

- 19th October**
2.30 pm Chaplaincy Supervision
Vicar's Study
Teesdale
- 7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale
- 21st October**
2.00 pm Electrical Tagging
Bannockburn
- 22nd October**
Midday Friendship Lunch
Bannockburn
- 1.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
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 Group
Bannockburn
- 2nd November**
7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale
- 4th November**
11.00 am Holy Communion
Estia Health
- 5th November
Midday Friendship Lunch
Bannockburn

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 25

Church Cleaning:

<i>Inverleigh:</i>	Carol Wilson
<i>Bannockburn:</i>	Freda and Paul Duke

Reader:

<i>Bannockburn:</i>	Christina Szabo
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Communion Assistant:

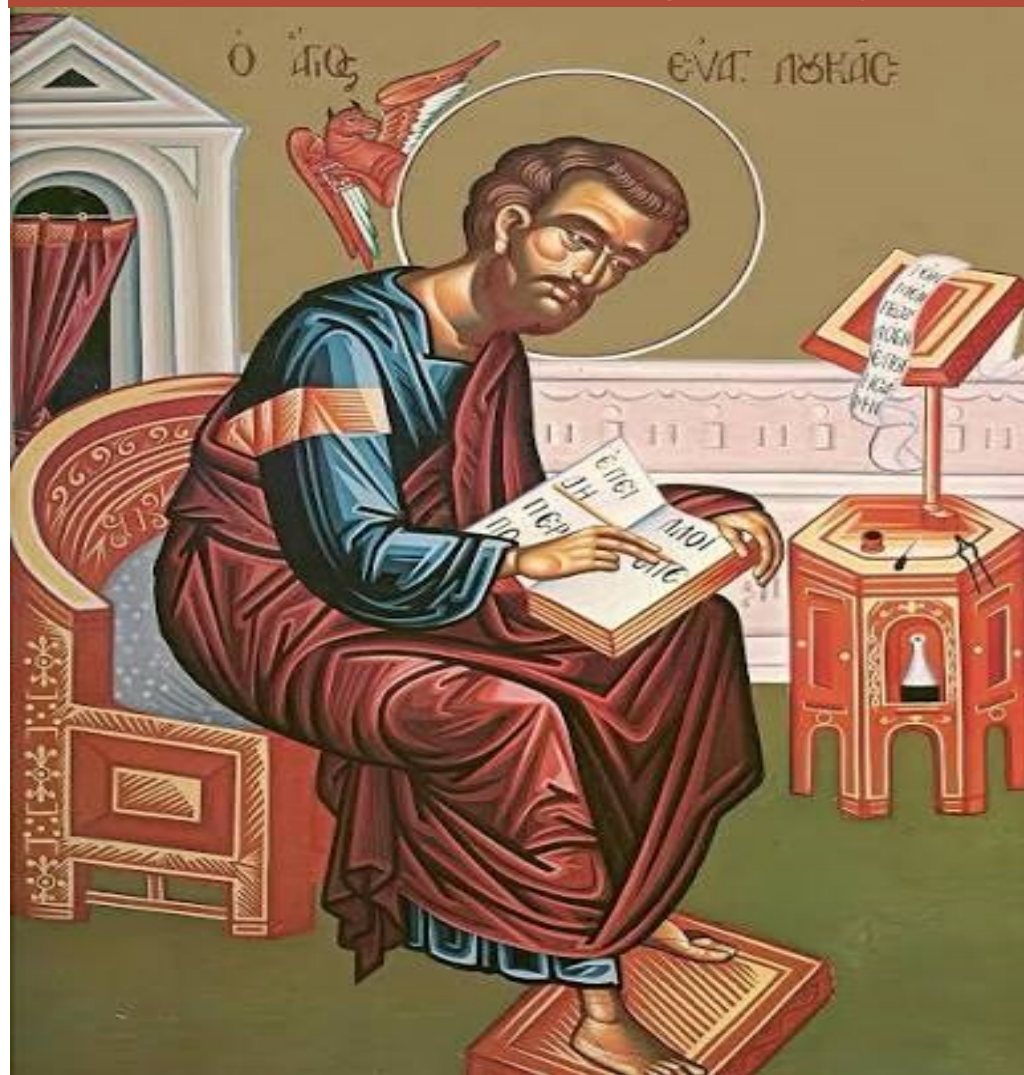
<i>Inverleigh:</i>	Bruce McDonald
<i>Bannockburn:</i>	Ivan Marsetti



Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

†Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith
18th October 2026 SAINT LUKE, Evangelist and Martyr



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Worship Today: SAINT LUKE, Evangelist and Martyr

Sentence: The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest. *Luke 10:2*

Collect: Gracious and loving God, you chose Luke the evangelist to reveal in his gospel the mystery of your love for the poor and outcast: unite in the heart and spirit all who profess your name, and lead all nations to seek your salvation in Jesus Christ, your Son; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Jeremiah 8:22-9:3; Psalm 145:10-18; 2 Timothy 4:9-17a;
Luke 10:1-9

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 455 – For all the saints; 347 – We sing the praise of him who died; 679 – God of Jeremiah grieving; 613 – Lord of all hopefulness

Bannockburn: *Be still;* We cannot measure; Majesty (Here I am); God it was; Face to face (The candles are lit); *How deep the Father's love for us;* Build your kingdom here; *At the Cross (Love ran red)*

Meredith: *Be still;* We cannot measure; We sing the praise of him who died; God of Jeremiah grieving; Build your kingdom here; *How deep the Father's love for us*

Intercessions: *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, especially those offering medical intervention, 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; the Harvest vision of the Diocese and the Geelong Episcopate, central administration of our parish; all our outreach activities church and Op Shops; for growth of our parish; the sale of the Parish's excess land, financial viability, and lives and ministry bearing wholeness to 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, affirming diversity of culture, tradition, 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.





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HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, GEELONG

MEET SHERIDAN HANNAH

Sheridan is a Spiritual Care Practitioner and works at University Hospital, Geelong as a Hospital Chaplain. Sheridan speaks with patients, family, and staff who are in need of support during their time at the hospital. In a typical week, Sheridan will contact patients/family and staff, respond to referrals, and support staff by providing education about Spiritual Care, its benefits and reasons for referring. She also visits the rehabilitation unit at the McKellar Centre. Sheridan relies on family or clergy alerting her to patients who would appreciate a visit.

OUR HISTORY

Anglican chaplains have always been available to patients, families and staff of any religious tradition or none. Spiritual Care has been provided at the hospital since 1974. The majority of Anglican chaplains' time is spent providing spiritual care for all, and a small proportion of their time providing tradition-specific or sacramental care when requested. This is true of the role at University Hospital.

WHAT DOES A HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN DO?

Listen and meet people, to the best of our ability, where they are, listening for their values and beliefs as a way of understanding their pain and suffering, and ideally, of connecting them with their strengths and sources of hope. In listening Spiritual Care Practitioners create, enable a

Barwon Health Chaplaincy 2026-2027

Thank you for your generous support which has enabled the continuation of the Anglican Chaplain role at Barwon Health from 2025. I am writing to you today with a financial update on the Hospital Chaplaincy at Barwon Hospital. The Diocesan budget is no longer able to support Anglican Chaplains in hospitals. Local fundraising has enabled the Barwon Health Chaplaincy to continue 2 days, \$52,000 per year. We have been able secure a three year grant (Jan 1 2025 – Dec 31 2027) for \$26,000 per annum equal to one day per week. This means the other \$26,000 needs to be raised or the role will need to reduce to one day per week as the funds allow. The first half of 2026 \$3,651 of the six month \$13,000 target has been received. **Therefore, we have a target of raising \$20,000 by November 30th 2026.**

To make a contribution: melbourneanglicanfoundation.au/donate-melbourne-anglican-foundation
To make a pledge: forms.swiftfoxcrm.com/survey?token=eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ

CONFUSING PRIEST AND GOD

When people are let down by their priests.

