

22nd June	
7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale
24th June	
7.00 pm Parish Council	Parish Ministry Centre
25th June	
12.00 noon Fish and Chips Lunch	Parish Ministry Centre
1.00 pm Bannockburn Food Relief meeting	YMCA
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	Parish Ministry Centre
13th July	
2.30 pm Chaplaincy Supervision	Vicar's Study
7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale
15th July	
12.00 noon Deanery Meeting	Holy Trinity Lara
16th July	Geelong v St Kilda GMHBA

Parish Roster for 28th June

Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh:	Luanne Thornton
Bannockburn:	Carol Newlands Lynette Oates

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Derek's #5 Definitions

TITHE: the ten percent who turn up when you preach on giving.

Thursday Fellowship Lunch FISH AND CHIPS



This Thursday
25th June
12 noon

Come and join us for a Fish and Chips lunch.

If you don't normally come to the Thursday lunch, and would like to, please contact Lynette Oates for catering purposes.

Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

†Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith

21st June 2026—FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOW DO WE COME TO OUR THEOLOGY

A framework that is the Wesleyan Quadrilateral.

I want to talk about why the church has struggled so much when it comes to thinking about gender and sexuality. Because these are still really big dividing lines in many parts of the Christian church.

Different denominations have approached this differently but at the heart of this decision-making and discernment around this issue is the reading of the Bible or the Holy Scriptures and also the theological tradition and these two things are often given privileged in these conversations, we go to our scripture, we go to our theological Traditions or doctrines and we talk about this in the abstract, one of the things I really like about the Wesleyan tradition is What's called the Wesleyan quadrilateral.

Now, this is nuanced and not always that simple, but I'm going to try and talk about it in a really quick way. The Wesleyan quadrilateral is scripture, tradition, reason, and experience, and what it says is that when theologically reflecting on something, we do listen to lived experience and our own experience. And we listen to reason, that is we apply our critical thinking, we recognise research from other fields and other types of expertise.

So, when it comes to gender and sexuality, for me as a Christian that means listening to the insights of science and psychologists, who tell us how these things work as well as listening to the lived experience of the many, many LGBTIQ+ plus people of faith who know what it's like to be in the church and navigate their sexuality and their spirituality.

Now, there'll be people listening, who disagree and we can have long conversations about how to interpret the Bible and those are important

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Worship Today: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sentence: Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it. *Matthew 10:39*

Collect: Gracious God, we who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death: we pray that, as you raised him from death, so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the new life to your glory, knowing ourselves to be dead in sin but alive for you in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 422 – Come, Holy Spirit, come; 245 – We have a gospel to proclaim; 439 – What shall we offer our good Lord; 519 – And now, O Father, mindful of your love

Bannockburn: *Only by grace*; Come as you are; Here I am to worship; Jesus Christ; Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; *I will worship*; All I once held dear; *I will offer up my life*

Meredith: *I will worship*; Here I am to worship; We have a gospel to proclaim; What shall we offer our good Lord; And now, O Father, mindful of your love; *I will offer up my life*

Intercessions: ...and, in your mercy, 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 and law makers to have a spirit for the building up of their own citizens and unity in the global community.

Church: unity of the Anglican Communion, Abp Sarah Mullaley; our Diocese and Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Genieve and our region in transition, Revd Liz Rankin to be new Adn of Geelong; our Parish outreach ministries: Youth and Family Community Cinema, Thursday Lunch, Men's Breakfast, Op Shops, and all the community groups our members participate in will be opportunities to share our faith with empathy and critical thinking to enable others to join us in faith.

Community: the Wadawarrung people and all our First Nations Peoples, the work of reconciliation and treaty; all the communities in our Parish especially Inverleigh, Bannockburn, and Meredith; all living with mortgage and rental stress, cost of living, and food insecurity; all who are marginalised, anxious and depressed; that we will be witnesses to a community that is welcoming, gives belonging, in diversity, and meeting peoples' needs.

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 and his brother Weng, Judith Palmer-Howlett, and all others on our heart and mind.

