

- 12th October**
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 14th October**
9.30 am Mother's Union Service
St John's Bannockburn
- 10.30 am Mother's Union Annual Meeting
St John's Bannockburn
- 19th October**
2.30 pm Chaplaincy Supervision
Vicar's Study
- 7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 21st October**
Midday Deanery Meeting tbn
2.00 pm Electrical Tagging
Bannockburn
- 22nd October**
Midday Friendship Lunch
Bannockburn
- 1.30 pm Parish Prayer Bannockburn
- 26th October**
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 28th October**
Geelong Cup Public Holiday
7.00 pm Parish Council
Parish Ministry Centre
- 29th October**
Midday Friendship Lunch
Bannockburn
- 1.30 pm Parish Prayer Bannockburn
- 2nd November**
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
Is planned for 29th November St Paul's Inverleigh.
Due to the Vicar's health concerns the programme for the year is in a state of flux.
Can you please get your ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS into the Parish Office as soon as possible in preparation for a change to an earlier of date.

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Parish Roster for October 18

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Inverleigh: Liz McDonald
Bannockburn: Freda and Paul Duke

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Bannockburn: Carol Newlands

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Inverleigh: Geoff Morgan
Bannockburn: Freda Duke

RFK Jr. said:

"Infertility is genetic.
If your parents can't have
kids, neither can you"

Take all the time you need.

Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

†Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith

11th October 2026 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HEALTHY, LIVING THINGS GROW.

LyCiG is driving belief that the small local church is still needed, still relevant, and still capable of growth.

The growth number is not important in itself; it matters because one more person has come to know Jesus. Of equal value is spiritual growth - more people becoming like Jesus, and missional growth - more people carrying on Jesus' mission into the world.

Over the summer, I read a new book, "Bruised Reeds and Mustard Seeds: The Gift of the Small Church", by the Revd Jody Stowell. Stowell discusses what we might mean by "small". In her London context, she sees a small church as one with fewer than 100 people, while for many churches, more than 50, or even 30, would feel big. On our conferences, about 50% of attending churches have a regular worshipping community of fewer than 50 people, and another 40% have fewer than 100. Smaller churches are therefore LyCiG's main demographic.

The challenge Stowell describes is not to pursue numerical size for its own sake, but to see the value and unique gifts of the small church. The biggest personal challenge for me was around the theme of anxiety: continual demands for more, and for growth, can become an unhealthy driving force, particularly in smaller churches. That has left me doing more reading and reflecting on how LyCiG can alleviate, rather than create, anxiety for all the churches with which we are fortunate to work.

One thing the book reinforced for me is the value of clergy and laity working together, especially in smaller churches. This is one of LyCiG: we see mixed-teams attending conferences and successfully implementing afterwards. I repeatedly hear clergy say how much they valued being in a team, and how that counteracted much of the loneliness they can often feel in ministry. Long days of working in isolation can be contrasted with two or three days spent working with others, generating ideas and strengthening their team.

LyCiG, while staying faithful to its DNA, can truly value the gifts of the small and local church to encourage growth without adding to anxiety in an already anxious world and Church. *Revd Sue Cook— National Director (Edited)*



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Worship Today: TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [28]

Sentence: This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. *Isaiah 25:9*

Collect: Saving and healing God, you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us, and in all that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others, so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 20-24; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 216 – Rejoice the Lord is king; 609 – May the mind of Christ my saviour; 521 – Lord Christ at your first eucharist you prayed; 106 – Now thank we all our God

Bannockburn: *Only by grace*; Just as I am; Rejoice in the lord; May the mind of Christ my saviour; Father I place into your hands; *Such love*; Rejoice! *For I'm building a people of power*

Meredith: *Only by grace*; Just as I am; May the mind of Christ my saviour; Lord Christ at your first eucharist you prayed; Rejoice the Lord is king; *Such love*

Intercessions: *God of ... , in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

World: all nations in war or conflict, those who perpetrate war, those who defend their nations, civilian casualties, aid workers, and those who are working for peace; South Sudan and all developing nations; wherever there is fear, violence, lack of freedom, injustice, oppression, racism, hunger, displacement, and homelessness; all nations and states preparing for elections, for national leaders and law makers who will build up their citizens and the unity in the global community; Nepal and all nations suffering from natural disaster.

