

Mark Your Calendars


11th February

7.00 pm House Group
 Teesdale

17th Feb—2nd March

Vicar on Annual Leave

18th February

7.00 pm House Group
 Teesdale

25th February

7.00 pm House Group
 Teesdale

1st March

9.00 am Devonshire Tea
 Parish Ministry Centre

5th March

11.00 am Communion
 Estia Health Bannockburn

7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy
 St Paul's Inverleigh

8th March

8.30 am Men's Breakfast
 Parish Ministry Centre

10th March

Labour Day
 Public Holiday

Parish Roster for February 16

Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh: Liz McDonald
 Bannockburn: Gill and Phil
 Dickson

Reading:

Bannockburn: Lynette Oates

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Inverleigh: Geoff Morgan
 Bannockburn: Freda Duke

Morning Tea:

Bannockburn: Lynette Oates
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 HAVE HAD YOUR FIRST COFFEE**



Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith Anglican Parish
 9th February 2025—FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

CHALLENGE AND GROWTH IN THE NEW YEAR

By Robin Gamble—Leading Your Church into Growth

After the sudden retirement of The Most Reverend Justin Welby as Archbishop of Canterbury, it is difficult to think of what to say as the Anglican Communion looks forward to 2025.

'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!'

Matthew 7:24-27



But look forward we do, and not with fear and trepidation, but with hope. Hope because the foundations underneath our church are deep and strong. Our predecessors built not on sand, but on rock.

And Hope because our future is not in our hands but in God's hands. However, the model of the New Testament is that the future that God envisages for us brought about by our efforts.

So, here are a few thoughts:-

The Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, is still in place. He is a godly man and inspired an amazing ministry of evangelism and growth in the Northern province of the Church of England. I fully realise that the safeguarding issue raised around Abp Justin Welby's retirement are vitally important. There are many deeply scarred victims and the church needs to get the issue sorted. Stephen has much to

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Worship Today: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY [5]

Sentence: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many. *1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

Collect: Most holy God, in whose presence angels serve in awe, and whose glory fills all heaven and earth: cleanse our unclean lips and transform us by your grace so that your word spoken through us may bring many to your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 454 – Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; 691 – Faith will not grow from words alone; 675 – Lord, the light of your love is shining; 658 – I the Lord of Sea and Sky

Bannockburn: *Only by grace can we enter;* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; Hosanna; Lord I lift your name on high; Lord, the light of your love is shining; *We want to see Jesus lifted high;* I the Lord of Sea and Sky; *I am a new creation*

Intercessions: *God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

World: all national leaders and those in authority that they may work together for justice and peace in the world; for Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine, Iran, Lebanon, and all nations in conflict, war or the threat of war; all who suffer displacement, poverty, hunger, loss, injury; all refugees or asylum seekers; for South Sudan, Syria, Lebanon, and all developing nations seeking revitalisation with security, housing, education, employment, medical intervention, food, freedom, and clean water; may all be willing to examine self open to our fears and inadequacies to build a world of love and mercy.

Church: for all church leaders and unity of the worldwide Church, especially our bishops; Abp Philip (and Joy) and the farewell service this evening; Board of Nominators resourcing us for the election of a new archbishop; the establishment of the Youth and Family Community Cinema at Meredith, and all our activities intended to enable God to grow church; to be a church that by word and action we proclaim the gospel of the kingdom of God.

Community: the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples, their elders; those working toward reconciliation and treaty, recognition of the country on which we live, work and play; for all who come into our communities of any race, creed, colour, faith, or no faith that they will experience welcome; for those struggling with mortgage or rental stress, food insecurity, difficulty paying bills due to the high cost of living; to offer hospitality to our Jewish brothers and sisters, the first to hear the good news of God; that our communities will be inspired to love their neighbours.

Those in need: Matt Bellchambers, Shirley Musgrove, Melinda Gregory, Karen Schulze, John Thornton, Jenny Bannister, Margaret McLaren, Mary Simpson, Sue Withers, Jesse Osborne, Sylvia Trevey, Sarah Rees, Jayden Rees, Fay McFarlane, Timothy Deng, and all others on our hearts and minds.

HOPE²⁵
HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

We are inviting every
Anglican Church
in Australia to join
together to proclaim
the hope of Christ,
between Easter Day
and Pentecost
in 2025.

Imagine every
Anglican Church,
in every town and
city, in every suburb
and community,
all working in the
same season to
proclaim hope in
our uncertain world.

We want every
person in Australia to
know the hope that
we have in Jesus.

Will you join us?

