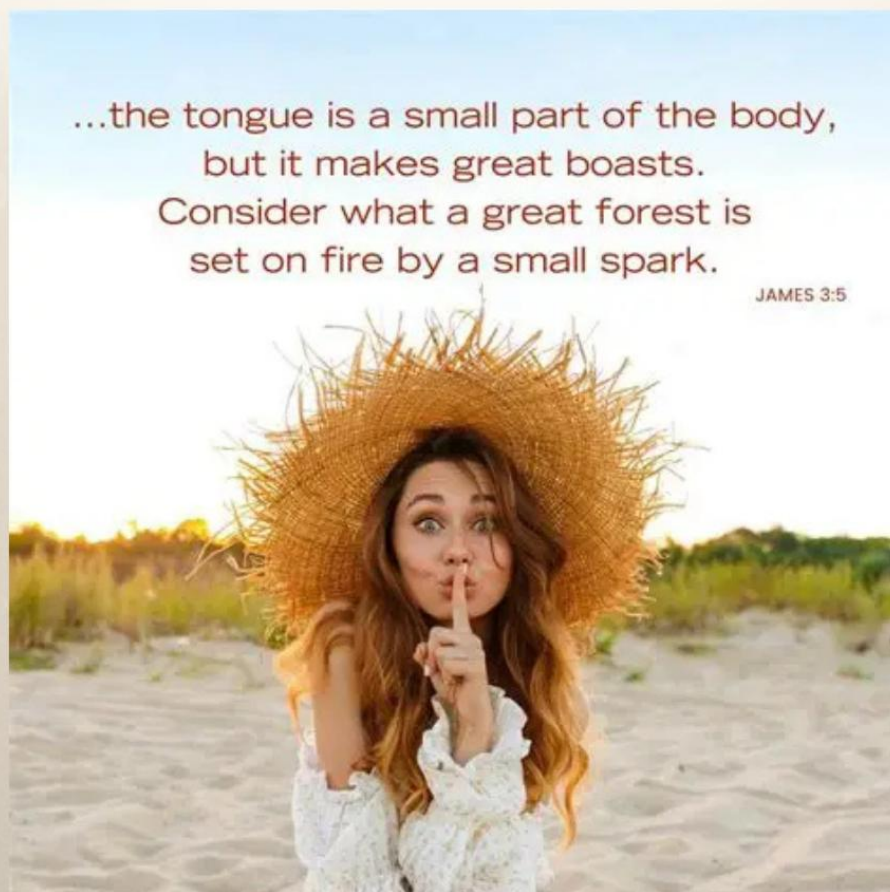


Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 2 August, Pentecost 10

Welcome to our All-age Family Service



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: 'As we are gathered'

//As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in His blood,
part of the body, the Church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here.//

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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

May the words of our mouth
and the meditation of all our hearts

be acceptable in your sight,
O God, our creator, Saviour and redeemer.

The Sentence

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth.

(Psalm 145.18)

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 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.

**Take, O God, the words of our mouths.
Where hurts have been caused, forgive us.
Where regret still smoulders, grant your peace.
So may we bless you with our lips
and so may our hearts remain faithful to you.
This we ask in the name of Christ,
the Word made flesh for us.
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.
Live by the Spirit's transforming power,
and forgive as we have been forgiven.
Amen.

The Prayer of the Day – *Together*

Let us pray.

**Loving God,
bring us together
and make us a community**

**that uses our words and tongues
to bless one another,
to build up and not to tear down.
Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Psalm 19

**12 No one can see all their own mistakes.
Forgive me for my secret sins.**

**13 Keep me from the sins that I want to do.
Don't let them rule me.
Then I can be pure and free from the greatest of sins.**

**14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my
heart
be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

A Reading from the Epistle of James

We all make many mistakes. If there were a person who never said anything wrong, he would be perfect. He would be able to control his whole body, too. We put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us. We can control their whole bodies. It is the same with ships. A ship is very big, and it is pushed by strong winds. But a very small rudder controls that big ship. The man who controls the rudder decides where the ship will go. The ship goes where the man wants. It is the same with the tongue. It is a small part of the body, but it brags about doing great things.

A big forest fire can be started with only a little flame.

People will say bad things about you and hurt you. They will lie and say all kinds of evil things about you because you follow me. But when they do these things to you, you are happy. Rejoice and be

glad. You have a great reward waiting for you in heaven. People did the same evil things to the prophets who lived before you.

