

- 10th March**
 Labour Day
 Public Holiday
- 11th March**
 7.00 pm House Group
 Teesdale
- 13th March**
 1.00 pm Thanksgiving for the Life of
 Charles Osborne
 Christ Church, Geelong
- 15th March**
 1.20 pm Geelong v Fremantle
 GMHBA Stadium
- 2.30 pm Mad Hatter's Tea Party
 Parish Ministry Centre
- 18th March**
 7.00 pm House Group
 Teesdale
- 19th March**
 12.30 pm Deanery Meeting
 St Pauls, Geelong
- 25th March**
 7.00 pm House Group
 Teesdale
- 26th March**
 7.00 pm Parish Council
 Parish Ministry Centre
- 30th March**
 10.00 am Combined Parish Worship
 and
 11.30 am Parish Community Growth
 Meeting
 Epiphany Meredith
- 2nd April**
 11.00 am Communion
 Estia Health, Bannockburn
- 4th April**
 7.40 pm Geelong v Melbourne
 GMHBA Stadium
- 5th April**
 9.00 am Devonshire Tea

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Church Cleaning:	
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Inverleigh:	Bruce McDonald
Bannockburn:	Lynette Oates
Morning Tea:	
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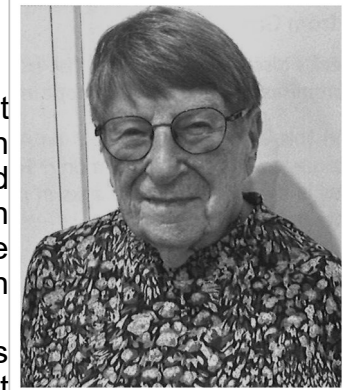
DO NOT give Rice Krispies to young children. I ate them as a youngster. Now when I stand up I snap, crackle, and pop!

Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith Anglican Parish
 9th March 2025—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

HOPE: FROM GOD'S PROMISES
 Eleanor Lamprey tells her story of her faith trusting in the promises of God



I was brought up in a Christian family that always went to church. My father, a man with strong Christian values, didn't tend to attend church with us, but my mother took me to church each week and Sunday school. At this point, we went to the Methodist Church, and church events were central to our social lives as children and teenagers. The church was our extended family, and we belonged to that community. As I grew up, I went to a Christian school for high school (MLC), and during my teenage years, I continued my involvement in Church and even got involved with the Methodist Crusader choir. We sang at conferences and events around Sydney and even at the Billy Graham crusades. These were a bit overwhelming; Graham was a very powerful speaker, and many people were there.

In my twenties, I slackened off going to church regularly while I was working as a nurse in Sydney, Adelaide, and then the UK, where I met my husband. During this time, I sometimes went to the local church. When I got married to Peter, I was still interested in church but not a regular attender.

Peter was Roman Catholic, and I was a Methodist, and we ended up both worshipping in the Anglican church at Mundaring in Perth. As our family grew, we continued attending church as a family tradition. When Peter and I chose a church, we really started owning our faith and went to church because we decided to attend for ourselves, not because

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Worship Today: FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sentence: Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him. *Luke 4:8* **Collect:** O Saving God, who led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land: so guide us that, following our Saviour, we may walk through the wilderness of this world and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91, 1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:4-13; Luke 4:1-15

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 477 – Jesus calls us here to meet him; 161 – Tell out my soul; 591 – Forty days and forty nights; 125 – The God of Abraham praise

Bannockburn: *As the deer*; Jesus calls us here to meet him; Shout to the Lord; Forty days and forty nights; *Father God I wonder*; Build your kingdom here; *I will worship (Worthy of my praise)*

Meredith: *As the deer*; Jesus calls us here to meet him; Tell out my soul; Forty days and forty nights; *Father God I wonder*; The God of Abraham praise; *I will worship (Worthy of my praise)*

Intercessions: *God in whom we trust and hope, save us when we call on you.*

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, and all nations in conflict, war or the threat of war; for South Sudan, Bangladesh, and all developing nations seeking revitalisation with security, housing, education, employment, medical intervention, food, freedom, and clean water, those displaced from homelands, suffering poverty, hunger, loss, injury; all refugees or asylum seekers; may we trust in the promises of God hoping for a world working together for justice and mercy.

