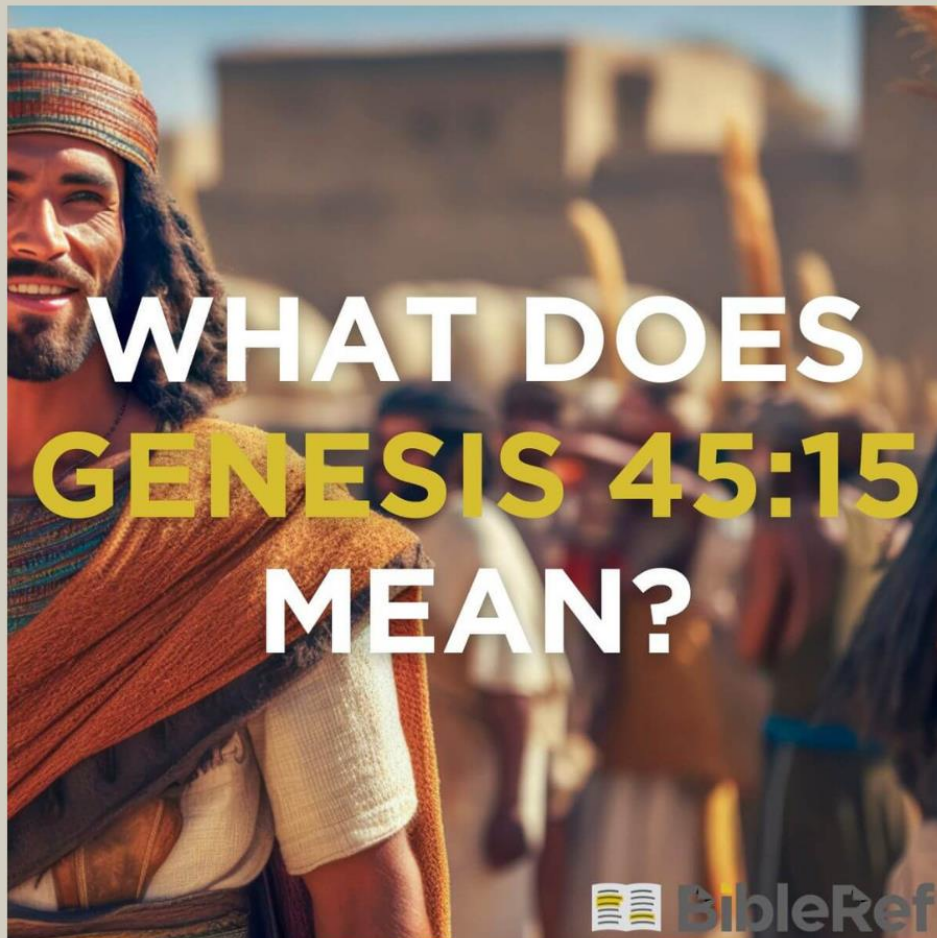


Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 16 August Pentecost 12

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: 'All are welcome'

1 Let us build a house
where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ
shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house
where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

3 Let us build a house
where all are named,
their songs and visions heard

and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim
from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

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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

Where hatred and division seek to separate,
God's love binds us together.

Where disagreements drive us apart,
Christ's grace calls us to reconcile.

Come, let us worship the God who makes us one.

The Sentence

Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for
soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'

(Isaiah 56.1)

Time of Thanks

Prayer of Thanks

**Lord God,
we thank you for being at work in our lives,
Thank you for your abundance of love and generosity.
Help us to be generous with all that you bless us with,
going that extra mile for those in need, just as you did for us.
We praise you for your loving grace and forgiveness.
We thank you for the change you bring about in and through
us.
Help us to be aware of all opportunities to pour out
from the heart your love and give you all the glory.
From the heart come our unending thanks and praise.
In Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

**Let us pray.
Almighty God,
you have given your only Son
to be for us both a sacrifice for sin
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace
that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his
sacrifice,
and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his
most holy life;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it,

and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Genesis 45.1-15

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

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners
Christ died for us.

Silence for self-reflection

Therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

**Heavenly Father,
you offer everyone forgiveness.
Fill our hearts with mercy and compassion,
and help us to forgive others.
When we have been the ones causing pain,
help us to forgive ourselves.
Forgive us. Cleanse us. Draw us closer.
Give us hearts and minds
that reflect you in all we say and do.
In Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Absolution

God forgives us.
Let us forgive others;
Let us forgive ourselves. **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: 'Change my heart, O God'

Change my heart, O God,
make it ever true;
change my heart, O God,
may I be like You.

You are the potter,
I am the clay;

mould me and make me,
this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God,
make it ever true;
change my heart, O God,
may I be like You.

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Offertory Prayer

**Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.**

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 first born from the dead,
the pioneer of our salvation,
who is with us always,
one of us, yet from the heart of God.

