion was, "Seeing the whole Church of God thrive, enabling churches to be healthy, new congregations planted, and struggling churches revitalised."

From early in his ministry at Holy Trinity Brompton (think the origins of Alpha), Ric has been personally involved in revitalising small or shrinking

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## Worship Today: SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

**Sentence:** God has raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named. *Ephesians*

1:20-21

**Collect:** God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives and reigns with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Readings:** Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 110; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

**Hymns:**

**Inverleigh:** 520 – Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour; 468 – We are your people; 491 – Father welcomes all his children; 517 – Hallelujah sing to Jesus

**Bannockburn:** *Jesus shall take the highest honour*; Father welcomes all his children; Majesty; We are your people; All are welcome; *Jesus, Jesus holy and anointed one*; Build your kingdom here; *Spirit of the living God*

**Meredith:** *Jesus shall take the highest honour*; Father welcomes all his children; We are your people; All are welcome; Hallelujah sing to Jesus; *Spirit of the living God*

**Intercessions:** Jesus Christ, risen and ascended,  
hear the prayers we raise to heaven.

**World:** Sudan, Ukraine & Russia, Israel & Palestine, India & Pakistan; a world in conflict, war, or threat of war; South Sudan and all developing nations; wherever there is poverty, insecurity, displacement, hunger, wherever there is lack of education, employment, medical intervention, freedom, clean water; those who are refugees, asylum seekers, orphans, widows, and the oppressed; for all national leaders and authorities to be led by your Spirit to work to overcome an uncertain and dark world.

**Church:** for all church leaders and the unity of the worldwide Church; in our communion the election of an Archbishop of Canterbury, retirement of our National Primate, Bishop Ric Thorpe and Louie as they prepare to come among us; the establishment of the Youth and Family Community Cinema at Meredith, to be a church seeking what God wants us to be and do and nurture a church culture that enables growth spiritually and in numbers.

**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, play and pray; for all who come into our communities of any race, creed, colour, faith, or no faith that they will experience welcome; for all who continue to struggle with the cost of living; looking for the lonely and forgotten neighbours so they will find community and better hope among us and the promise of the Kingdom under the ascended Jesus.

**Those in need:** Matt Bellchambers, Shirley Musgrove, Melinda Gregory, Karen Schulze, Jenny Bannister, Margaret McLaren, Sarah Rees, Jayden Rees, Fay McFarlane, Timothy Deng, Mawut Gotbaili and all others on our own hearts.

## GROWING A HEALTHY CHURCH CULTURE

Healthy churches are congregations which

1. ☒ are energized by faith,
2. ☒ have an outward-looking focus,
3. ☒ seek to find out what God wants,
4. ☒ face the costs of change and growth,
5. ☒ operate as a community,
6. make room for all, and
7. do a few things and do them well.

### Being The Sign of the Kingdom CHURCH MAKES ROOM FOR ALL

*Being inclusive rather than exclusive. This includes:*

- **welcome:** works to include newcomers into the life of the church
- **children and young people:** are helped to belong, contributed and be nurtured in their faith
- **enquirers:** are encouraged to explore and experience faith in Christ
- **diversities:** different social and ethnic backgrounds, mental and physical abilities, and ages, are seen as a strength.

### Questions for reflection:

**Read:** Isaiah 65:17-25—What is God's agenda? Who else is working on God's agenda? How can we join in with what they are doing?

**Read:** Matthew 8:1-8 (9-17) —What on earth did Jesus see in them?

**Meditate:** The church is called to express the life of Jesus Christ, who live the truth that, *'The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many.'* (Matthew 20:28)

### 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.**

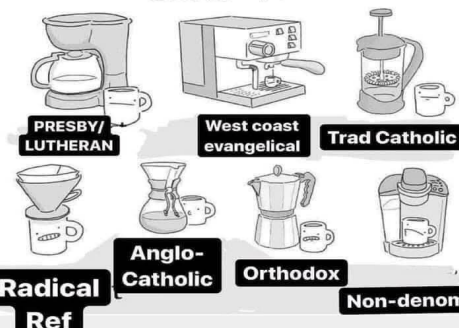
### LADIES SOCIAL GROUP LUNCHEON

Saturday  
14th June 2025  
12.30 pm

**The Shell Club**  
76 Purnell Road  
CORIO 3214

**RSVP** Lynette Oates 0438 565 892  
or Carol Newlands 0409 654 527  
Bring a friend

WHAT YOUR COFFEE PREPARATION METHOD  
SAYS ABOUT YOU





ANGLICAN  
DIOCESE OF  
MELBOURNE

Reimagining the **future**  
Enabling the **present**

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parishes and planting new churches.

