

28th September
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

29th September
3.00 pm Youth and Family Cinema
CANCELLED

5th October
Schools Resume
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

7th October
11.00 am Communion
Estia Health Bannockburn

7.00 pm Diocesan Synod
St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne

8th October
7.00 pm Diocesan Synod
St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne

9th October
7.00 pm Diocesan Synod
St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne

10th October
9.00 am Diocesan Synod
St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne

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

Parish Roster for October 4

Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh: Liz McDonald
Bannockburn: Wendy Wood
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Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

†Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith

27th September 2026 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INTRODUCING THE RT REVD NIGEL LLEWELLYN POPE

The Rev'd Canon Nigel Pope consecrated to be the Bishop for the Geelong Episcopal Area

As The Rev'd Canon, Bishop Nigel Pope has served in ordained ministry for more than two decades across the Church of North India and the Anglican Church of Australia. Originally from Kolkata, India, Nigel served in the Diocese of Calcutta in parish, diocesan and wider church roles, including as Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, Kolkata. Since coming to Australia in 2018, he served as Vicar of St Paul's, Geelong, and, since October 2023, as Vicar of St John's Footscray.

At St John's Footscray, Nigel led a season of revitalisation, nurturing a diverse and growing cross-cultural congregation, had oversight over a South Sudanese, Dinka, congregation, as well as a and developing ministries of hospitality, pastoral care, mission and community engagement.

Nigel's ministry has been shaped by a deep love for Christ and his Church, and by a conviction that the Gospel is most faithfully proclaimed through presence, friendship, hospitality and service. He has a particular passion for multicultural and cross-cultural ministry, mission among those on the margins, and the renewal of local congregations.

Within the Diocese of Melbourne, he has served on Archbishop in Council, the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral, the Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Corporation, and in a number of diocesan committees and ministries.

Nigel is married to Candida (Candy), and they have two children, Rebecca and Joshua. He will serve as Assistant Bishop for the Geelong Episcopate Area. His sister Vanessa Caesar will present his pectoral cross, his wife Candy his episcopal ring, and his daughter Rebecca his pastoral staff.



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Worship Today: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [26]

Sentence: Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

Hosea 6:1a,2b

Collect: Grant, O merciful God, that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant, and in humility became obedient even to death. For you have highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 11-16; Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 111 – Praise to the lord; 485 – My God accept my heart this day; 231 – At the name of Jesus; 233 – I will sing the wondrous story

Bannockburn: *I will sing your praises;* Lord I come to you; He is exalted; The greatest thing; At the name of Jesus; *I believe in Jesus;* I will sing the wondrous story; *All I once held dear*

Meredith: *I will sing your praises;* Lord I come to you; The greatest thing; My God accept my heart this day; At the name of Jesus; *All I once held dear*

Intercessions: *God of grace, 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, all nations preparing for elections; wherever there is fear, violence, lack of freedom, injustice, oppression, racism, hunger, displacement, and homelessness; all national leaders and law makers; the building up of citizens and unity in the global community; Nepal, and all nations suffering from natural disaster; a world of where diversity finds unity.

Church: unity of the Anglican Communion, Abp Sarah Mullaley; Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Nigel Pope, Adn Liz Rankin, AD Lankiri Thaba; the transition of our region and administration of the parish; Youth and Family Community Cinema, Thursday Lunch, Men's Breakfast, both Op Shops, and all our members; to be labourers in the harvest for growth of the parish; unity of administration and sale of the Parish's excess land for financial viability, may our lives and ministry express our Yes to you and for the parish.

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; to honour the diversity of human nature.

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, and all others on our heart and mind.

In Memoriam: Milka Marsetti

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday

Morning: Ps 71
Joel 2:25-3:8
Colossians 1:1-8

Evening: Ps 119:65-88
1 Maccabees 3:27-41
Matthew 9:1-13

Tuesday

MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS *Proper*

Morning: Ps 69:1-16
Joel 3:9-21
Colossians 1:9-20

Evening: Ps 69:17-23(24-30)31-38
1 Maccabees 3:42-60
Matthew 4:23-5:12

Wednesday

Jerome (d.420) *Monastic*
Priest & biblical scholar

Morning: Ps 72
Ezra 1
Colossians 1:21-29

Evening: Ps 73
1 Maccabees 4:1-36
Matthew 9:27-38

Thursday

Morning: Ps 74
Ezra 2:64-3:8
Colossians 2:1-7

Evening: Pss 75 & 76
1 Maccabees 4:37-61
Matthew 10:1-15

Friday

Morning: Ps 77
Ezra 3:9-4:6
Colossians 2:8-15

Evening: Ps 78:1-15
1 Maccabees 6:1-17
Matthew 10:16-27

Saturday

Morning: Ps 78:16-38
Ezra 4:11-5:2
Colossians 2:16-23

Evening: Ps 78:39-70
1 Maccabees 6:18-47
Matthew 10:28-42

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Next Sunday 4th October
PENTECOST 19 [27]

8.00 am Holy Communion
Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion
Bannockburn

5.00 pm Holy Communion
Meredith

Readings

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3 or 3:4b-14
Mathew 21:33-46