

24th August
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

26th August
7.00 pm Parish Council
Parish Ministry Centre

30th August
10.00 am Combined Parish Worship
11.30 am Parish Community Growth Meeting Epiphany Meredith

31st August
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

1st September
7.00 pm Commissioning John Maryoe
St Stephens Belmont

2nd September
11.00 am Communion
Estia Health Bannockburn

7th September
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

12th September
8.30 am Men's Breakfast
Parish Ministry Centre

14th September
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

16th September
12 noon Deanery Meeting
St Andrews Corio

19th September
10.30 am Consecration of Bishops
St Pauls Cathedral Melbourne

Parish Roster for 30th August

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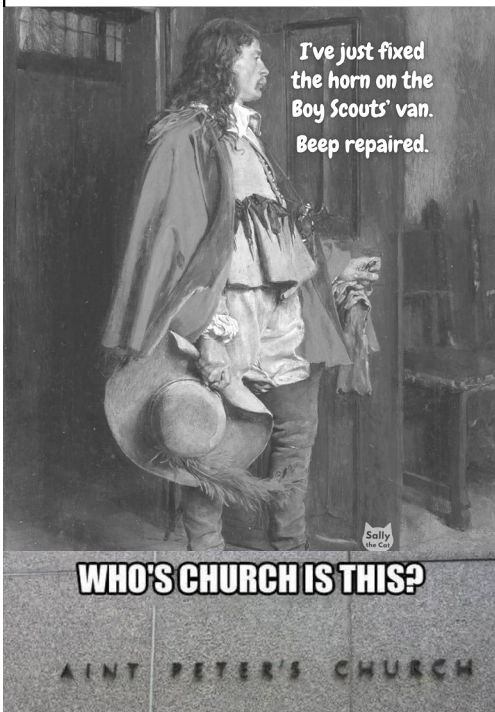
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Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

†Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith

23rd August 2026—THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

3 GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR TOUGH TIMES IN COMMUNITY

Three universal principles to guide communities through adversity they're bound to encounter

It is inevitable that a church will face tough times as a community. Whether it's just a bad day, a trying couple of weeks, or a challenging season that lasts months or years, there's no instruction manual to tell us how to get through it in unity. Plus, every situation and every community is different.

Flexibility

Imagine the congregation or ministry team is faced with a crisis. This means that one or all may not have as much capacity for all of the usual duties. Someone may have to pick up the another's slack, adjust how things get done, or they may not get done at all. The flow of each day might feel disrupted and chaotic. In times of stress, some people have a tendency to cling to structure and familiarity, but the key here is to embrace flexibility. The ability to adapt to the situation – whether that is changing up roles and responsibilities, loosening up your typical routine, or minimizing other obligations – is a crucial part of being resilient. It not only cushions community relationships against the bumps of the crisis, it helps to bounce back to a sense of normalcy when the crisis is gone.

Teamwork

Suppose the a key leader of the church or ministry team become ill. The community or ministry is thrown into a whirlwind, even more so when you find out that it might mean surgery and a longer stay in the hospital. On top of the worry, the congregations are overwhelmed with figuring out how to navigate the days ahead. It would be easy to take the stress out on one another. Maybe the members start getting snippy and critical of how others are handling things. Or members fall into a "scorekeeping" mentality – feeling like they are doing more work. Instead of getting pulled into this dynamic, remind each other that you are all on the same team. As teammates, everyone has the same objectives, in this case supporting the one who has become ill while maintaining stability for the church community. Instead of operating

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Worship Today: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [20]

Sentence: Jesus said to them, 'Who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' *Matthew 16:15-16*

Collect: O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown us the foundation of our faith: give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; 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: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 397 – Come, Spirit blest, Creator, come; 468 – We are your people; 560 – All my hope on God is founded; 190 – Colourful Creator, God of mystery

Bannockburn: *Great is thy faithfulness*; Come, Spirit blest, Creator, come; I give you all the honour; God is building a house; We are your people; *Father God I wonder*; God the creator; *Be bold*

Meredith: *Great is thy faithfulness*; Come, Spirit blest, Creator, come; God is building a house; We are your people; God the creator; *Be bold*

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

World: all nations in war or conflict, those who perpetrate war, those who defend their nations, civilians casualties, and those who are working for peace; South Sudan and all developing nations preparing for elections; wherever there is fear, violence, lack of freedom, injustice, oppression, racism, hunger, displacement, and homelessness; all national leaders and law makers; the building up of citizens and unity in the global community; Japan, Columbia, and all nations suffering from natural disaster; justice for all in our shared humanity.

Church: unity of the Anglican Communion, Abp Sarah Mullaley; Abp Ric Thorpe, Nigel Pope to be consecrated, Adn Liz Rankin, Ad Lankiri Thaba; the transition of our region and administration of the parish; Youth and Family Community Cinema, Thursday Lunch, Men's Breakfast, both Op Shops, and all our members; to be labourers in the harvest for growth of the parish; unity of administration and sale of excess land for financial viability.

