



### School Holidays to 20th July

**8th July**

7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

**12th July**

8.30 am Men's Breakfast  
Parish Ministry Centre

**15th July**

7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

**16 July**

12 noon Deanery Meeting  
Lara

**22nd July**

10.00 am Supervision Training  
Diocesan Registry

7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

**23rd July**

7.00 pm Parish Council  
Parish Ministry Center

**29th July**

7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

**2nd August**

9.00 am Devonshire Tea

### Parish Roster for July 13

#### Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh: Diane Morgan  
Bannockburn: Wendy Wood  
Ivan Marsetti

#### Reading:

Bannockburn: Steve Slade

#### Communion Assistant:

Inverleigh: Geoff Morgan  
Bannockburn: Lynette Oates

#### Morning Tea:

Bannockburn: Steve Slade  
Lynette Oates

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**It was a creative approach to evangelism, but to be fair, people frequently begged him to stop and talk about Jesus.**



# Golden Plains Anglican News

*Living the Gospel in Our Community*

**Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith**  
6th July 2025—FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PERNTECOST [14]

## PARISH COMMUNITY GROWTH MEETING

There we twelve members of the Parish representing the three worship centres present at the Parish Community Growth Meeting 29th June 2025. Revd Tim raised two topics of concern:

**Attendance at the 5th Sunday** Combined worship reminding of the importance in a Church with a Healthy Culture operating as a community. Parish Community Growth Meetings were an opportunity to work out issues as a community. We need to create more opportunities to simply meet together.

**The Past** was not Revd Tim's great concern, the future is. However it is apparent that the past is still interfering in our being one parish with three centres. Forgiveness is a gift we offer, opening the way for a new relationship, but it means both sides need to feel sorry for what happened, confess to one another, and do the work of repair. Other concerns raised:

**Burnout of members** was raised and again we are reminded of a healthy church culture, where we do a few things and do them well, and be good stewards of the people who are serving on behalf of our parish. Consider expanding the roster for worship.

A **Pastoral Care Team** has been established thinking that we are not picking up people in need. Pastoral care is every members responsibility. Although much pastoral care happens naturally, please make yourselves available to be a part of the pastoral care team when it needs to be organised. Notice if someone is missing and check on them, If you are in need of pastoral care, including food because you cannot cook, please use the email that is available in the newsletter.

**What we are doing well is not said.** We are in the need of encouragement in what is a struggle of ministry in our current context. We need celebrate the activities we are doing well including those times when we have shared our faith with someone. Let us make opportunities to celebrate the good things that are happening within our parish.

| CONCERNS?             | WHY?                          | WHAT IS THE NEED?               | HOW TO MEET THE NEED?   |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 5th Sunday attendance | Mixing Together Distance      | Opportunities                   | Make opportunity to meet together   |
| The past              | Lack forgiveness              | Confession penitence reparation |   |
| Burn out              | Not picking up people in need | Pastoral care                   | Contact when in need, notice someone missing, be available to be a part of the team |
| Pastoral Care Team    | Do (well) not said            | Celebrate                       |   |

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## Worship Today: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [14]

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

**Collect:** God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: give us courage, as you gave it to the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life; in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for and for ever. **Amen.**

**Readings:** 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-18;  
Luke 10:1-12 (13-16) 17-24

### Hymns:

**Inverleigh:** 467 – I am the Church; 428 – Help us, O Lord, to learn; 233 – I will sing the wondrous story; 671 – Forth in your name Lord I go

**Bannockburn:** *All I once held dear*; I am the Church; Here I am to worship; Help us, O Lord to learn; Build your kingdom here; *We want to see Jesus lifted high*; Shine Jesus shine; *Shout to the north*

**Meredith:** I am the Church; Help us, O Lord, to learn; I will sing the wondrous story; Forth in your name Lord I go

**Intercessions:** In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**World:** Sudan, Ukraine & Russia, Israel & Palestine, India & Pakistan; a world in conflict, war, or threat of war; South Sudan and all developing nations; wherever there is poverty, insecurity, displacement, hunger, wherever there is lack of education, employment, medical intervention, freedom, clean water; all who are refugees, asylum seekers, orphans, widows, and the oppressed; for all national leaders and authorities to lead their nations and the global community according to the values of your kingdom.