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God of Hope

you call on us to be
your witnesses in this
uncertain world;

by your Spirit
awaken in us

a true vision of
your kingdom,

a greater certainty of
our salvation, and

a deeper dedication
to your service;

that through our words
and actions the same
Spirit may

bring many who are lost
to be found,

and for them to
celebrate the hope

that we can only have
in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray.

Amen



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do; especially in helping the northern churches to rediscover their confidence in evangelism and to grow again.

To my mind the fact that so many media opinion formers spoke more about the long-term decline of the church, rather than the immediate protection issue was very significant. It appears these writers saw the deepest issues facing the church clearer than our own leaders often do. I am praying that the ultimate outcome will be a renewed vision to 'arise sleeper' and rebuild our beloved churches.

Whenever the media gets into a hot spin about the state or the future of the Church of England, and other parts of the Anglican Communion, or of any other major denomination for that matter, they always see through the wrong end of the telescope. To the vast majority of the population of the Church of England is not a bunch of bureaucrats in Westminster but everywhere and in everyplace bunch (on fact masses and bunches) of local churches. It is the local church, with its welcoming congregation, caring vicars, generous volunteers and growing sense of outreach which really counts and which is really appreciated.

Finally, as we keep saying, Leading your Church into Growth churches are growing. It really works. We are attracting more people, more children and are twice as likely as the average church to start up a new worshipping congregation. This is not something for us to shout about, but it is something for us to share about.



2025 can, and in fact needs to be, a year we can go out and scatter seeds; when we talk to individuals about being born again; when we invite outsiders to come in and enjoy the banquet, when we proclaim the good news.

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INVERLEIGH HALL PIANO BAR

Requests, singalongs, fun!

2 MAY 2025

7-11pm | Tickets \$27pp
Inverleigh Public Hall

Book a table with friends
BYO food & drinks

A fun and interactive piano bar style evening of requests, singalongs and dancing, with local piano man, Rohan Windle.

Get some friends and family together to make up a table of 10 or grab yourself a ticket or two to join a mixed table.

This event is a fundraiser by the Inverleigh Public Hall Committee to help with essential maintenance on the Inverleigh Hall, a valuable community asset.

For more info: Rhonda 0409 188 258

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Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Father of all, who gave your only-begotten Son to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Monday

Morning: Pss 92 & 93
Genesis 24:1-21
Luke 4:1-15

Evening: Ps 94
Jeremiah 16:1-15(16-21)
Philippians 3:1-16

Tuesday

Morning: Pss 95 & 96
Genesis 24:22-49
Luke 4:16-30

Evening: Pss 97 & 98
Jeremiah 17:1-18
Philippians 3:17-4:7

Wednesday

Morning: Pss 99 & 100
Genesis 24:50-67
Luke 4:31-44

Evening: Ps 103
Jeremiah 17:19-18:12
Philippians 4:8-23

Thursday

Morning: Pss 101 & 102:1-11
Genesis 25:5-11, 19-34
Luke 5:1-11

Evening: Ps 102:12-28
Jeremiah 18:12-23
1 Timothy 1:1-11

Friday

+Cyril (d.869) & Methodius (d.885) *Missionaries to the Slavs*

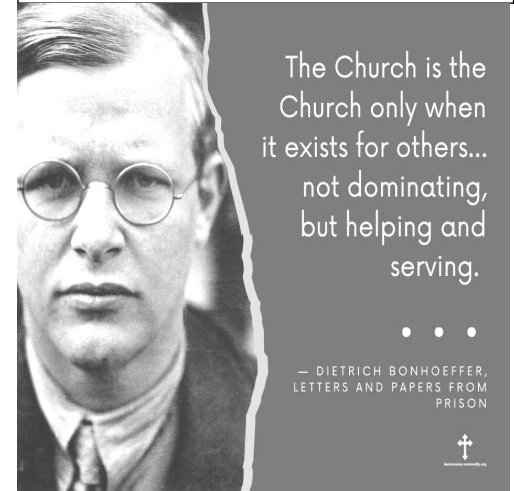
Morning: Pss 108 & 109:20-30
Genesis 26:1-17
Luke 5:12-26

Evening: Ps 119:105-128
Jeremiah 19:1-20:6
1 Timothy 1:12-20

Saturday

Morning: Ps 104:1-25
Genesis 26:18-33
Luke 5:27-39

Evening: Ps 104:26-37
Jeremiah 20:7-18
1 Timothy 2



Next Sunday 16th February SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8.00 am Holy Communion

Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion

Bannockburn

5.00 pm Holy Communion

Meredith

Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26