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; those experiencing mortgage and rental stress, cost of living, and food insecurity; all who are marginalised, anxious and depressed; that we foster community that is welcoming, gives belonging, affirms diversity in unity of culture, tradition, and heritage; to honour the diversity of human nature.

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, Judith Palmer-Howlett, Zaher Mhanna, and all others on our heart and mind.

Songs of Praise
Sunday September 13th 2.30 pm
Come along and Sing!
Celebrating 150 years of worship
Aberdeen Street Baptist Church - 7 Aberdeen Street, Newtown



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In this season A new regular newsletter sharing stories, reflections, prayer and encouragement from across the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. http://qrau.co/iGNak9 Please share it with others who may like to receive it.	MOVING THE BANNOCKBURN OPPORTUNITY SHOP Parish Council believes the Op Shop will improve income with a larger display space. It is considering swapping the Op Shop and the Parish Ministry Centre. The Parish Office/Vicar's Study will remain in the current position. Please speak to the members of Parish Council if you have any questions or objections.
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NEW NAMES FOR MELBOURNE DIOCESE EPISCOPAL AREAS

From 19 September the Diocese moves from three geographical episcopal areas to four. The current area names will be replaced by Geelong, Dandenong, Merri and Nunawading. Each is a First Nations place name already embedded within the geography and communities of the area it represents. The names were developed following consultation with First Nations leaders, recognises the deeper histories of the lands on which our churches, schools, agencies and ministries stand, and the continuing significance of First Nations peoples and Country.

The Revd Canon Nigel Pope will be the Bishop of Geelong;

Bishop Paul Barker will be the Bishop of Dandenong;

The Venerable Megan Curlis-Gibson will be the Bishop of Merri; and

The Revd Canon Ben Wong will be the Bishop of Nunawading.

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independently, you'll need to work together to reach those common objectives. It's not about tit for tat or making sure the score is even. It's about having each other's back and being able to lean on one another when necessary.

Gratitude

Let's say a major storm rolls through the town and your church building is severely damaged – it is unusable for several months. Decisions need to be made finding alternative, temporary place for worship, and options in the Parish or town are limited. The Parish Council is worried about money and the simple fact that so much about the situation is not ideal. It is easy to let the negatives begin to cloud the perspective of the congregation and drag it down, but ultimately, this just tends to make everything worse. Instead, shift to a lens of gratitude. Focus on the fact that no one was injured in the storm, and a significant portion of the expense is being covered by insurance. Maybe the crisis is an opportunity to build a new building you have longed for. Perhaps the changed location enables a an opportunity to combine congregations, create greater congregation relationships, strengthening bonding between members. Gratitude helps you zoom out to see that while things might be hard in the present, there is potential for much to be thankful for.

Life has a way of throwing community life for a loop. How the congregations respond to those challenges can either make or break Parish relationships. These guiding principles will help bolster the church to ensure it comes out stronger on the other side.

Based on: <https://www.prepare-enrich.com/blog/3-guiding-principles-for-tough-times-in-marriage/> (Edited)

PRAYING FOR THE HARVEST

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' *Matthew 9:35-38*

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

Join Revd Tim praying for growth in our Parish

Thursdays 1.30 pm
St John's Bannockburn

Lord of the Harvest,

thank you for the compassion of Jesus
who sees the crowds,
knows their needs,
and gives himself
for the life of the world.
Teach us to see Melbourne and
Geelong with his eyes.
Renew your church by your Holy Spirit,
raise up workers for your Harvest,
show each of us our part ,
show each church it's next faithful step,
and send us In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; 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.**

Monday

BARTHOLOMEW Apostle and Martyr *Proper*

Morning: Ps 86

Isaiah 43:8-13

Matthew 10:1-15

Evening: Ps 97

Deuteronomy 30:11-16

Matthew 10:16-22

Tuesday

Morning: Ps 135

2 Chronicles 32:24-33

Romans 15:1-13

Evening: Ps 136

Tobit 4

Acts 21:15-26

Wednesday

Morning: Pss 137:1-6 (7-9) & 138

2 Chronicles 33:1-20

Romans 15:14-21

Evening: Ps 139

Tobit 5

Acts 21:27-39

Thursday

Monica, mother of Augustine (d.387) *Saint*

Morning: Ps 140

Prayer of Manasseh

Romans 15:22-33

Evening: Pss 141 & 142

Tobit 6:9-12; 7:1-15

Acts 21:40-22:16

Friday

Augustine of Hippo, teacher (d.430) *Bishop*

Morning: Pss 143 & 146

2 Chronicles 33:21-34:13

Romans 16:1-16

Evening: Ps 119:153-176

Tobit 8:4-21

Acts 22:17-30

Saturday

The Beheading of John the Baptist *Martyr*

Morning: Ps 145

2 Chronicles 34:14-28

Romans 16:17-27

Evening: Ps 147

Tobit 9 & 10

Acts 23:1-11



Derek wasn't on particularly good terms with his AV team at present!

Next Sunday 30th August

PENTECOST 14 [22]

10.00 am Parish Communion

Meredith

11.30 am

Parish Community Growth Meeting

Readings

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28