

- 8th June**
KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 12th June**
7.40 pm Geelong v Gold Coast
GMHBA Stadium
- 15th June**
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 17th June**
12.00 pm Deanery Meeting
Holy Trinity Lara
- 18th June**
5.30 pm Fremantle v Geelong
Optus Stadium
- 22nd June**
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 24th June**
7.00 pm Parish Council
Parish Ministry Centre
- 29th June**
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 1st July**
11.00 am Communion
Estia Health Bannockburn
- 2nd July**
7.40 pm Geelong v Brisbane
GMHBA Stadium
- 6th July**
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 11th July**
8.30 am Men's Breakfast Min Centre

Parish Roster for 14th June

Church Cleaning:

- Inverleigh:* Carol Wilson
Bannockburn: David and Jenny Bannister

Reader:

- Bannockburn:* Christina Szabo

Communion Assistants:

- Inverleigh:* Geoff Morgan
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Just what Derek was looking for during these difficult days!

Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

†Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith
7th June 2026—SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THEY THOUGHT I WAS THERE TO STEAL THEIR MEN

Who are you keeping the door open for?

We were helping Miriam move house when she pulled me aside and apologised. She'd been unkind to me, she said. When I was a new Christian. She was sorry. I told her it didn't matter. That it wasn't a big deal. I laughed it off and packed up another box. Except it did matter. And it was a big deal.

When I first went to church I was an addict, newly sober. I was in serious debt. I had recently tried to jump off a bridge. I wasn't there to make friends. I wasn't there to find a hobby or join a social club. I was there because I was trying to stay alive.

Some of the young women were not entirely welcoming. Looking back, I understand more than I did at the time. They had grown up inside a Christian bubble. They were good girls. Most of them didn't drink. They didn't own push-up bras. They thought acid was something you used in cooking. And they definitely couldn't do



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Worship Today: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sentence: Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners. *Matthew 9:12–13*

Collect: O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Genesis 12:1–9; Psalm 33:1–12; Romans 4:13–25
Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 217 – Love divine, all loves excelling; 136 – There’s a wideness to God’s mercy; 589 – Jesus calls us! O’er the tumult; 599 – Take my life and let it be

Bannockburn: Come as you are; There’s a wideness to God’s mercy; I give you all the honour; Christ is enough; All praise to you Christ Jesus; I believe in Jesus; Build your kingdom here; 10,000 reasons

Meredith: Come as you are; There’s a wideness to God’s mercy; I give you all the honour; All praise to you Christ Jesus; Build your kingdom here; 10,000 reasons

Intercessions: *God of the... , hear our prayer.*

World: all nations in war or conflict, those who perpetrate war and those who defend their nations; South Sudan and all developing nations: wherever there is terror, violence, injustice, oppression, racism, hunger, displacement, and homelessness; all national leaders law makers will have a spirit for the building up of their own citizens and the global community.

Church: unity of the Anglican Communion, Abp Sarah Mullaey; our Diocese and Abp Ric Thorpe, our region and Bp Genieve, raise up a new Archdeacon of Geelong; our own Parish and our outreach ministries: Youth and Family Community Cinema, Thursday Lunch, Men’s Breakfast, Op Shops, all community groups our members participate in, in all we do we will be praying for opportunities to invite others, acknowledging that no one is perfect.

Community: the Wadawarrung people, custodians of country on which we live, work, play, reconciliation and treaty with our First Nations Peoples; all who feel marginalised; all the communities in our Parish especially Inverleigh, Bannockburn, and Meredith; all living with mortgage and rental stress, increasing costs of fuel, and insurances; where there is food insecurity, anxiety and depression; that we will be witnesses to a community that is welcoming, gives belonging, in diversity; all those who make their living from the land.

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, Josie Harvey, Steve and Stacey Copland, Timothy Deng’s brother Weng, Judith Palmer-Howlett, and all others on our heart and mind.

PARISH COMMUNITY GROWTH MEETING

31st May 2026

What is bothering you/us?	Why is it bothering you/us?	What is the need not being met?	What can we do to meet the need?
Not all centres are represented on Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disinterested/past disappointment in diocese Local opportunities not being discussed Local input not being considered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unity of the Parish Conformity of Parish organisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hope/pray for someone who would be available and interested
Limited mobility of older/infirm members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to pastorally visit others A burden or drag on others Aware of pastoral needs of others but can’t respond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a desire to pastoral care for others Not participating in the life of the parish No contact information available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make telephone calls Contact the Parish Office for phone numbers for Parish members Pastoral Care is every member’s business
Unclear Contacts from the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This topic was not discussed Not sure what this concern was 		
Community members inquiring to be volunteers in the Op Shop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People have inquired about being volunteers They have not been followed up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don’t know who we refer them to Who interviews them for suitability There is no contact information passed on to relevant person Assumptions are made about who is responsible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a Job Description available Complete a Care and Communication Card with contact details (These are now on display and available in the Op Shop(s) Pass the C+CC on to the Vicar)
No response to Evangelism / presence of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sad they will not have/share in what I have 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking too much responsibility on self Holy Spirit is in charge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep doing what you are doing and let the Holy Spirit do the work

winged eyeliner properly. And then I walked in. I think they thought I was there to steal one of their men.