We give you thanks
because Christ the Sun of Righteousness
has dawned as our deliverance,
and as your power to renew the world in love and justice.

And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

**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.

And now, gracious God, we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine,
and pray that we who receive them,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
according to our Saviour's word,
in remembrance of his suffering and death,
may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

We eat this bread and drink this cup
to proclaim the death of the Lord.

We do this until he returns.
Come, Lord Jesus!

**Father, as we recall his saving death and glorious
resurrection,**

**may we who share these gifts
be renewed by your Holy Spirit
and united in the body of your Son.**

**Bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom,
there to feast at your table and
join in your eternal praise:**

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive praise and honour
and glory and power, for ever and 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

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of 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: 'Mighty to save'

1 Everyone needs compassion,
love that's never failing;
let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a saviour;
the hope of nations.

Chorus:
Saviour,
He can move the mountains,
my God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever,
author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

2 So take me as You find me,
all my fears and failures,
fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
everything I believe in,
now I surrender.

Saviour, He can move the mountains...

Bridge:
//Shine your light
and let the whole world see,
we're singing
for the glory of the risen King,
Jesus.//
Saviour, He can move the mountains...

Shine your light...

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The Blessing and Dismissal

The God of dreams has brought us together,
the God of dreams sends us forth as one.
The God of love has knit us together in unity,
the God of love heals our divisions.
Go forth together to bring
God's unity, healing, and love to all the world.
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

Loving God,
You have shown us Your great mercy and compassion
and we have responded to You with faith and worship.
We have gathered here today to witness to Your compassion and love.
We are all different people and have come from different places,
yet through the gift of Your Holy Spirit, we are all known as Yours.

We pray for those who are outsiders due to conflict and war.
Those who have had to flee their homes and their way of life.

We pray that they find safety and welcome and are seen as beloved children of God.

We pray for an end to division in our country and for First Nations peoples. May the gaps in living standards and health outcomes be closed.

As you welcome all into your kingdom, may we open our lives to those harmed by aggression and division, offering them welcome and acceptance.

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.

We pray for our Bishop Richard and his family, and for our Priest Dave. May Dave be blessed with Your healing as he convalesces. May your Holy Spirit walk with him in all his ministries, guiding and supporting him. Bless Emma and their children.

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, Dola, Kerrie, Gail, Barb, Fiona, George, Paul, Edie, Tim, Keith, Angela, Cynthia, Lloyd, Dawn, Mick, Judy, Deb, Joy, Marion, Jan and Graeme.

Heavenly Father, we place in your loving keeping all those who have died.

Lord, we pray that we too may show in our lives the promise of heaven's love, joy and peace and we ask for your comfort and peace to be on all who mourn.

Merciful God, we thank you for the promise that you hear our prayers. Strengthen our faith in that promise, that our lives might proclaim your love, mercy and goodness. We pray that we will remain persistent in prayer and thanks, throughout the coming week, inspired by the life of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

NEWS AND NOTES

Good morning, friends,

Dave returns to ministry this Sunday, on light duties. May we all bear in mind “light duties”! 😊

Last week’s planning meetings were postponed and have been rescheduled for this and next week: -

The Mission Planning Meeting at 11.15 am this coming Sunday 23rd, after worship;

The Budget Planning Meeting after worship at 11.15 am on Sunday, 30 August. Everyone is warmly encouraged to attend.

Parish Council reports are due this Tuesday please.

There will be a wardens’ meeting at 5.30pm this Tuesday.

Copies of Bishop Richard’s dates and opportunities are available in the Hall.

Other key dates circulated recently: -

- **Ridley Annual Preachers’ Conference: ‘Evangelistic Preaching’ - Ridley College and Live-streamed - 27-28 August**
- **Season of Creation Launch at Anglican Schools Evensong - St Paul’s Cathedral Sale and Live-streamed - 23 August 5pm (2 attachments)**
- **ACTinG Season of Creation Book Club - online - 7.30pm September 1, 15 and 29**

- **Training Day for Lay Readers and interested clergy, lay Synod members, and other lay leaders - St James Traralgon - Saturday 5 September (2 attachments)**
- **The Abbey Feast - 12 September (2 attachments)**
- **NCLS Church Activities Survey with NAYBA Australia - please help shape the first ever national Faith Impact Audit**
- **Winter reading suggestions and the 2027 Anglican Church Calendar from St Peter's Book room.**
- **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

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 23 AUGUST. PENTECOST 13

Exodus 1.8-2.10. Romans 12.1-8

Matthew 16.13-20

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

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

Tues 18 Parish Council Reports due

Sun 23 Pentecost 13
Mission Planning Meeting following the 10am Service of Worship.
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.
Budget Planning Meeting to follow service.
5pm Ecumenical Service at Holy Trinity. Speaker Sarah Gover.
Social Justice Sunday *Social justice Sunday is observed every year on the final Sunday of August. This year's commemoration falls on 30 August.*

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