Bishop Thorpe has visited Melbourne often and said, "We have come to love Melbourne over the years, as we have served and ministered in the diocese, in other denominations, and across the nation."

Chair of the Board of Nominators, Dr Jenny George, described the Archbishop-elect as "an experienced and visionary leader. Ric has been personally involved in revitalising small or shrinking parishes and planting new churches," Dr George said. "His commitment to developing future leaders is seen in his local and global training of church planters and other leaders."

As he listens and learns about the deeper context of the Anglican Church in Australia, in comparison to the established Church of England, he will discover that there are privileges he once operated in that do not exist here. Bishop Ric will need to come to understand the colonist perspective of Australia and the ongoing work of reconciliation with our first nations people.

Bishop Thorpe will be installed as archbishop in St Paul's Cathedral later in the year at a date to be advised. Bishop Blackwell will continue to serve as administrator until that time.

### Personal

Bishop Ric is married to Louie, who has been in ministry longer than him, and they have three adult children. His hobbies include:

- Walking with Louie, and our Sprocker dog (Cocker Spaniel and Springer Spaniel cross), Murphy, who creates chaos and releases joy.
- Reading novels—mainly historical and science-fiction.
- Fixing things—from iPhone screens to broken furniture.
- Music—plays cello and guitar.
- Sailing—enjoys recreational dinghy sailing and yachting—he has a RYA Coastal Skipper license and a Yacht Master Offshore Theory certificate.
- Holidays with the family.
- Non-strenuous exercise (!)—he has a rowing machine and has completed the London Marathon and London Triathlon.

### Watch

**Bishop Ric introduces himself:** <https://vimeo.com/1082444434/8567e6aed1>

**On church planting:** <https://ccx.org.uk/content/now-is-the-time-to-plant>

**Who is Jesus:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwy98TCahdU>

**Following Jesus:** Living our values 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYOlFhFomrY&ab\\_channel=StPaul%27sChurchLeamingtonSpa](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYOlFhFomrY&ab_channel=StPaul%27sChurchLeamingtonSpa)

### Bible Readings

#### Prayer for the week:

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we pray you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to the same place where our Saviour Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

#### Monday

Day of Prayer for Reconciliation

**Morning:** Ps 77

Deuteronomy 1:46-2:19

John 26:12-24

**Evening:** Ps 78:1-15

Judges 10:10-11:11

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Day of Prayer for Reconciliation

#### Tuesday

Martyrs of Uganda (d.1886) *Martyr*

Janani Luwum (d.1977) *Martyr*

Archbishop of Uganda

John XXIII (d.1963) *Saint*

Archbishop of Rome and reformer

**Morning:** Pss 92 & 93

Deuteronomy 6:4-25

Acts 2:14-24

**Evening:** Ps 94

Judges 16:1-7

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

#### Wednesday

**Morning:** Ps 80

Deuteronomy 3:18-4:8

John 17:6-19

**Evening:** Ps 81

Judges 13:1-18

1 Corinthians 12:14-31

#### Thursday

Bishop Boniface of Mainz (d.754) *Martyr*

**Morning:** Pss 82 & 84

Deuteronomy 4:9-24

**Evening:** John 17:20-26  
Pss 85 & 87  
Judges 13:19-14:9  
1 Corinthians 13  
**Friday**

**Morning:** Ps 86  
Deuteronomy 4:25-42  
Acts 1:1-14

**Evening:** Ps 88  
Judges 14:10-15:8  
1 Corinthians 14:1-12  
**Saturday**

**Morning:** Ps 90  
Deuteronomy 5:1-21  
Acts 1:15-26

**Evening:** Ps 48  
Eve of Pentecost  
Numbers 11:16-17, 24-30  
1 Corinthians 14:13-25

How many mystery writers does it take to change a light bulb?  
Two. One to change the bulb and one to give it an unexpected twist at the end.



**Next Sunday 8th June  
DAY OF PENTECOST  
HEALTHY CHURCH CULTURE:  
DOES A FEW THINGS WELL**

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

St Paul's Inverleigh

**10.00 am All-Age Communion**

St John's Bannockburn

**5.00 pm Holy Communion**

Epiphany Meredith

### Readings

Acts 2:1-21 | Genesis 11:1-9

Psalms 104:26-36

Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17 (25-27)