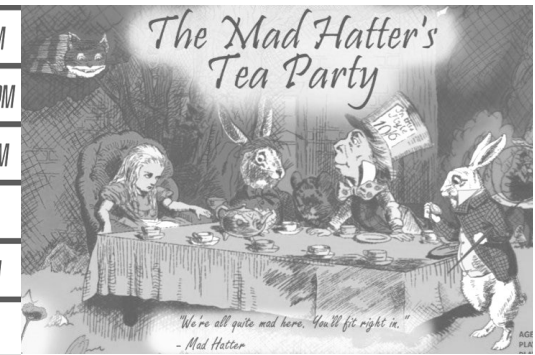
Church: for all church leaders and the unity of the worldwide Church, our Diocese in this time of transition; the Board of Nominators and a unity of Spirit for the election of a new archbishop; the establishment of the Youth and Family Community Cinema at Meredith, and all our activities intended to enable God to grow church; to be a church that lives and speaks of our hope in God's promise.

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; that our neighbours will be inspired by hope.

Those in need: Matt Bellchambers, Shirley Musgrove, Melinda Gregory, Karen Schulze, John Thornton, Jenny Bannister, Margaret McLaren, Mary Simpson, Sarah Rees, Jayden Rees, Fay McFarlane, Timothy Deng, the Osborne family.

In Memoriam: Charles Osborne

OPENING ROUND		THU 6 MAR · GABBA · 7.50PM
① ROUND 1		SAT 15 MAR · GMHBA · 1.20PM
ROUND 2		SAT 22 MAR · MRVL · 7.35PM
BYE		
① ROUND 4		FRI 4 APR · GMHBA · 7.40PM
GATHER ROUND		THU 10 APR · AO · 7.10PM
① ROUND 6		MON 21 APR · MCG · 3.20PM
ROUND 7		SUN 27 APR · MCG · 3.20PM
ROUND 8		SAT 3 MAY · MCG · 7.35PM
① ROUND 9		SUN 11 MAY · GMHBA · 3.20PM
ROUND 10		SAT 17 MAY · AO · 3.45PM
① ROUND 11		THU 22 MAY · GMHBA · 7.30PM
ROUND 12		SUN 1 JUN · OS · 5.20PM
① ROUND 13		SAT 7 JUN · GMHBA · 4.15PM
ROUND 14		SAT 14 JUN · MCG · 4.15PM
① ROUND 15		FRI 20 JUN · GMHBA · 7.40PM
BYE		
① ROUND 17		3-6 JUL · GMHBA · TBC
ROUND 18		10-13 JUL · E · TBC
① ROUND 19		17-20 JUL · GMHBA · TBC
ROUND 20		24-27 JUL · MRVL · TBC
① ROUND 21		31 JUL-3 AUG · GMHBA · TBC
① ROUND 22		7-10 AUG · GMHBA · TBC
ROUND 23		14-17 AUG · SCG · TBC
ROUND 24		21-24 AUG · MCG · TBC



The Ladies Social Group is holding its first meeting of the year:

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

Saturday 15th March

2.30 pm

Parish Ministry Centre

Make yourself a funny hat, invite a friend, and bring along a plate to share.

Everyone is welcome !!



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our parents took us. Peter did a lot in the church and loved to read about faith and the Bible. Our boys were altar boys at Mundaring, and I continued my interest in church and church activities. We ran a group for mothers and babies at church. I continued to worship at Mundaring, and I still do.