I had a sit down with someone today. She'd asked for it. She told me all the ways I'd let her down this year. How she felt she hadn't been encouraged in her church leadership. How we never wound up having dinner with the husbands. How I never followed up with her about her Dad being sick. Yeah, that last one. Yep. Not cool.

When this happens, I have two reactions. My first one is almost always, "Screw you, I'm going home and taking my toys with me." My second one is "Thank you so much for telling me all the ways I have let you down in great detail."

Nope. Try again. Go to the bathroom for a breathing break. Remind myself I am a grown up and a priest and there is something more important in the room than my ego and hurt feelings. By God's grace, my actual second reaction was, "Ok, that's a lot to process. I'm sorry I've let you down, I didn't mean to. What's been going on for you?"

Yes, I forget to follow up deep conversations. Yes, I am unreliable in friendship reciprocity. And still, when people are let down by their priests, I find it's often more about them and God. Almost like being disappointed in me is covering up what is going on in their faith. Or maybe they are just disappointed in me, and I'm deflecting.

I am many things. Jesus is not one of them. No other person can be that, for anyone. John the Baptist had this problem too. Crowds kept turning up wanting him to be the answer, wanting him to be the Messiah, and he had to keep saying the same plain thing back, "I am not the Christ." Not even close. Just someone pointing at the real thing.

I think that's most of ministry, honestly. Standing in a room pointing at God and saying "not me, over there" while someone keeps looking at me instead, because I'm the one who's actually in the room with them. Plus I have the fancy robe on and the pretty stole around my neck.

So I sat with the woman today and we talked about God. About how she feels He is not listening, that He doesn't really care for her. How He doesn't answer her anymore. And how hard that is. Because she misses Him. Then we read some words Jesus said. Because when I feel disconnected from God, I find Jesus' words help a little bit. And I felt a whole lot better about being a crappy priest.

Not sure how she felt, cos I forgot to follow up. Just kidding, I am totally doing that right now. See, I am capable of learning. Slowly.

Bless you, my imperfect friends, Rev Jessie



Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

Monday

Henry Martyn, Bible Translator (d.1812) *Missionary* Everlasting God, whose servant Henry Martyn carried the good news of your Son to the dark places of the world: grant that we who commemorate his service may know the hope of the gospel in our hearts and manifest it light in all our ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning: Pss 110 & 111;
Ezra 6:16-7:10; 1 Peter 3:1-7

Evening: Pss 112 & 113;
Daniel 4:1-18; Matthew 15:1-20

Tuesday

Morning: Pss 114 & 115;
Ezra 7:11-28; 1 Peter 3:8-16

Evening: Pss 116 & 117;
Daniel 4:19-27; Matthew 15:21-39

Wednesday

Morning: Pss 121, 122 & 123;
Ezra 8:15-36; 1 Peter 3:17-4:2

Evening: Ps 119:129-152;
Daniel 4:28-37; Matthew 16:1-12

Thursday

Morning: Ps 118:1-18; Ezra 9;
1 Peter 4:1-11

Evening: Pss 118:19-29 & 120;
Daniel 5:1-16; Matthew 16:13-28

Friday

James, brother of Jesus (d.c.62) *Martyr* Almighty God, by whose grace and power your holy martyr James of Jerusalem, brother of Jesus, triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death, strengthen us with your grace, that we may endure reproach and persecution, and faithfully bear witness to the name of Jesus Christ our Lord; for his sake. **Amen.**

Morning: Pss 124, 125 & 126;
Ezra 10: 1-19; 1 Peter 4:12-19

Evening: Pss 127, 128 & 129;
Daniel 65:17-31; Matthew 17:1-13

Saturday

United Nations, inaugurated 1945
Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, Jesus Christ: govern the hearts and minds of all in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Morning: Pss 130, 131 & 133;
Nehemiah 1:1-2:8; 1 Peter 5

Evening: Pss 132 & 134;
Daniel 6:1-14; Matthew 17:14-27



**Next Sunday 25th October
PENTECOST 22 [30]**

8.00 am Inverleigh
10.00 am Bannockburn
5.00 pm Meredith

Readings

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-13
Matthew 22:34-46