

7th October
7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale

8th October
9.30 am Mothers' Union Service
St Johns Bannockburn

14th October
7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale

15th October
12.00 noon Deanery Meeting
St Johns Bannockburn

20th October
12.00 noon Electrical Inspections
Bannockburn & Meredith

21st October
7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale

22nd October
Public Holiday—Geelong Cup
7.00 pm Parish Council
Parish Ministry Centre

28th October
7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale

4th November
7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale

Parish Roster for October 12

Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh: Luanne Thornton
Bannockburn: Paul and Freda Duke

Reading:

Bannockburn: Steve Slade

Communion Assistant:

Inverleigh: Geoff Morgan
Bannockburn: Ivan Marsetti

Morning Tea:

Bannockburn: Steve Slade
Ivan Marsetti

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The other day someone told me you can
make ice cubes out of leftover wine



I was confused....
WHAT IS LEFTOVER WINE??

One of the worst things
that can be said about any
sermon is that everyone
felt comfortable and contented
listening to it.

Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith
5th October 2025—SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST [27]

EFFECTIVE PARISH COMMUNITY GROWTH MEETINGS

A church community is like a marriage with many members especially when it has three different congregations. It is helpful to make time for regular meetings to check in on how we are travelling together.

A strong community is the foundation and heart of a church. But we must also realise that a lot more goes into keeping a church running smoothly, and when we are not all aligned on

those other things, it affects the relationships between the members and the congregations. That's where a regular meeting comes in. Our Parish Community Growth Meetings (PCGM) are an opportunity for us all to get aligned on the other things that make up our life together more than just on Sundays. Here are some suggestions to make our PCGM work.

Put the meetings in your diary and make it a priority

The first step is to make the meeting a regular and consistent thing, otherwise there's a good chance it'll simply get pushed to the back burner and not happen. We set aside a meeting when there is a fifth Sunday in the month, so it is only four times a year. This is preceded by coming together in worship. Whether we need to do this more regularly, will depend upon how well we are on the same page about our purpose: our vision and goals.

Be prepared for what we need to talk about

If we want the meeting to be productive, we need to plan ahead for what we will talk about and provide a general structure. This doesn't mean it



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Worship Today: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST [27]

Sentence: 'Who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? But I am among you,' says the Lord, 'as one who serves.' Luke 22:27

Collect: Faithful God, have mercy on us your unworthy servants, and increase our faith, that, trusting in your Spirit's power to work in and through us, we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord but may obediently serve him all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 433 – Christ is our cornerstone; 619 – Have faith in God my heart; 648 – Help us accept each other; 595 – O Jesus I have promised

Bannockburn: *Be still;* Christ is our cornerstone; How deep the Father's love; Jesus take me as I am; Help us accept each other; *I will offer up my life;* I want to walk with Jesus Christ; *Great is thy faithfulness*

Meredith: *Be still;* Christ is our cornerstone; How deep the Father's love; Help us accept each other; I want to walk with Jesus Christ; *I will offer up my life*

Intercessions: Ever-loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

World: Sudan, Ukraine & Russia, Israel & Palestine, India & Pakistan, Thailand & Cambodia; all where there is conflict, war, or threat of war; South Sudan, Kenya and all nations where there are protests for development; Afghanistan, Bali, Vietnam, and all places where there is suffering from natural disaster; wherever there is poverty, insecurity, hunger, lack of education, employment, medical intervention, freedom, clean water; all who are displaced, refugees, asylum seekers, orphans, widows, and the oppressed in unjust systems; for all national leaders and authorities to lead their nations with righteousness, justice, and grace.

Church: to share the good news of God's kingdom with a broken world; all church leaders local and national; nomination and election of an Archbishop of Canterbury, Bp Mark Short incoming National Primate, preparations for Archbishop elect Ric Thorpe and Louie to come among us, Bp Brad and the Oodthenong Episcopal Area; that all our activities will provide an opportunity to share our faith stories; that we grow in strength as a faith community and be an icon of the kingdom of God for our community.

Community: the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples, their elders; the Yoorook Justice Commission; all who come into our communities of any race, creed, colour, faith, or no faith will experience welcome and belonging; the lonely, forgotten, and those experience violence in their homes will experience peace and loving community; all struggling with the cost of living.

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, Makat Majok, Peter Aluong, Mawut Gotbaili, Timothy Deng and Wek.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Sunday 30th November

11.30 am

Following Combined
Parish Eucharist

10.00 am

St Paul's Inverleigh
26th October

9th November

Meeting Notice Display
Nominations for Parish

Council, Wardens, Nomination
Committee

16th November

Organisational Reports
Audited Finances

23rd November

Distribution of Meeting
Booklets

INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP RIC THORPE

Sunday 30th November

4.00 pm

St Paul's Cathedral
Melbourne

Invitation to Synod Representatives
or substitutes if not available.

