
Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 14 June | Pentecost 3

Welcome to Worship in Our Parish



The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;
therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out
labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 9:37-38

We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original custodians 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: 'All my hope on God is founded'

**1 All my hope on God is founded;
all my trust he will renew,
through all change and chance he guides me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**2 Daily the almighty giver
will his bounteous gifts bestow;
in his will our souls find pleasure,
leading us where'er we go.
Love will stand
at his hand,
joy shall wait for his command.**

**3 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call
one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.**

*Words by Robert Bridges, 1844-1930 (alt.)
Composed by Herbert Howells, 1892-1983*

Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Acknowledgement of Country/Welcome

Call to worship

People of God, run to our welcoming God.
Holy One, you never pass us by.

People of God, proclaim our love for the God of Love.
**Beloved One, you hear our voices;
you answer our cries and receive our praise.**

People of God, sing God's good news to the world.
**Empowering One, you give us power
to be signs of the kingdom of heaven.**

The Sentence

"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand."

(Romans 5.1–2)

Opening Prayer

Let us pray,

Loving God, you remind us that the kingdom of heaven

has come near.

**Open our eyes, our faith, and our hearts,
that we may perceive and celebrate your presence.**

**Give us eyes, as Abraham and Sarah before us,
to see you on our doorsteps,
as you promise us abundant and new life.**

**Give us the faith of Paul
to trust your eternal and unfailing love.**

**Give us hearts empowered by your Son, Jesus Christ,
to show your compassion to the voiceless
and the helpless.**

**We ask in the name of Jesus,
who reconciles us to you
and sends us forth to be your reconciliation
in the world. Amen.**

In the name of Christ, we pray. 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.

**Merciful God,
we often fall short when responding to your love.
You promise us blessings,
yet we can be quick to doubt.
You always love us,
yet we can be quick to forget or respond.
You empower us to be your loving presence,
yet we often fail to live out this call.
May your love forgive, inspire and refresh us.
For there is no limit to your love for all people,**

**and there is no end to your mercy.
In Jesus's name, we pray.
Amen.**

The Absolution

**May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day - Together

**Lord,
we beseech you to keep your family, the Church,
in continual godliness,
that through your protection
it may be free from all adversities,
and devoutly given to serve you in good works,
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Early Talk

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw

three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰ Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.' *Genesis 18.1-15*

Hear the word of the Lord, . . . **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116 – *We will say the Psalm in alternate verses*

1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication;

2 **Because he inclined his ear to me:**
in the day that I called to him.

11 How shall I repay the Lord:
for all his benefits to me?

**12 I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

13 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.

**14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful ones.**

15 O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.

**16 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

17 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people,

**18 In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.**

The Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—

though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. *Romans 5.1-11*

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Early Talk

Gospel Reading

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

³⁵ Then 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. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' ¹ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to

the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. *Matthew 9.35-10.8*

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

Sermon

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:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

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 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: 'Father, I place into your hands'

**1 Father, I place into Your hands
the things that I can't do.
Father, I place into Your hands
the times that I've been through.
Father, I place into Your hands
the way that I should go,
for I know I always can trust You.**

**2 Father, I place into Your hands
my friends and family.
Father, I place into Your hands
the things that trouble me.
Father, I place into Your hands
the person I would be,
for I know I always can trust You.**

3 Father, we love to seek Your face,

**we love to hear Your voice.
Father, we love to sing Your praise,
and in Your name rejoice.
Father, we love to walk with You
and in Your presence rest,
for we know we always can trust You.**

**4 Father, I want to be with You
and do the things You do.
Father, I want to speak the words
that You are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
that You will draw to You,
for I know that I am one with You.**

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Offertory Prayer

**Loving God,
your generosity knows no limits,
your loving compassion pours into our hearts,
into our very beings.
May you bless our offerings for your glory,
and to the service of your kingdom.
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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
the pioneer of our salvation,
one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe,
we praise you for your unfailing gift of life.
Your love is shown to us, for while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God,
righteous and strong to save,
you came among us in Jesus Christ,
our crucified and living Lord.

You make all things new.
In Christ's suffering and cross
you reveal your glory
and reconcile all peoples to yourself,
their true and living God.

Through Christ you gather us,
new-born in your Spirit,
a people after your own heart.
Therefore with saints and martyrs,
apostles and prophets,
with all the redeemed,
joyfully we praise you and say:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ,
the one perfect offering for the world,
who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks,

broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin.

Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation,
in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer,
we meet you in your glory.
Here and now, with this bread and wine,
we celebrate your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come.

With thanksgiving and hope we say:
Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty
be our new and living way.
In him we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,
feed us with your life,
fire us with your love,
confront us with your justice,
and make us one in the body of Christ
with all who share your gifts of love.

**Through Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Creator God,
in songs of everlasting praise.**

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

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.

This is the table, not of the righteous,
but of the poor in spirit.
It is made ready for those who love God
and who want to love God more.
So come, those who have much faith and those who have little,
those who have been here often
and those who have not been for a long time or ever before,
Those who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.
Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

The Sending Out of God's People

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with 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: 'Build your kingdom'

**1 Come, set Your rule and reign
in our hearts again,
increase in us, we pray,
unveil why we're made.
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope
like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.
We are Your church,
we need Your power in us.**

**2 We seek Your kingdom first,
we hunger and we thirst,
refuse to waste our lives,
for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captive hearts released,
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace;
we lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church,
we pray: 'Revive this earth'.**

***Chorus:
Build Your kingdom here,
let the darkness fear;
show Your mighty hand,
heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire,
win this nation back;
change the atmosphere,***

build Your kingdom here, we pray.

