

ANGLICAN PARISH OF

AVON



Sunday 6 September, Pentecost 15

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL-AGE FAMILY WORSHIP



10am

Holy Trinity Stratford



5pm

Community House,
Briagolong

For where two or
three are
**GATHERED
TOGETHER** in my
name, there am I in
the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20 KJV



We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.

Holy Trinity is fitted with a hearing loop

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: 'Goodness of God'

**1 I love You, Lord,
Oh, your mercy never failed me.
All my days, I've been held in your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
until I lay my head,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.**

Chorus:

***And all my life you have been faithful.
And all my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.***

**2 I love your voice,
you have led me through the fire,
and in darkest night you are close like no other.
I've known you as a Father,
I've known you as a friend,
and I have lived in the goodness of God.
*And all my life you have been faithful...***

Bridge:

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;

I give you everything.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

And all my life you have been faithful...

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Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Acknowledgement of Country/Welcome

Call to worship

O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song:

O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.

Let them praise him in the dance:

let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.

Let his faithful ones exult in his glory:

let them sing for joy.

The Sentence

‘Where two or three are gathered in my name,’ says the Lord, ‘I am there among them.’

(Matthew 18.20)

Time of Thanks

Prayer of Thanks

Let us pray,

**Creator God,
we give thanks that you formed our universe,
fashioned the planets, and forged the stars.
You painted nature into beautiful colour
and stirred seas and rivers to song.
You called forth creatures of every shape and size,
and breathed life into them that they might know you.
You filled your earth with tribes and nations,
and entrusted your precious world to us your family.
Almighty God, today we celebrate the good gift of your creation;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, today we rejoice in the gift of
relationship with you. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day – *Together*

Let us pray.

**Lord, help us to sing a new song:
a song of love, not quarrelling;
a song of light, not darkness;
a song of joy, not sorrow.
Help us to remember your love for us,
as we praise you with music and dancing.
Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. *Revelation 21.1-7*

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said “Watch that you don’t treat a single one of these childlike believers arrogantly. You realize, don’t you, that their personal angels are constantly in touch with my Father in heaven?”

Look at it this way. If someone has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders off, doesn't he leave the ninety-nine and go after the one? And if he finds it, doesn't he make far more over it than over the ninety-nine who stay put? Your Father in heaven feels the same way. He doesn't want to lose even one of these simple believers.

If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend. If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love.

Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there." *Matthew 18.10-20*

For the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Time of Discussion

During the time of discussion, we move into groups with those around us to discuss questions as displayed on screen, arising from the sermon's themes.

If you'd prefer to remain by yourself in silence, prayer or reflection, please indicate by placing your hands over your heart.

The Prayers

Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.

Response:

God of grace, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Confession

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence for self-reflection

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Forgive us, living God,
for the moments when we have been slow to respond
to your prompting,
when we haven't been ready to give up our time,
our resources, or ourselves to serve you,
when we have walked alone, instead of walking with others,
when, in chasing a future, we have trampled on the past.
Forgive us and unite us as your people,
equipped to share our faith and your love.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

The Absolution

God who has called us is faithful,
and will not remember our sins.
Our sins are forgiven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Let us live by the Spirit's transforming power,
and forgive as we have been forgiven.
Amen.

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: 'As the deer'

**1 As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.**

Refrain:

***You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.***

**2 I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.
*You alone...***

**3 You're my friend and You're my brother,
even though You are a king.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything.
*You alone...***

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Offertory Prayer

**God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

**The Lord be with you
And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,

send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Let us draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with
thanksgiving.

The Sending Out of God's People

We thank you, God,
for all the blessings of this table:
for the life-giving story,
the living bread
and the wine of new creation.

**Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal,
to tell the Good News to neighbours and strangers
with creative words
and compassionate service,
walking the way of Christ.**

Announcements

Missional Hymn: 'The Revelation Song'

**1 Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain,
Holy Holy is He,
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on,
Heaven's mercy seat.**

Chorus:

***Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.
With all creation I sing:
Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything,
and I will adore You.***

**2 Clothed in rainbows, of living colour,
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder,
blessing and honour, strength and glory
and power be to You the only wise King.
*Holy holy holy...***

**3 Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
at the mention of Your name,
Jesus your name is power, breath and living water,
such a marvellous mystery.
*Holy holy holy...***

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The Blessing and Dismissal

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go, walk gently on country to love and serve our God.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Bulletin Prayer Points

Through these prayers we come with openness to express our concerns for the Church and the world, to the God of compassion and gracious understanding.

Everlasting God, we thank you for our church leaders; locally in our parish, our diocese and throughout the Anglican Communion.