MOTHERS' UNION SERVICE and MEETING

(Never sure where to put the
apostrophe.)

Holy Communion 9.30 am
8th October

St Johns Bannockburn
Meeting to follow

HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Join us Fri 24 Oct 2025 at 6pm for a 1-hr reflection,
with music and readings, to encourage
HOPE in an uncertain world

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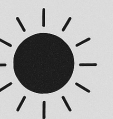
ANXIETY IS EVERYWHERE, BUT...

There are plenty of reasons to be
anxious in modern life,
given the deteriorating state of our
planet, violence against women,
endless wars and the illnesses
we will all face.

But that is no
reason to give up,
publicly or privately.

We can all benefit from
nurturing our hope
and contributions.

In fact, our future and
those whom we love
depends on our sense
of hope.



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has to be uptight or follow a strict agenda, just ensures we talk about the things we need to talk about in the time we set aside. The structure we strive for is to identify the goal needs that aren't being met and how we meet that need. This usually begins with giving voice to what things are annoying us and why they are annoying us. This structure can help prevent our discussion from going off the rails and ensures we discuss what we need to.

Practice good communication

Even though we may not be sharing deep personal feelings or working through relationship issues, good communication skills are still imperative! Actively listen skills, to truly understand each other, and hear each other out even if we disagree is fundamentally important. Meetings will not work if people do not feel safe expressing their ideas and opinions. We need to recognise the difference with being assertive and aggressive. After all, if we are not truly listening and fully engaged it defeats the purpose of meeting. Give each other space to voice needs and opinions freely.

Take notes of the meeting

There will be those who are unable to attend the meeting and also it is helpful for us to have a reminder of what was discussed, decided, or resolved. The use of a whiteboard recording the points raised, without reference to names (although that is useful if someone takes responsibility for an action). This can be photographed and reproduce for the benefit of those not able to attend.

Include some fun

Sometimes the stuff we are getting on the same page about may not be all that exciting (although some people really do love budgets and meal planning). Allow some opportunity for some silliness and laughter. There is nothing wrong with a bit of self-deprecating humour. Use humour to identify the issues that are being raised. Share stories about how something failed but provided a positive outcome in the end.

Having a regular PCGM does not mean not putting the effort into communicating outside of it when it is necessary. But a regular meeting does offer a designated time for more than one-on-one discussions when we are all together to be in sync with the many aspects of our church lives. There's a lot to manage when it comes to a keeping our parish running smoothly. Taking a proactive approach for that to happen means we can devote less time and energy uncrossing crossed wires, and more to the vision and goals we actually want to be fulfilling.

Based on: <https://www.prepare-enrich.com/blog/a-marriage-meeting-that-works/> (hugely edited)

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Generous God, whose hand is open to fill all things living with plenteousness: make us ever thankful for your goodness, and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday

William Tyndale, Biblical Scholar (d.1536) *Saint*

Morning: Ps 86

1 Kings 20:1-25
Matthew 11:1-11

Evening: Ps 88

Job 31:5-23
Colossians 3:1-11

Tuesday

Morning: Ps 90

1 Kings 20:26-43
Matthew 11:12-24

Evening: Ps 119:89-104

Job 31:24-40
Colossians 3:12-17

Wednesday

Morning: Ps 89:1-18

1 Kings 21
Matthew 11:25-12:8

Evening: Ps 89:19-38

Job 32
Colossians 3:18-4:6

Thursday

Morning: Ps 89:39-53

1 Kings 22:1-28
Matthew 12:9-21

Evening: Ps 91

Job 33:1-18
Colossians 4:7-18

Friday

Morning: Pss 92 & 93
1 Kings 22:29-53
Matthew 12:22-37

Evening: Ps 94

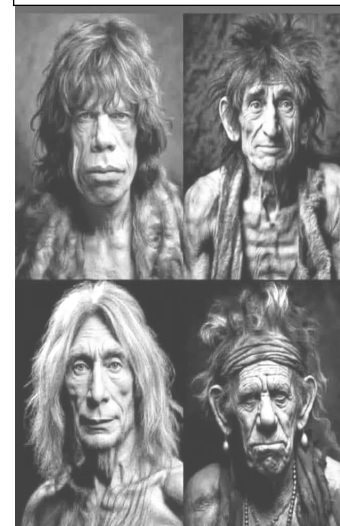
Job 33:19-33
Philemon 1-14

Saturday

Morning: Pss 95 & 96
2 Kings 1
Matthew 12:38-50

Evening: Pss 97 & 98

Job 34:1-15
Philemon 15-25



These are
the
4 Cavemen
who
invented
the wheel.
They
called it..
The
Rolling
Stone

**Next Sunday 12th October
PENTECOST 18**

8.00 am Holy Communion

Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion

Bannockburn

5.00 pm Holy Communion

Meredith

Readings

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm 66:1-11

2 Timothy 2:(1-7) 8-15

Luke 17:11-19