Entertainment during school holidays



Meredith Youth and Family
Community Cinema

Presented by
Golden Plains Anglicans and
Melbourne Anglican Foundation



3.00 pm

Church of the Epiphany, Meredith
Refreshments Included

BISHOP GENEIVE TO RETIRE

Bishop Genieve has advised me that she intends to retire as an Assistant Bishop. She will begin leave leading up to her retirement from 1 September 2026. Bishop Genieve has served in the Diocese since 2015, mostly as Bishop of Marningatha and more recently, during this time of transition, as Bishop Administrator and Bishop of Oodthenong. "It has been an unexpected and deeply enriching privilege to serve here in Melbourne for the last 11 years. We will be returning to family in NSW and to Wagga Wagga, where I grew up and from where we came to Melbourne."



CELEBRATING 150 YEAR OF MOTHERS' UNION

In 2026, MU will celebrate 150 years since Mothers' Union was founded in 1876 in the small parish church of Old Alresford, Hampshire, by Mary Sumner, a vicar's wife with a bold vision. She believed that women, regardless of class or status, could come together in faith to support one another and strengthen family life within the Church. Mothers' Union has grown to 4 million members across 84 countries.

The 5 goals of MU:

1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
3. To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Our current theme: Encouraging Families through Faith in Action.

We are currently involved in work in prevention of violence against women. For more information or interested in becoming a member of Mothers' Union, currently a combined branch with St Andrews Corio, please speak to Lynette Oates.

Intercessions at Bannockburn today are provided by the MU for this celebration.



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MOTHERS' UNION
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conversations to have. But the main thing here is to make sure that all of us are not doing theology in the abstract, because how we think about God, and our world, and our very Humanity is not an abstract thing, it impacts real lives.

Personally, learnt, a lot from listening to people's own experience of coming to terms with faith and sexuality, of recognising the gift that can be a gender expansive identity. And I think this is a journey that many in the Christian tradition are still on. It is an exciting one and it doesn't have to be a threat. It can be a point of flourishing and finding common ground together.

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MONOCULTURAL, MULTICULTURAL, OR MIXED CULTURAL CHURCHES

The American church-growth movement says we should prioritize pragmatism - that separating churches by ethnicity, language, or culture keeps the peace, accelerates growth, and improves efficiency in spreading the gospel.

"But what you're growing is not actually the church."

I'm deeply suspicious in the UK as well as in America of this idea that homogeneous churches grow faster. Undoubtedly that may have some truth to it, but what you're growing is not actually the church. Because, according to Paul, very, very clearly it's the community of all believers. This theme of church unity across ethnic boundary lines was absolutely vital in the New Testament and not a sort of odd add-on thing.

In Revelation chapter 7 it's a great community of every nation and language and tribe and tongue and that's not for some future date the church is supposed to be. This is the mantra I've been using recently, the small working model of new creation, and New Creation is neither Jew or Greek, slave nor-free, male and female, all one in Christ. And unless the church is modelling that how can we possibly talk about new creation?

We've escaped into Platonism and said that as long as our souls are going to heaven and as long as your souls over there, and three streets away your souls are probably going to heaven as well, but lets try and not get to know one another on route because that's kind of socially embarrassing, we don't like that mixture.

So that's my analysis of where we are, I'm afraid.

N T Wright, *Holy Post Media*



Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday

Alban, first British martyr (d.c.209) Martyr

Morning: Ps 118:1-18
2 Chronicles 10
James 1:1-18

Evening: Pss 118:19-29 & 120
Ezekiel 1:1-21
Acts 12:1-11

Tuesday

Morning: Pss 124, 125 & 126
2 Chronicles 11
James 1:19-2:7

Evening: Pss 127, 128 & 129
Ezekiel 1:22-3:3
Acts 12:12-25

Wednesday

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST Proper

Morning: Ps 50:1-15
Judges 13:2-7, 21-25
Luke 12:49-59

Evening: Ps 71
Malachi 3:1-6 & 4
Matthew 11:2-19

Thursday

Morning: Ps 135
2 Chronicles 13
James 3

Evening: Ps 136
Ezekiel 4
Acts 13:13-25

Friday

Morning: Pss 137:1-6(7-9) & 138
2 Chronicles 14
James 4

Evening: Ps 139
Ezekiel 5
Acts 13:26-41

Saturday

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria (d.444) Teacher

Morning: Ps 140
2 Chronicles 15
James 5

Evening: Pss 141 & 142
Ezekiel 6
Acts 13:42-52



Next Sunday 28th June

PENTECOST 5 [13]

8.30 am Holy Communion

Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion

Bannockburn

5.00 pm Holy Communion

Meredith

Readings

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42