People can tame every kind of wild animal, bird, reptile, and fish, and they have tamed them. But no one can tame the tongue. It is wild and evil. It is full of poison that can kill. We use our tongues to praise our Lord and Father, but then we curse people. And God made them like himself. Praises and curses come from the same mouth! My brothers, this should not happen.

James 3.2-5, 7-10

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:

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 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: 'May the words of my mouth'

1 May the words of my mouth,
and the thoughts of my heart,
bless Your name,
bless Your name Jesus.
And the deeds of the day,
and the truth in my way,
speak of You speak of You Jesus.

Chorus:

*For this is what I'm glad to do,
it's time to live a life of love that pleases You,
and I will give my all to You,
surrender everything I have and follow You,*

I'll follow You.

2 Lord will You be my vision,
Lord will You be my Guide,
be my hope be my life and the Way.
And I'll look not for riches,
nor praises on the earth,
only You'll be the first of my heart.

Chorus

Bridge:

*//I will follow, I will follow You,
I will follow, I will follow You.//*

Chorus

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Offertory Prayer

**God of abundance, we are grateful for the ways
you bless our lives and for the gifts you give us.
May these gifts help heal and restore our community
So that all can flourish and know of your grace.
In Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 friends and families

busy streets for young and old,
the life of an earthly city
fulfilled in your city to come.

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.

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: 'Power of your love'

1 Lord, I come to You,
let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace that I've found in You.
And, Lord, I've come to know
the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away
by the power of Your love.

Refrain:

*Hold me close,
let Your love surround me;
bring me near,
draw me to Your side.
And as I wait,
I'll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
in the power of Your love.*

2 Lord, unveil my eyes,
let me see You face to face,
the knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind,
as Your will unfolds in my life

in living every day
in the power of Your love.
Hold me close...

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The Blessing and Dismissal

God who has called you is faithful.
Go into the world with joy,
forgive generously,
love extravagantly,
live abundantly,
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

Father God, we ask You to bless us with the gift of wisdom and understanding as we bring our prayers before the throne of mercy, with humility and confidence.

Holy Father, we pray for our Bishop Richard and his family, for all Bishops, Deans, Priests and all faith leaders. We give you thanks and pray for our priest Dave; may your Holy Spirit guide and protect him in all that he gives and does. Bless Emma and their children.

We pray for the ministry of school chaplains, especially Dr Steve.

Creator God, we pray for your world. Forgive us when we are ungrateful when spiritual blindness prevents us from appreciating the wonder of your creation and the endless cycle of nature. Forgive us for taking without giving; reaping without sowing.

God of peace, we pray for all people subjected to scourge of war, cruelty, starvation and trauma suffered by the people of so many countries and states. We pray for the people of Ukraine, the Middle East and all other countries suffering political suppression. May the conflict over the strait of Hormuz be resolved and ships of supplies to the world, safely pass through.

May world leaders have a conscience, and be consistent and compassionate in their governance of their people and people from all other lands and cultures.

Loving Creator, we celebrate the enduring cultures, histories, and strengths of First Nations peoples. Forgive the deep pains of history and grant us the courage to walk together in truth and justice. Guide us to listen deeply, respect one another, and build a harmonious future

We pray for the sick, sad and lonely of our parish and for those who care for them. For Dola, Kerrie, Gail, Barb, Fiona, George, Paul, Edie, Tim, Keith, Angela, Cynthia, Lloyd, Dawn, Mick, Judy, Deb, Joy, Marion, Jan and Graeme.

We pray for those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be experiencing God's glory.
We pray for all who mourn, may they feel God's loving comfort beside them.

Almighty God, hear the words of your servant people as we voice our needs and concerns before you. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

NEWS AND NOTES

Good morning, friends,

A very warm welcome to our parish friends The Reverend Anne and Lance Perryman. Anne will be bringing God's word to us today.

Also today, there will be a service to celebrate the ministry of Thelma Langshaw on her retirement at St Paul's Cathedral, 2.30pm Sunday 2 August

Our retiring offertory for August is in support of : Australian Collaboration Cambodia

Australia collaborates with Cambodia through government development programs and non-governmental initiatives to support education, health, governance, and community development.

The purposes of the Association are to support the poor of Cambodia through:

Partnership and/or collaboration with Cambodian organizations that support the poor. Providing improved educational opportunities for children and young people in poor Cambodian communities

Promoting and encouraging good health and hygiene practices



From Bishop Richard: - Please pray for General Synod 19, Melbourne, 9-14 August

General Synod (the synod of the Anglican Church of Australia) will meet for the first time since 2022 in Melbourne next month.