Church: unity of the Anglican Communion, Abp Sarah Mullaley; Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Nigel Pope, Adn Liz Rankin, AD Lankiri Thaba; transition of the Diocese and the Geelong Episcopate, and the organisation of our parish; Youth and Family Community Cinema, Thursday Lunch, Men's Breakfast, both Op Shops and community volunteers, and all our members; to be labourers in the harvest for growth of the parish; the sale of the Parish's excess land for financial viability, may our lives and ministry to be creative in proclamation within this changing world.

Community: the Wadawarrung and all our First Nations Peoples, the work of reconciliation and treaty; all the communities in our Parish especially Inverleigh, Bannockburn, and Meredith; all experiencing mortgage and rental stress, cost of living, and food insecurity; all who are marginalised, anxious and depressed; for communities that are welcoming, give belonging, affirm diversity in unity of culture, tradition, heritage and sexuality; that no one may be left to struggle alone.

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 Harvey, Judith Palmer-Howlett, Zaher Mhanna, Gwen Hunt, Tim Smith, and all others on our heart and mind.

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Almighty God, in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by sight: give us such trust in your fatherly care that in the face of all perplexities we may give proof of our faith by the courage of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday

Elizabeth Fry, Prison reformer (d.1845) *Saint*
Almighty God, you have built your Church through the love and devotion of your saints. We give you thanks for your servant Elizabeth Fry, whom we commemorate today. Inspire us to follow her example that in our generation we may rejoice with them in the vision of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning: Pss 99 & 100;
Zechariah 4:8-5:11; 1 Peter 1:1-9

Evening: Ps 103; Daniel 1;
Matthew 13:1-17

Tuesday

Morning: Pss 101 & 102:1-11;
Zechariah 7:1-8:8; 1 Peter 1:10-17

Evening: Ps 102:12-28;
Daniel 2:1-16; Matthew 13:18-30

Wednesday

Morning: Pss 108 & 109:20-30;
Zechariah 7:1-8:8; 1 Peter 1:18-2:3

Evening: Ps 119:105-128;
Daniel 2:17-35; Matthew 13:31-43

Thursday

Teresa of Avila, Teacher (d.1592) *Teacher*
Merciful God who by your Spirit raised up your servant Teresa of Avila to show your church the way of perfection: grant that her inspired teaching may awaken in us a longing for true holiness, until that day when we attain to the perfect union of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning: Ps 104:1-25;
Zechariah 8:9-23; 1 Peter 2:4-10

Evening: Ps 104:26-37;
Daniel 2:36-49; Matthew 13:44-58

Friday

Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops
(d.1555) *Martyrs*

Almighty God, by whose grace and power your holy martyrs bishops Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley triumphed over suffering and death: strengthen us with your grace, that we may endure reproach and persecution, and faithfully bear the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning: Ps 105:1-22; Ezra 5;
1 Peter 2:11-17

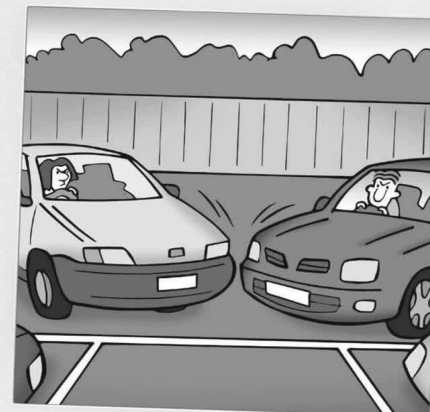
Evening: Ps 105:23-45;
Daniel 3:1-15; Matthew 14:1-21

Saturday

Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop (d.115) *Martyr*
Almighty God, whose servant Ignatius zealously proclaimed the true humanity of Christ and witnesses to him, both in life and death: keep the Church firm in faith and grant us all the grace of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Morning: Ps 106:1-24; Ezra 6:1-15;
1 Peter 2:18-25

Evening: Ps 106:25-50;
Daniel 3:16-30; Matthew 14:22-36



Derek hadn't banked on another Christian praying for the same parking space!

**Next Sunday 18th October
PENTECOST 21 [29]**

Readings

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-33