We pray for our Bishop Richard and his family, and for our Priest Dave. May your Holy Spirit walk with him in all his ministries, guiding and supporting him, especially during this very demanding time.

Bless Emma and their children.

We pray for all who preach your word, inspire, lead and grow us as disciples as we reach out to those in our community, in our country, and world.

For School Chaplains, especially Dr Steve.

Creator God, we thank you for the beauty of the earth, the seas, and the skies. Forgive us for the ways we have misused your creation. Inspire us to be faithful stewards, protecting the environment for future generations.

We pray for the people of Nepal affected by the devastating tsunami-like flood: for those who died or were injured, those mourning loved ones, and all who lost homes and livelihoods. Surround them with your loving presence and care. May the tourists who died be returned to their homelands, and may all who grieve receive your comfort, support and guidance.

We lift before you the troubled nations of the world. Where there is conflict, bring reconciliation; where there is injustice, bring righteousness; where there is suffering, bring relief.

We pray for leaders and decision-makers, that they may act with wisdom, integrity, and a heart for the common good.

On this National Child Protection Week, we pray: -

Christ Jesus, You welcomed children and brought healing and hope to their lives. We pray that as your Church, we will create places of welcome, care and safety for all children, reflecting your love and compassion. God of love and comfort, we pray for children who have been neglected or abused. We pray that people will come into their lives who love and nurture them in healing and life-giving ways.

Loving God, we thank You for the gift of life and pray for those whose lives are troubled by illness, grief, poverty or injustice. We pray that in the darkness of their suffering and pain Your light will shine to bring them the assurance and hope they need.

We remember at this time those known personally to us and those who have requested our prayers thinking especially of Dave, Kerrie, Gail, Barb, Fiona, George, Paul, Edie, Tim, Keith, Angela, Cynthia, Lloyd, Dawn, Mick, Judy, Deb, Joy, Marion, Jan and Graeme.

We remember those who have died in the faith and now rest in your presence. We pray for the soul of Alison, may she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. We pray for Alison's sons and their partners and all the Rule family. Comfort those who mourn Lord and give us all the hope of resurrection through Jesus Christ.

Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our saviour, who walks with us on our life's journey. We pray for all who travel with us in our family, among our friends and within this community. We pray for a deepening awareness of our need for one another and of your image in the hearts of everyone we meet. **Amen**

NEWS AND NOTES

Good morning, friends,

A warm welcome to everyone joining our all-age family worship, especially Rev. Anne and Lance. Anne will share God's message with us today.

Warmest wishes to all fathers, grandfathers and father figures this Father's Day!

The budget meeting convened over morning tea last Sunday was informative and appreciated by those who attended.

Last Sunday evening's Ecumenical Service offered warm fellowship and featured Rev. Sarah Gover's presentation on her deep commitment to social justice. Thank you to Wendy P and Bev T for organising the soup and sandwiches served after the service.

Last Wednesday, we gathered to give thanks for and celebrate the life of Alison Rule, whose family has, for generations, been lifelong parishioners of Holy Trinity. We continue to hold the Rule family in our prayers.

Thank you to everyone who shared fellowship at Friday evening's Parish Dinner and to those who assisted in running the raffle on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Nepal Emergency Appeal - Anglican Overseas Aid

Words fail in the face of such devastation...



From Bishop Richard: -

Jo Knight was the Guest Speaker at our Season of Creation launch at the Cathedral just last Sunday, and today she seeks our support in responding to this tragic natural disaster - the cost of which, in every sense, will continue to rise...

Jo Knight: - I write to humbly ask you to help communities affected by Nepal's devastating floods last week.

On Wednesday, a wall of water and dirt swept through the Himalayan valleys in rural Nepal and Tibet. It carried away people, homes, crops, businesses and infrastructure.

AOA's partner, International Nepal Fellowship, will deliver emergency shelter, food relief, safe drinking water, and early recovery to those who need it most.

Your gifts will allow them to reach those most in need. Those who have lost family, lost homes, lost their livelihoods.

Give now

Jo Knight

CEO of Anglican Overseas Aid

Author of Called to Care



National Child Protection Week 2026 begins today and runs from 6–12 September across Australia. This year’s theme, “Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action,” calls us to turn discussion into meaningful steps that protect children.

Overview

Coordinated annually by the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN), National Child Protection Week raises awareness of abuse and neglect, promotes child safety, and encourages practical support for children and families. It reminds us that protecting children is everyone’s responsibility—including parents, carers, educators, service providers, policymakers, and community members.

The 2026 theme, “Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action,” urges us to move beyond discussion and take practical steps that strengthen support networks and create safer environments. The campaign also encourages us to listen to children, value their voices, and work together to prevent harm.