These are important gatherings of lay people, clergy, and bishops from every diocese in the national church, as well as representatives from extra-diocesan chaplaincies and other sector ministries.

Please pray for our Primate, +Mark Short, as he prepares to preside over General Synod for the first time, and for the recently appointed General

Secretary of the ACA, Juliet Wenden, as she and her team at the General Synod Office prepare to help administer the five-day meeting.

Remember also our elected, appointed, and *ex officio* Gippsland representatives - Marion Dewar, Rae Riley, Keren Terpstra, John Webster, and me - as we review the papers and seek to represent the

Diocese to the wider church and *vice versa*, and to engage in the worship, fellowship and deliberations of the 19th General Synod.

Ministry Development Officer Graham Knott offers this open invitation to: -

Lay Readers and Clergy Training Day 2026 - St James Traralgon, Saturday 5 September

Our Lay Reader Seminar will be run a little differently this year - one day only in a central location.

We are so excited to be able to share information with you about the 2026 Lay Readers Training Day. We are planning to gather on Saturday 5 September 2026 at St James, Traralgon between 10:00AM and 4:00PM. There will only be one day this year, and we hope that all Diocesan Lay Readers will make attendance on the day a priority.

Please arrive early so that we can get started in good time.

We are pleased to announce that our speaker on the day is The Revd Rod Morris. You will learn more about Rod in the attached brief bio. Rod is very experienced in the subject of church health and parish leadership and will have much to contribute as we plan for mission and ministry during the coming months. What Rod brings will also assist us in working with the results of the NCLS survey which the Bishop is encouraging all parishes to complete this year (at no cost, being subsidised by the Diocese).

This day will be invaluable to all Lay Readers. However, all clergy, Synod representatives and other lay leaders are also invited to take part in this

special opportunity to build on some of the work we did at Synod and at Clergy Conference.

There is no charge for the day. We are grateful to Rod for supporting the ministry of Gippsland Anglicans, the Parish of Traralgon for welcoming us, our Registrar for arranging the refreshments and lunch, and to you all for making the day worthwhile by your presence and engagement.

In order to assist Rod with planning, and others with organising catering, please complete and return the attached form indicating your attendance and any dietary needs.

Please be in touch with David Perryman if you have any questions, and, of course, share this invitation with your Lay Readers, Synod members, and others.

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:





**Training Day for Lay Readers and interested clergy, lay
Synod members, & other lay leaders –
Saturday 5 September**

Location: St James, Traralgon

**Please register online via the QR code or complete and return
the below form to davidp@gippslandanglicans.org.au**



Name:

Parish:

Role:

Email address:

Please advise of any dietary requirements:

READINGS AND ROSTER FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST. PENTECOST 11

Genesis 37.1-4,12-28. Romans 10.4-15 Matthew 14.22-36
PIC Dave. LA Denise. Chalice Judy K. 1st Reading Jillian. 2nd Vic
Intercessions: Denise. Org: Vic. Sides: Kerrie S. May
Camera: David S, PPT. Wendy. Flowers: Bev T.
Morning Tea: Theresa, Nola

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

AUGUST

Thursdays. mainly music, 9.30am in the Parish Hall during School Term

Fridays. 9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

Mondays 7.30pm Bible Studies

Retiring Offertory: Australian Collaboration Cambodia

Sun 2	Pentecost10 10am All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity and 5pm at Briagolong
Tues 4	National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day. August 4 each year.
Thurs 6	Transfiguration of Jesus.
Sun 9	Pentecost11 ? Service of The Transfiguration of Jesus 4pm Healing Service International Day of the World's Indigenous People (2014 UN).

Thurs 13	<u>11am Mission Planning Meeting</u>
Sat 15	Men's Breakfast
Sun 16	Pentecost 12 All-age services <u>Budget Planning Meeting.</u>
Tues 18	Parish Council Reports due
Sun 23	Pentecost 13 Day of Prayer for Refugees in Lectionary (General Synod, 2001)
Tues 25	7pm Parish Council Meeting
Fri 28	Family Movie Night
Sun 30	Pentecost 14, All-age services 10am Combined Parish Churches service. 5pm Ecumenical Service at Holy Trinity. Speaker Sarah
Gover.	Social Justice Sunday <i>Social justice Sunday is observed every year on the final Sunday of August. This year's commemoration falls on 30 August.</i>

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