**Church:** for all church leaders; in our communion the election of an Archbishop of Canterbury, retirement of our National Primate, Bishop elect Ric Thorpe and Louie as they prepare to come among us; that we will grow as a parish and congregations that enable others to hear the gospel in all that we do; to pray for others to come to know Jesus; the Youth and Family Community Cinema Meredith and all our activities to share our faith stories with others.

**Community:** the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples, their elders; the Yoorook Justice Commission; recognition of the country on which we live, work, play and pray; for all who come into our communities of any race, creed, colour, faith, or no faith that they will experience welcome and belonging; the lonely, forgotten, and those experience violence in their homes; that the Kingdom of God will become a reality in our communities.

**Those in need:** Matt Bellchambers, Shirley Musgrove, Melinda Gregory, Karen Schulze, Jenny Bannister, Margaret McLaren, Sarah Rees, Jayden Rees, Fay McFarlane, Phil Dickson, Paul Duke, Josie Andrews, Timothy Deng, and all others on our own hearts and minds.

## Invite

Invite them to church services, or other events where they have an opportunity to hear the faith stories of others, or just to social events where they can establish relationships with other existing members of our congregations.

## Tell your Faith Story

You may like to write it out. In a way that they can relate to:

- Didn't believe in God's existence...
- Striving to earn my way into God's good book...
- Self-destructive behaviour patterns...
- Proudly independent...
- Very fortunate in life, successful in everything, didn't want for anything...
- Confused about life...
- Lonely...
- Seeking for something but didn't know what...
- Struggling with shame/ anxiety/depression/anger...
- Religious but no relationship...

### Faith-story structure:

- Before I became a Christian.
- How I became a Christian.
- After I became a Christian.

If you have always been a person of faith, you can use the same approach but with this framework:

- When I realised a significant thing about my faith.
- How I responded.
- The difference that has made.

Or incorporate some of these in the before, how, and after structure.

### Tasks for reflection:

- Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, writes, 'According to our different personalities, gifts and circumstances, each of us has a part to play in God's work of evangelism.' Do you agree or disagree with this?

### Pray:

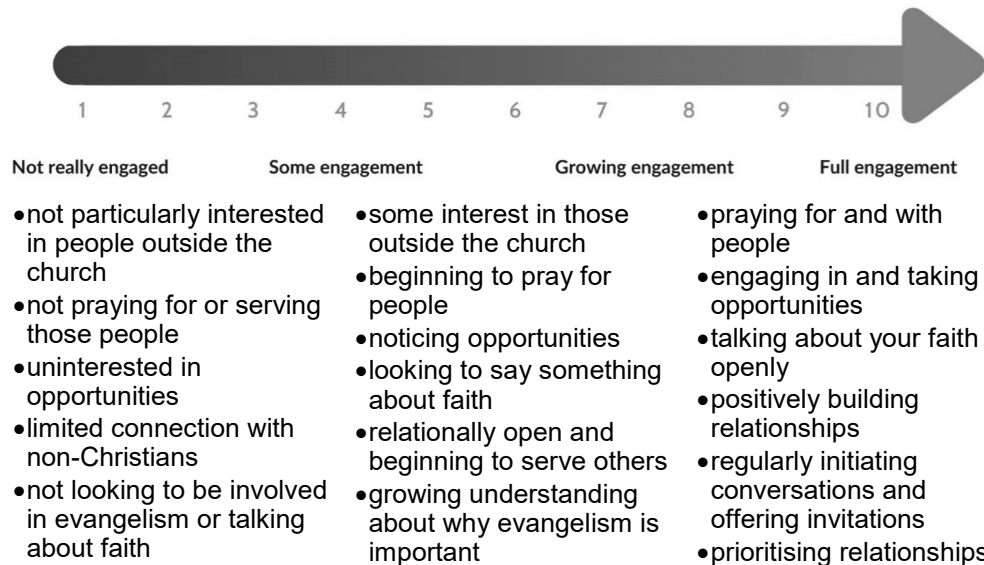
God of mission,  
who alone brings growth to your Church,  
send your Holy Spirit to give  
planning to our Vision, direction to our Goals, wisdom to our actions,  
love to our nurture in faith, joy to our worship, and power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in spiritual commitment to you,  
grow in service to our community,  
and grow in numbers;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## BECOMING AN EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

Please note, we are not talking about becoming an Evangelical Parish. Rather, whatever our diversity of traditions and theological preferences, we are aiming to be a church that is evangelistic. This means that however we express ourselves, we are desiring to help others come to share in faith with us.

