

Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 30 August, Pentecost 14

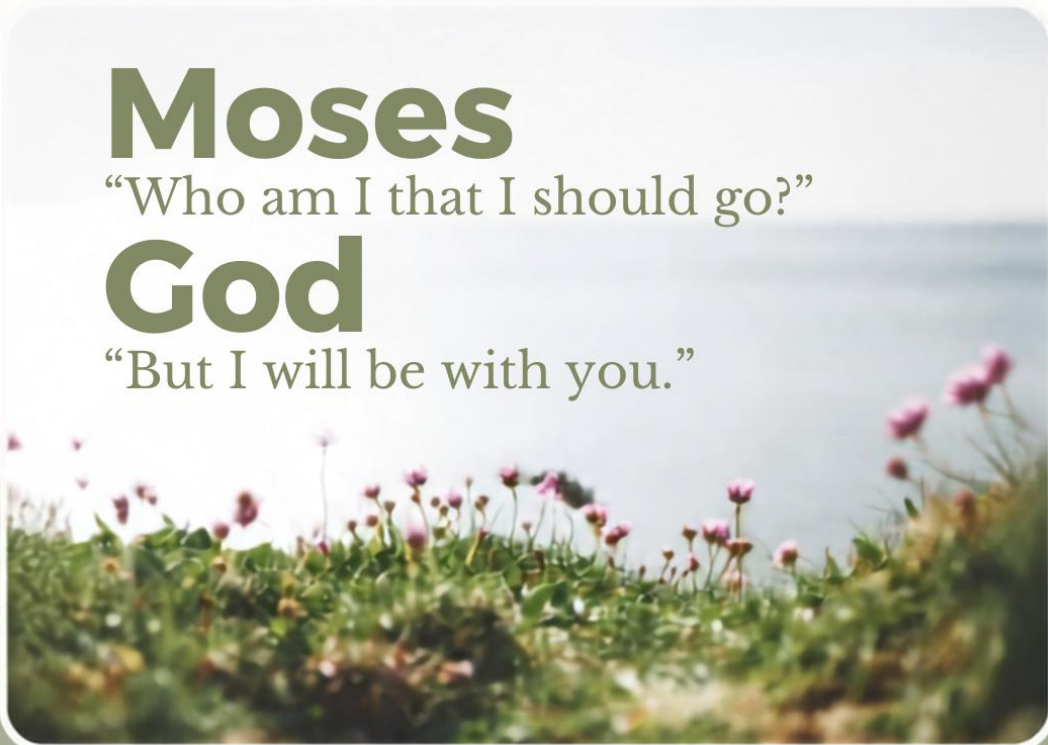
**Welcome to our All-age
Family Worship, 10am at
St Mary's Munro**

Moses

“Who am I that I should go?”

God

“But I will be with you.”



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: 'Lord of earth and all creation'

**1 Lord of earth and all creation,
Let your love possess our land:
Wealth, and freedom, far horizons,
Mountain, forest, shining sand:
May we share, in faith and friendship,
Gifts unmeasured from your hand.**

**2 People of the ancient Dreamtime,
They who found this country first,
Ask with those, the later comers,
Will our dream be blessed or cursed?
Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living,
Hope for which our children thirst.**

**3 Lord, life-giving healing Spirit,
On our hurts your mercy shower;
Lead us by your inward dwelling,
Guiding, guarding, every hour.
Bless and keep our land Australia:
In your will her peace and power.**

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

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.

Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.

Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

The Sentence

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.'

(Matthew 16.24-25)

Time of Thanks

Prayer of Thanks

Let us pray,

**Loving God,
you have made a wonderful world,
full of plants that heal us, feed us and offer us beauty.
You have made a wonderful family,
full of people with different gifts, abilities and beauty.
You have made a wonderful church,
full of music, reflection, laughter and beauty.
You have given us Jesus Christ
full of love, generosity, grace and mercy.
You have given us the Holy Spirit
to fill our lives with love, courage, inspiration and beauty.
Thank you God, for all your gifts.
In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Lord God,
thank you that you have called us here today:
to hear and receive your word to us;
to be inspired, challenged, motivated,
and supported in the steps we take.
Whatever the journey, long or short, easy or in challenge,
we follow you in faith.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses was now a man and looking after his father-in-law's sheep on the slopes of Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. As he looked

around, he saw something strange.

An ordinary bush on the mountainside was on fire, but its branches were not burning up.

When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!”

Where was the voice coming from? Was the voice coming from the bush?

“Here I am.” Moses said.

Then he said ‘Stay where you are and take off your sandals! For the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’

The voice was definitely coming from the bush.

‘I am the God of your father, of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.’

Moses hid his face, frightened to look directly at God.

God told Moses, ‘I have seen what is happening to my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out in pain and I have come to deliver them from the Egyptians.

I will bring them to a land flowing with good things, a land of milk and honey, a land where they will not be mistreated.

Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’

‘Me?’ said Moses. ‘Why me? Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’

God said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”

God said to Moses, “I am who I am.”

He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites,

‘I am has sent me to you.’ ”

God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites,
‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

So Moses obeyed God and went back to Egypt. *Exodus 3.1-15*

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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:

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 Confession

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

Silence for self-reflection

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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: 'Blessed be your name'

**1 Blessèd be Your name
in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow,
blessèd be Your name.
And blessèd be Your name**

when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessèd be Your name.