I was actually there so I didn't try to jump off any more bridges. When some excluded me, I was just bewildered. And hurt. Which is its own kind of absurd, if you think about it. Being excluded from a place you didn't even want to be. Getting rejected from a club you never asked to join. Of course it still hurt. Being left out always hurts. Even when you're standing there thinking, I don't even want to be here, I just need to not die. But here's the thing. I kept going back. Even when it was hard and unwelcoming and I didn't fit. I kept going back. And that broken, imperfect, sometimes unkind church became the place that saved my life.

[Pentecost] is the Church's birthday. Today we remember that Jesus sent the Spirit of Truth to help us. He did not leave us alone. He sent us a Spirit of fire and wind that opened everyone's eyes. And we have turned that into the church. We are the church. Imperfect, broken, still-figuring-it-out people. It is where we gather and figure out how to be in Christ together.

And we get to decide, every single week, what kind of church we're going to be. Because when I unlock the doors on a Sunday morning, I'm not just opening up for my parish. I'm waiting for a young woman with too much make-up and a push-up bra to walk in off the street instead of jumping off a bridge.

Who are you keeping the door open for? I know this story is vulnerable. But vulnerability is where we find the people who need it most. Oh, by the way, I did eventually marry one of their men. The best one, as it turns out. Sorry about that.

Rev Jessie's post
[Facebook.com/RevJessieFalconer](https://www.facebook.com/RevJessieFalconer)



Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

O Lord, from whom alone all good things come: grant that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guiding may perform them; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Monday

Morning: Ps 89:1-18
 Ezekiel 32:1-16
 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

Evening: Ps 89:19-38
 Deuteronomy 21:22-22:12
 Acts 8:4-13

Tuesday

Columba of Iona, Abbot (d.597) Missionary

Morning: Ps 89:39-53
 Ezekiel 32:17-32
 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Evening: Ps 91
 Deuteronomy 24:5-22
 Acts 8:14-25

Wednesday

Morning: Pss 92 & 93
 2 Chronicles 1
 2 Corinthians 8:16-24

Evening: Ps 94
 Deuteronomy 26
 Acts 8:26-40

Thursday

BARNABAS, Apostle and Martyr Proper

Morning: Ps 101
 Ecclesiastes 12:9-14
 Acts 4:32-47

Evening: Ps 15
 Tobit 4:5-11
 Acts 14:8-20

Friday

Morning: Pss 99 & 100
 2 Chronicles 4:19-5:10
 2 Corinthians 10:1-12

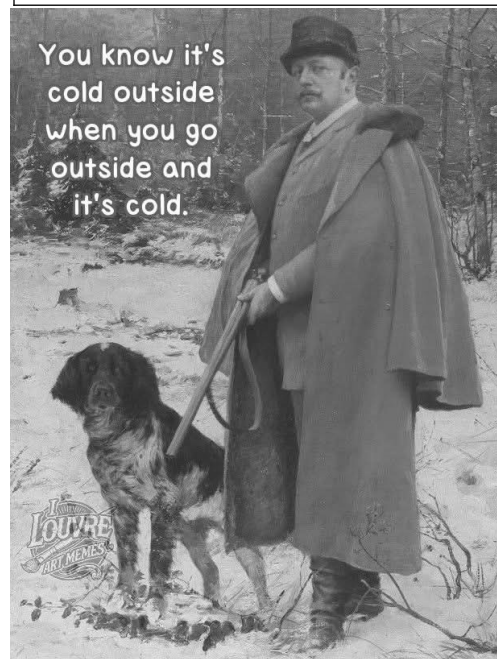
Evening: Ps 103
 Deuteronomy 28:1-20
 Acts 9:10-19a

Saturday

Antony of Padua, Preacher (d.1231) Missionary

Morning: Pss 101 & 102:1-11
 2 Chronicles 5:11-6:11
 2 Corinthians 10:13-11:6

Evening: Ps 102:12-29
 Deuteronomy 28:58-68
 Acts 9:19b-31



**Next Sunday 14th June
 PENTECOST 3 [11]**

8.30 am Holy Communion
 Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion
 Bannockburn

5.00 pm Holy Communion
 Meredith

Readings

Genesis 18:1-15
 Psalm 116:1-2, 11-18
 Romans 5:1-11
 Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)