- ☒ Everyday faith
- ☒ Evangelism in a post-truth world
- ☐ Evangelism for the whole church
- ☐ Making the most of events
- ☐ Developing the potential of ordinary services
- ☐ The sacraments and evangelism

Where do we see our Parish or ourselves regarding evangelism?



### Pray

Identify three to five people you know to pray for:

Heavenly Father,  
I thank you that you love [name(s)] and you long for them to know you.  
I ask you to stir up a spiritual hunger within them,  
help them to see you at work in their life,  
to realise their need of you,  
and reveal Jesus to them.

Direct their steps that they may come in contact with other Christians,  
and help them hear and feel you through their circumstances of life.  
Bless my relationship with them and use me to draw them closer to you.  
And, in your good time,  
may they come to faith in Christ,  
to know him as friend, as Saviour, and Lord. **Amen.**

## Bible Readings

### Prayer for the week:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you, that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Monday

**Morning:** Ps 19  
1 Samuel 25:23-44  
John 3:1-21

**Evening:** Ps 119:1-16  
Micah 1  
Galatians 2:11-21

### Tuesday

**Morning:** Pss 20 & 21:1-7(8-13)  
1 Samuel 26  
John 3:22-36

**Evening:** Pss 24 & 26  
Micah 2  
Galatians 3:1-14

### Wednesday

**Morning:** Ps 22:1-22  
1 Samuel 27:1-28:2  
John 4:1-15

**Evening:** Pss 22:23-32 & 23  
Micah 3  
Galatians 3:15-26

### Thursday

**Morning:** Ps 25  
1 Samuel 28:3-25  
John 4:16-26

**Evening:** Ps 27  
Micah 4:1-7  
Galatians 3:27-4:7

### Friday

Benedict of Nursia Abbot (d.550) *Abbot*

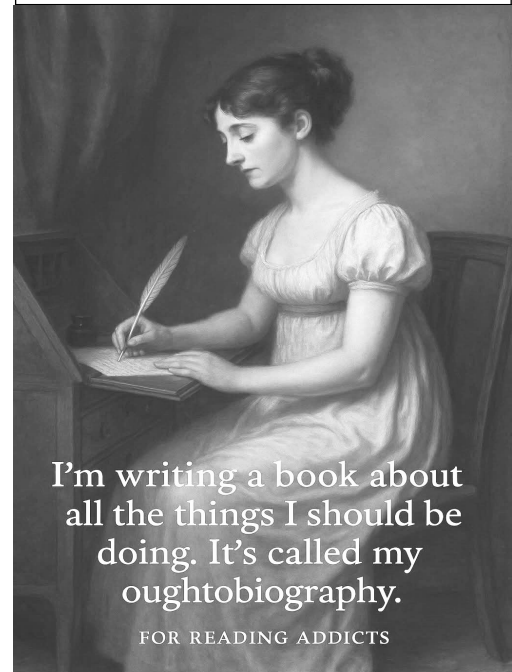
**Morning:** Pss 28 & 29  
1 Samuel 29:1-30:6  
John 4:27-42

**Evening:** Pss 30 & 32  
Micah 4:8-5:5a  
Galatians 4:8-20

### Saturday

**Morning:** Ps 31  
1 Samuel 30:7-25  
John 4:43-54

**Evening:** Ps 33  
Micah 5:5b-15  
Galatians 4:21-31



**Next Sunday 13th July**

**PENTCOST 5 [Sunday 15]**

**Making the Most of Events**

**8.30 am Holy Communion**

Inverleigh

**10.00 am All-Age Communion**

Bannockburn

**5.00 pm Holy Communion**

Meredith

**Readings**

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37