**3 Unleash Your kingdom's power,
reaching the near and far,
no force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this,
awake the kingdom seed in us,
fill us with the strength and love of Christ,
we are Your church,
we are the hope on earth.
*Build Your kingdom here...***

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The Blessing and Dismissal

May Jesus, who sees the crowd and has compassion,
have compassion on you.
May Jesus, who sees a plentiful harvest,
send you out as labourers in his fields.
May Jesus, who sees the kingdom of heaven draw near,
make you a sign of God's love for all people,
and the blessing of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you now and for ever.
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

Loving Lord, when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, for they were weary and lost. We pray for the Church worldwide. Empower your people with a spirit of deep empathy. May your Holy Spirit walk with Bishop Richard and Priest Dave in all the ministry, administration and pastoral care that they give and do. Bless their families.

We pray for school chaplains, for Dr Steve's ministry and care for school students.

Give our clergy, lay leaders and parishioners the grace to care for the marginalized and boldly proclaim your good news.

Prince of Peace, we pray for the leaders of all nations. In a world facing division, poverty, and conflict, guide our governments and industries to enact policies rooted in justice and equality. We pray for the work of the United Nations and all organizations striving to build safe, peaceful communities.

Mighty God; intervene and move within our nations especially in Ukraine, The Middle East and Sudan.

We pray for the First Peoples of this ancient land, that the gift of their culture and love of country will be accepted by the whole nation. That the path to reconciliation will be walked with intention and grace.

Father, we lift to you our local neighbourhoods, workplaces, and families. We pray for our outreach missions, the op shop, mainly music, movie nights and family fun fair. For local charities, healthcare workers, food banks, and volunteers who step forward to help those in need. Open our eyes to the people around us who feel isolated or weary and show us how to be a supportive presence in their lives.

Compassionate Healer, we bring before you all who are battling sickness, disease, or mental anguish. We pray for those experiencing loneliness, financial hardship, or bereavement. In a moment of quiet, we remember those known to us personally who need your comforting and restoring touch today. Wrap them in your peace and strength.

We especially pray for all those who have asked for our prayers and for those who are on our hearts today, especially: *Kerrie, Gail, Barb, Fiona, George, Paul, Edie, Tim, Keith, Angela, Cynthia, Lloyd, Dawn, Mick, Judy, Deb, Joy, Marion, Jan and Graeme.*

Triune God, we thank you for the example of all your saints and those who have gone before us. We remember those who have recently died and those whose anniversaries fall currently. Comfort those who mourn them and grant us all the promise of eternal life in your presence.

Gracious God, you have called us to labour in your harvest. As we go into the coming week, help us to freely give what we have freely received.

NEWS AND NOTES

What a wonderful service we were treated to last Sunday. Bishop Richard presided, preached and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to Quinn and Edward. Bishop was graciously assisted by our Priest Dave.

We continue to pray for Quinn and Edward that they may grow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Our thanks to the parishioners who, on Wednesday or Thursday, gave of their time to meet with Dave and Mrs Alice Weatherall to complete their Level 2 Safe Ministry Screening.

This Tuesday at 5.30pm, Dave and the wardens will meet at Vranek's place.

Thank you to all who attended the parish dinner on Friday evening last, and to those who assisted in running the raffle on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at the hotel. We will report on the outcomes next week.

Parish Council Reports are due this Tuesday/Wednesday and The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on Saturday at 8.30am in the parish hall.

Looking to support us? Here are the ways you can give:

- Via the offertory bags during Sunday services (sealed envelopes are also available)**
- By bank transfer: Anglican Parish of Avon — BSB: 063526, Account number: 10493155**
- Or by using the QR code**



READINGS AND ROSTER FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 21 JUNE. PENTECOST 3

Genesis 21.8-21. Romans 6.1-11. Matthew 10.24-39

**PIC Dave. LA Kevin. Chalice Paul. 1st Read Vic. 2nd Kerrie S.
Intercessions: Kevin. Org: Vic. Sides: Kerry C. Judy K.
Camera: Paul, Denise PPT. Wendy. Flowers: Nola.
Morning Tea: Wendy, Bev T.**

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

JUNE

Thursdays mainly music. 9.30am during school term.

Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

Wednesdays 7.30pm Bible Studies

Winter school holidays Saturday 27 June to Sunday 12 July

Clergy Conference 22-25 June.

Retiring Offertory: Fred Hollows Foundation

Sun 14 Pentecost 3

Tues 16 Parish Council Reports due.

Fri 19 10am Ecumenical Services Diary

Sat 20 UN World Refugee Day. June 20 each year.

Men's Breakfast

Sun 21	Pentecost 4
Tues 23	Parish Council
Fri 26	Family Movie Night
Sun 28	Pentecost 5
Mon 29	St Peter & St Paul, Apostles.

JULY

Thursdays. mainly music. 9.30am Parish Hall. During school term.

Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayers at Holy Trinity

Wednesdays Bible Studies

Winter school holidays Saturday 27 June to Sunday 12 July

Dave on leave in July, to be confirmed.

Retiring Offertory: Aboriginal Ministry

Holy Trinity Church NAIDOC observances to be both Sundays.

Suggested a change of church presentation for NAIDOC week.

? Aunty Phyllis coming to the parish

Sun 5 Pentecost 6

10am All-age Family Worship at Holy Trinity and 5pm at Briagolong

First day of NAIDOC Week.

Sun, 5 July 2026 – Sun, 12 July 2026

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