Our collection for Segue’s Free Foods Pantry is ongoing. Please place donations in the basket or bin at the back of Holy Trinity. Dave blesses the gifts before Judy Tulloch delivers them to Segue.

From Bishop Richard: -

BCA Children’s Ministry workshop - Saturday 26 September, 9am-11am, St Paul’s Sale

Yes, it’s Grand Final Day(!) but we’ll be done by 11am, allowing plenty of time to settle in for the ‘big dance’ that afternoon...

David Perryman (perhaps sensing that his team, the Bombers, weren't destined to feature this year?) has secured the services of BCA's Rachel Dirks (see the attached flyer), and offers the following encouragement to potential attendees:

Rachel's session is titled 'Why Kids Ministry Matters', adapted from a similar BCA program 'Starting a Children's Ministry from scratch'.

For further information and to register please speak to Dave.

High Tea

This year, we will recognise the service of our volunteers—especially those at the op shop—with a 'High Tea' in the parish hall instead of a luncheon. Judy Kelly will lead the catering, and we invite everyone who can, to contribute treats suitable for a high tea.

The high tea will be served from 1-30pm on Wednesday 16 September. To ensure a range of treats please discuss with Judy what you could contribute in terms of savouries, scones, slices or cakes.

What's Coming up at the Abbey

Take a look at what the rest of the year brings, especially those events coming up in September and October:

- September 10 – Hush Quiet Day: Sound of Music. Facilitators: Sue Newcombe & Cath Connelly (see attachment)
- September 12 – Abbey Feast (see attachment)
- October 3 - Blessing of the Pets
- Hush Oct 8 – Hush Quiet Day: Being Present in The in Between. Facilitator: Rev'd Gradwell Fredericks
- October 9-11 - Weekend retreat: Restoration of Relationships. Facilitator: Julia Fullarton (see attachment)
- October 16-18 - Weekend retreat: Zen and the Art of Lego. Facilitator: Grant palmer (see attachment)

Hopefully there's something for everyone amongst these treasures. After all, this is your place; come find a home here.

**Online workshop with Ken Morgan: *Managing Yourself in Conflict* -
Tuesday 22 September 9.30-11.00am**

Bishop Richard: - At this year's Clergy Conference Ken Morgan and Yvonne Morgan helped us think through the intersection of pastoral leadership and evangelistic outreach. In this 90-minute online workshop Ken explores how to lead well in and through conflict. as he explains here: -

I'm running a short online course entitled *Managing Yourself in Conflict*. It's based on Family Systems Theory with a dash of neurobiology It's for leaders and supervisors in organisations of any size.

While conflict is unpleasant and sometimes destructive, it's also an inevitable part of the human experience in families, communities and companies. Sometimes it's even a sign of progress.

Online Tuesday September 22nd 2026, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Australian Eastern Time.

Register here <https://likeabossbook.com.au/product/managing-yourself-in-conflict/>

Looking to support us? Ways to give:

- Via the offertory bags passed around during our Sunday services (sealed envelopes also available)

- Via bank transfer –

Anglican Parish of Avon, BSB – 063526,
Account number – 10493155.

- Or follow the QR code below:



READINGS AND ROSTER FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER. PENTECOST 16

Exodus 14.19-31 Romans 14.1-14 Matthew 18.21-35

**PIC Dave. LA Kevin. Chalice Judy T. 1st Reading Bev T. 2nd Theresa
Intercessions: Kevin. Org: Vic. Sides: Bev T Judy K.
Camera: Paul, PPT. Denise. Flowers: Bev T.
Morning Tea: Judy K. Jenny A.**

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

SEPTEMBER

*Thursdays. mainly music. 9.30am Parish Hall During School Term.
Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayers at Holy Trinity
Mondays 7.30pm Bible Studies*

Spring school holidays Saturday 19th September to Sunday 4 October

Retiring Offertory: MAF

Sun 6	Pentecost 15. 10am All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity. 5pm. Briagolong. Father's Day
Tues 8	7.30pm Induction The Reverend Damien King as Priest in Charge of the Parish of Yarram Please let Dave know if attending.
Sun 13	Pentecost 16 4pm Community Carols Meeting
Tues 15	Parish Council Reports due
Thurs 17	11am Parish Diary Planning Meeting
Sat 19	Men's Breakfast
Sun 20	Pentecost 17. All-age Services Vocations Sunday Dave appointment at 12pm
Mon 21	St Matthew, Evangelist
Tues 22	7pm Parish Council
Fri 25	Family Movie Night
Sun 27	Pentecost 18. Congregational Meeting 3

Dave away from afternoon of Sunday 27th to Tuesday 29th

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