Pre-Chorus:

*Every blessing You pour out I'll
turn back to praise.
And when the darkness closes in, Lord,
still I will say:*

Chorus:

*'Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your name.
Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your glorious name.'*

2 Blessèd be Your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's 'all as it should be',
blessèd be Your name.
And blessèd be Your name
on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering,
blessèd be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out...

'Blessèd be the name...'

Bridge:

*//You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
'Lord, blessed be Your name.'//*

'Blessèd be the name...'

Offertory Prayer

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God forever.

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.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air,
and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,
and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**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.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts
of bread and wine may be for us
Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

**So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.**

**Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day when suffering is
ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.**

**And now with all your saints we give you
glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.
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.

The gifts of God for the people of God,
let us draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with
thanksgiving.

The Sending Out of God's People

Creator God, you give seed for us to sow,
And bread for us to eat; make us thankful for what we
have received and generous in supplying the needs of
others so all the world may give you thanks and glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Announcements

Missional Hymn: 'Have faith in God'

**1 O Lord, you lead me
by the still waters,
quietly restoring my soul.**

**You speak words of wisdom,
the promise of glory,
the power of the presence of God.**

Chorus:

***Have faith in God,
let your hope rest on the faith
He has placed in your heart.
Never give up,
never let go of the faith
He has placed in your heart.***

**2 O Lord, You guide me
through all the darkness,
turning my night into day;
You'll never leave me,
never forsake me,
the power of the presence of God.
*Have faith in God...***

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The Blessing and Dismissal

May God the Father who clothes the lilies
of the field and feeds the birds of the air,
provide us with all we need for life in it's
fullness.

Amen.

May God the Son, who fed the five
thousand and turned water into wine,
feed us with his life and transform us in
his love.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered

over the waters of creation and formed
the world from chaos, form us in the
likeness of Christ and renew the face of
the earth.

Amen.

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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B. J. Beu and Mary Scifres, *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025: Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2024), 186.

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.

Heavenly Father, on this Day of Prayer for Refugees we lift before you every refugee seeking safety and shelter. **Lord, protect them from harm, violence, and uncertainty**, and guide their steps toward secure places where they can rest without fear. May Your presence be felt in every moment of discomfort, and may communities open their hearts to welcome and support them with compassion and love. Remind them that You are their refuge and fortress in times of trouble, watching over their coming and going both now and forevermore (Psalm 121:8)

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,

Welcome to beautiful St Mary's Church, lovingly cared for by our Warden, Linda. Thanks to Linda and Kevin, the surrounding grounds are always immaculate.

The budget meeting will convene over morning tea in the hall opposite. We warmly welcome all to attend please.

Thank you to the St Mary's and Holy Trinity teams for providing a lovely morning tea.

Join us at Holy Trinity at 5 pm this evening for our fifth-Sunday Ecumenical Service. The Reverend Sarah Gover from Anglicare Parish Partnerships will deliver the address. Please invite family, friends and members of St Patricks and St Andrews congregations. A light tea will be served after the service. Thank you to Wendy and Bev T for coordinating the tea.

The parish raffle will be held at the Avon Hotel on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Please arrive by 5 pm each evening.

If you can assist with running the raffle, please speak with Denise, Bev or Dave.

The Parish Dinner begins at 6 pm this Friday. Please book with Denise. We hope you can join us.

Our collection for Segue's Free Foods Pantry continues. Please leave your donations in the collection basket/bin at the back of Holy Trinity. Dave blesses our gifts and Judy Tulloch delivers them to Segue.

Season of Creation Festival (1 Sept - 4 Oct)

Every year from the 23rd or thereabouts of August, to 4 October, Christians around the world take part in Season of Creation - a time of prayer, worship, reflection, and action as we celebrate God's beautiful earth and renew our calling to care for it.

The global Season of Creation theme for 2026 is inspired by Ezekiel 47:1-12, where God's life-giving river flows from the temple, bringing healing wherever it goes. As the river deepens, barren land is restored, waters are revived, and creation flourishes. It is a beautiful picture of God's desire to bring renewal, abundance, and life to the whole of creation.



Social Justice Sunday calls Australians to action every Sunday of August. This week-long observance, rooted in Catholic social teaching and other faith-based groups, encourages reflection on societal inequalities and inspires initiatives for a more equitable world.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE
SUNDAY**

Some parishes organize special collections or partner with local charities for community outreach. Look for opportunities to support initiatives promoting fair wages, environmental stewardship, and human rights.

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.

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 6 SEPTEMBER. PENTECOST 15

Exodus 12.1-14 Romans 13.1-10

Matthew 18.10-20

PIC Dave. LA Gail. Chalice Paul. 1st Reading Jillian. 2nd Vic

Intercessions: Gail. Org: Vic. Sides: Kerrie S. May

Camera: David, PPT. Denise. Flowers: Bev H.

Morning Tea: Theresa, Nola

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

Wed 2 Holy Trinity 157th Anniversary. Licensed 2/9/1868

Wed 2 Raffle at the hotel

Thurs 3 Raffle at the hotel

Fri 4 **Raffle drawn & Spring Parish Dinner**

Sat 5 **National Child Protection Week.** Always commences on 5 September
NAPCAN

Lay Readers Training Day.

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

Healing Service

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

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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