

Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 19 July · Pentecost 8

Welcome to our
All-age Family Worship



Jacob's Dream

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: 'Be still for the presence of the Lord'

1 Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear:
in Him no sin is found –
we stand on holy ground.
Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

2 Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned:
how awesome is the sight –
our radiant King of light!
Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3 Be still,
for the power of the Lord

is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace –
no work too hard for Him.
In faith receive from Him.
Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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Mission Praise 50*

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

We wait with hope,
for God's promises are sure.

We wait with patience,
for God's time is a mystery.

Come and worship.
We will wait upon the Lord together.

The Sentence

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

(Psalm 86.15)

Time of Thanks

Prayer of Thanks

Loving God,

**Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives,
thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us.**

**Thank you that you are able to bring hope
through even the toughest of times.**

Thank you for your great love and care for us every day.

Keep us thankful and gracious for everything you bless us with.

In Jesus name. Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Saving God,

**in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your
presence:**

give us pure hearts

and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

And the Lord stood beside him and said,

‘I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!’ And he was afraid, and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’

So, Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Genesis 28.10-19a

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,
we give thanks for your abiding and ever-present love.
Forgive us for the times we've tried to get our own way,
done what we know is not right;
and have not been attentive to your voice.
For when we busy ourselves with other cares and distractions,
and forget to listen to you and know your guidance.
Father God, open our lives to your transforming presence.
Cleanse and change us by your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in 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: 'Abba Father'

//Abba Father, let me be
Yours and Yours alone.
May my will for ever be
evermore Your own.
Never let my heart grow cold,
never let me go,
Abba Father, let me be
Yours and Yours alone.//

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Offertory Prayer

**God of dreams and visions,
we offer you our gifts this day
in gratitude and praise for your angels
who come to bring us your blessings.
May this offering be a sign of our commitment
to be a blessing to all the peoples of the earth.
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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:
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.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from
heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

**Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours 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

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son 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: ‘Shout to the north’

1 Men of faith, rise up and sing
of the great and glorious King;
you are strong when you feel weak,
in your brokenness complete.

Chorus:
Shout to the north and the south,
sing to the east and the west:
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

2 Rise up women of the truth,
stand and sing to broken hearts,
who can know the healing power
of our glorious King of love.
Shout to the north...

Bridge:
We’ve been through fire,
we’ve been through rain;
we’ve been refined

*by the power of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You,
You've burned the truth on our lips.*

Shout to the north...

3 Rise up church with broken wings;
fill this place with songs again,
of our God who reigns on high:
by His grace again we'll fly.
Shout to the north...

///Lord of heaven and earth.///

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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,
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

Almighty God, as a church we daily pray that “Your Kingdom Come” but most of the time we so often live in ways that prevent its coming. We spend too much of our time trying to build our own human kingdom, putting ourselves, rather than you, at the centre of our lives. Send your spirit to remind us that you are “First” and others are “Second” and we are “Third”.

Gracious God, we pray for your church, and the churches in our local community. We give you thanks for our Bishop Richard and Priest Dave and for all those who give ministry and worship in our parish. We pray that they and we will be strengthened and protected by the Holy Spirit and that through them your Church will reveal the good news of salvation and draw all people together under your rule of justice and mercy.

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

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 the cruelty, starvation and trauma suffered by the people of Ukraine, the Middle East, 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.

Gracious God, we raise before you all those who seek healing of body, mind or spirit asking that they will sense the touch of your loving hands and feel your peace and presence alongside them, each and every step of their journey towards healing and wholeness. We especially ask for healing for

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

Merciful God,, through the ministry of your son Jesus Christ, you have freed us from the grip of the tomb. We pray for those who have departed this life and ask you, through your loving kindness, to have mercy on their souls. We pray too for those bereaved by their passing.

Gracious God, hear these prayers we offer you in his name. By the power of your Holy Spirit work within us and among us to bring your kingdom into this world. Let your will be done so that all people may live only for your praise and glory.

NEWS AND NOTES

Good morning, friends,

Today we are delighted to warmly welcome the return of Dave, Emma, Timmy, Eli, Jacob and Luci.

- **There will be a meeting of the Community Carols Planning Committee today, 2pm in the Meeting Room.**
- **Parish Council Reports are due this Tuesday/Wednesday please.**
- **The Family Movie Night will commence at 5.30pm this Friday evening. A recent Movie night was attended by 38 children and 25 adults. A great evening!!**
- **Every Sunday is special in our parish and next Sunday is “one out of the box”!! The Dean of Rockhampton and the Dean of Brisbane will be visiting our parish. One will preside and the other will preach. We’re praying that everyone will be able to come along and enjoy this special time of worship.**

Other important dates – details available

- A Service to celebrate the ministry of Thelma Langshaw on her retirement - St Paul's Cathedral Sale - 2.30pm Sunday 2 August
- Leon Morris Public Lecture - Ridley College and Live-streamed - 5 August – information available
- 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

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

Lay Readers, Clergy and Lay Leaders 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.

Ministry Development Officer Graham Knott offers this open invitation.

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 is 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.

Winter Feast 2026

Your Chef – The wonderful Jackie O'Connell



Come and celebrate with other Friends of The Abbey as we enjoy gourmet creations - a 3 course meal, with wine: \$60 per person.

12 noon

Saturday September 12th, 2026

All funds raised are for the operation of The Abbey

1-25 First Parade, Raymond Island 3880

To book or further information

Phone: The Abbey on (03) 5156 6580

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www.theabbey.org.au

FOGO

Has commenced in this area.

We have a 240-litre FOGO bin, plus a kitchen caddy with 200 compostable liners.



Dave has placed a larger kitchen bin beside the recycle and rubbish bins near the kitchen door, better meeting our needs for catering, Ecumenical services and Movie Nights. It may cost about \$1 per week but well worth it! The FOGO bin is collected weekly.

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 26 JULY. PENTECOST 9

Genesis 29.15-28. Romans 8.26-39

Matthew 13.44-58

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

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

JULY

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

Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayers at Holy Trinity

Wednesdays Bible Studies during school term.

Winter school holidays Saturday 27 June to Sunday 12 July

Retiring Offertory: Aboriginal Ministry

Sun 19 Pentecost 8 All-age services
2pm. Community Carols Meeting

Tue 21 Parish Council Reports due.

Fri 24 Family Movie Night

Sun 26 Pentecost 9. Hosting Deans, preaching.
Tues 28 Dave attending the Registry Team Retreat and
Organizational Review from July 28-29 at The Abbey.
Thurs 30 7pm. Parish Council Meeting

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). Aug 9th

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