During this time, my faith has grown. Though there have been hard times, I don't think I've faltered in it. We had difficult things happen in our lives: our daughter died when she was 36 hours old, and one of our sons died as an adult. Recently, my husband Peter died after living with dementia. I tried to keep going with faith through my husband's death and illness. Towards the end of Peter's life, I found it very difficult to understand the whole situation and prayed that the Spirit would take Peter home and that his suffering would be ended. I found it very difficult to go through this time, but the Spirit was with me. Through these family tragedies, I felt that God was present through His Spirit, even in our sadness and suffering.

My faith has given me the hope that there is something more for us and that we have a purpose in life. We have something to hold on to. We can know that Jesus is present and with us. I am a great Holy Spirit person. The Holy Spirit is always with us; even when we aren't as faithful as we should be, the Spirit is with us and giving us faith in everything. God gives us a purpose for living; even in the hard times, there is something for us to hold on to. I believe that God still has good things ahead. To God be the glory.

Questions for reflection:

1. What promises of God give you a hope that motivates your faith and gives you purpose in life?
2. Can looking back over your life build your trust in the promises of God, confirm your hope in him, and strengthen your faith?
3. Can you share that hope with someone you know who does not know the hope that can be found in Jesus?

Pray:

God of hope, you call 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. Through our words and actions may the same Spirit 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.**

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey your godly will in righteousness and true holiness; to your honour and glory, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

Monday

Morning: Ps 25
Genesis 39
Luke 11:14-28

Evening: Ps 27
Jeremiah 25:1-17
Hebrews 3:1-15

Tuesday

Morning: Pss 28 & 29
Genesis 40
Luke 11:29-44

Evening: Pss 30 & 32
Jeremiah 25:27-38
Hebrews 3:16-4:10

Wednesday

Morning: Ps 31
Genesis 41:1-36
Luke 11:45-12:7

Evening: Ps 33
Jeremiah 29:1-19
Hebrews 4:11-5:6

Thursday

Morning: Ps 35:1-17
Genesis 41:37-57
Luke 12:8-21

Evening: Ps 35:18-29
Jeremiah 26:20-27:11
Hebrews 5:7-6:8

Friday

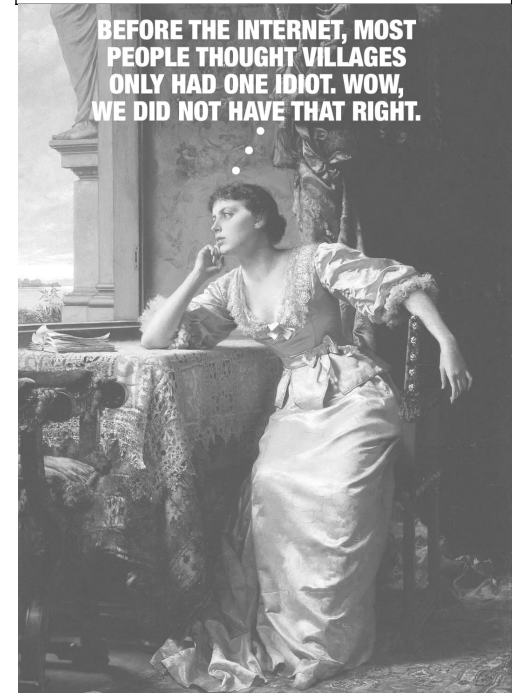
Morning: Ps 34
Genesis 42:1-17
Luke 12:22-34

Evening: Ps 119:17-40
Jeremiah 27:12-28:4
Hebrews 6:9-18

Saturday

Morning: Ps 37:1-17
Genesis 42:18-38
Luke 12:35-48

Evening: Ps 37:18-41
Jeremiah 28:5-17
Hebrews 6:19-7:10



**Next Sunday 16th March
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
8.00 am Holy Communion
Inverleigh
10.00 am All-Age Communion
Bannockburn
5.00 pm Prayer and Praise
Meredith
Readings
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35**