

Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 20 September Pentecost 17

**Welcome to our all-age
family worship**



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: 'For the fruits of all creation'

1 For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

*Words by Fred Pratt Green
Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos
Together in Song 168
CCLI #1871251*

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

Let one generation tell the other:
God is great and deserves our praise.

Let us glorify our God and our king;
let us praise the Lord for ever and ever.

For God is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger, and lavish in love.

The Sentence

‘By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.’

(Ephesians 2.8–9)

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 of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with awe
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have

made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.”¹³ But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?”¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?”¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’ *Matthew 20.1-16*

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

Dear God, when we are like the first workers in the vineyard, resentful, ungrateful, angry.

Forgive us and reshape us.

When we feel little for those on street corners, waiting for work, waiting for dignity, waiting for kindness.

Forgive us and reshape us.

When we miss opportunities to work together, to support one another, to be gracious to one another.

Forgive us and reshape us.

When we call unfair that which is amazing

and unjust that which is beautiful.

Forgive us and reshape us.

When we limit your generosity to the size of ours.

Forgive us and reshape us.

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: 'Shout to the Lord'

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You.

Chorus:

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing,
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
for ever I'll love You, for ever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.*

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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

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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: 'Days of Elijah'

1 These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the word of the Lord:
and these are the days of Your servant Moses,

righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
of famine and darkness and sword,
still we are a voice in the desert crying,
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.'

Chorus:

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

2 These are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh;
and these are the days of Your servant David,
rebuilding the temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white as the world,
and we are the labourers in the vineyard,
declaring the word of the Lord.
Behold He comes...

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The Blessing and Dismissal

Go forth as workers in God's vineyard,
to do what Christ calls you to do,
do it fairly and without favour,
so that all may share in the harvest of generosity,
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

As we bring our thoughts, needs, and desires to God, let us still our hearts and minds so that we will be able to hear the answers he has for us.

Gracious God, we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the world. We bring before you our concerns about the decisions made for our own governance and ask for wisdom and integrity for those in positions of authority. We pray for an end to the wars that are devastating our world and ask for your blessings on all who are working for peace.

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

We pray for Bishop Richard and his family, and give thanks for our Priest Dave. May your Holy Spirit guide and sustain Dave in all his ministries, including his forthcoming second tenure in our parish and his work at the registry. Guide us all as we shape a new vision for the parish.

Bless Emma and their children.

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

For School Chaplains, especially Dr Steve.

Loving God, we pray for our local community and for all people who live and work in our parish. We pray for the young and for families, for their safety, refreshment and fun over the term holidays.

We give thanks for human love and friendship. We thank you especially for our own families and our friends, and for the way they enrich our lives. We ask for your protection and guidance for them.

Faithful God, we pray for the sick and the bereaved. We pray for all carers, medical, nursing and paramedical, and all who bring comfort, care and healing to the sick and bereaved. For Dylan, Kerrie, Gail, Paul, Barb, Fiona, George, Edie, Tim, Keith, Angela, Cynthia, Lloyd, Dawn, Mick, Judy, Deb, Joy, Marion, Jan and Graeme.

Mighty God, we remember in your presence all those who have died, and particularly those we have known and loved. Thank you for them and thank you for your promise of eternal life and peace. Be close to those who are recently bereaved, strengthen them with the knowledge that you are always there to lean on and to be carried through difficult times.

We thank you for all the blessings and gifts you lavish on us. In the weeks ahead help us to keep the faith deeply and passionately.

Merciful Father: **accept our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

NEWS AND NOTES

Good morning, friends,

Our op shop volunteers report that the High Tea was a great success. Thank you to all the parishioners who provided beautiful home baking and lovely sandwiches, and to Judy K and her helpers for coordinating the event.

The sparkling wines and lemonade were said to be very easy on the palate too!

- **Parish Council will convene this Tuesday at 7pm.**
- **The Family Movie Night is this Friday, 25th, at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome for a fun evening of film, popcorn and treats.**
- **From Bishop Richard: - The 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 has secured the services of BCA's Rachel Dirks 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'.

Please refer to the flyers in the hall.

For further information and to register please speak to Dave TODAY.

We are invited to the exciting and historic launch of "The Spirit of MUNRO". Written by David Luxford, this near-complete history of Munro is a comprehensive revised edition of *Sap in their Veins: A History of Munro* (1988).

Where: Munro Hall.

When: Saturday 10 October 2026, from 3pm. No RSVP required—just come along to Munro on the 10th.

Sunday: St Mary's Church at 8.30am, followed by a catch-up and cuppa at Munro Hall.

Please see the flyers available in the hall.

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.

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/>

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:

- 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
- October 16-18 - Weekend retreat: Zen and the Art of Lego. Facilitator: Grant palmer.

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

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 27 SEPTEMBER. PENTECOST 18

Exodus 17.1-7 Philipians 2 or 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32

**PIC Dave. LA Gail. Chalice Paul. 1st Reading Denise. 2nd Kerrie S.
Intercessions: Gail. Org: Vic. Sides: Bev H. Judy T.
Camera: Paul, PPT. Denise. Flowers: Judy T
Morning Tea: May. Bev H.**

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 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
Sat 26	‘Why Kids Ministry Matters’ with Rachel Dirks. 9am to 11am at St Paul’s Cathedral
Sun 27	Pentecost 18.

Congregational Meeting 3

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

OCTOBER

<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>mainly music. 9.30am Parish Hall during School Term.</i>
<i>Fridays</i>	<i>9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity</i>
<i>Mondays</i>	<i>7.30pm Bible Studies</i>

Clergy Retreat 5-8 October

October World Community Day - the last Friday in October . . . at

Retiring Offertory: Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation: Australian Charity in Ethiopia working to Eradicate Fistula (repeat from 2025)

Sun 4 October	Pentecost 19. (Feast of St Francis of Assisi always 4 October) 10am All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity and 5pm Briagolong Community Centre Blessing of the Animals: ??Dr Steve Postlethwaite. DAY LIGHT SAVING BEGINS – CLOCKS 1 HOUR FORWARD to the 4th April 2027.
Tues 6	AGM Reports to the Secretary Please!!
Sun 11	Pentecost 20 4pm Healing Service at Holy Trinity.
Sat 17	Men’s Breakfast
Sun 18	Pentecost 21 All-age services
Tues 20	Parish Council Reports
Thurs 22	10am FFF de-brief meeting

Fri 23
Sun 25

Family Movie Night

Pentecost 22 **World Community Day, Ecumenical Service at St Andrews UCA**

Usually the last Friday in October

It is very apt that Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) collections are also dedicated at this service because the FLC is a worldwide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace, justice and reconciliation. The first FLC ingathering was held at the 1965 World Community Day.

Sharing through projects and offerings has been one of the main purposes of World Community Day since its beginning in the USA in 1943. This special day strengthens the bond of understanding between Church women as they join together in fellowship and worship for others.

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