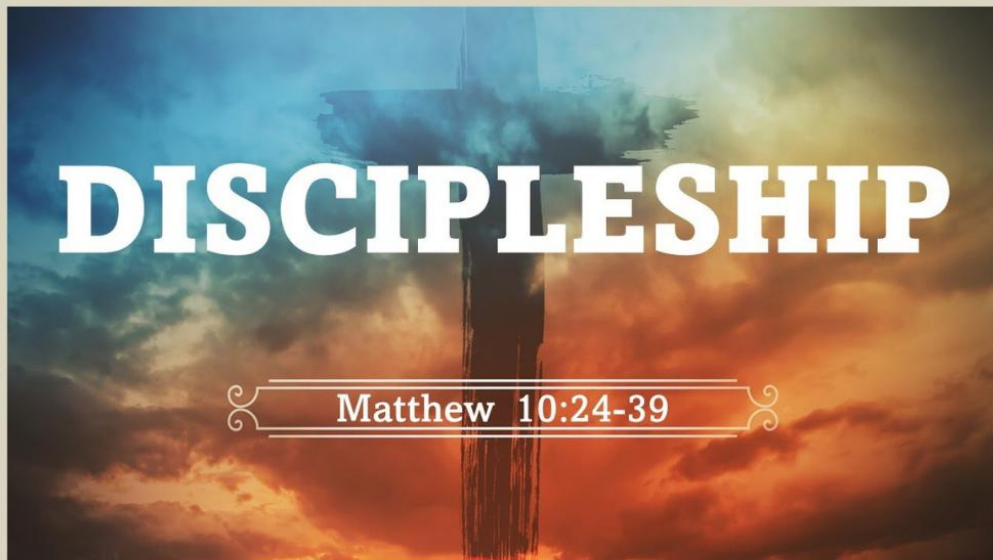


Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 9 August Pentecost 11

**Welcome to Worship in Avon
Parish**



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 TiS 590 'What a friend we have in Jesus'

1 What a friend we have in Jesus

all our sins and griefs to bear,

what a privilege to carry

everything to God in prayer:

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry

everything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations,

is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged:

take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus is our only refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield you,
you will find a solace there.

Joseph Medlicott Scriven 1819-86 *alt.*

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

We wait for the Lord, our souls wait for the Lord,
and find hope in God's word.

Our souls wait for the Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning.

More than those who watch for the morning.
Let us seek hope in our God,

whose power is enduring love,

whose redemption brings healing and grace.

We wait for the Lord and
find our hope in God's presence.

SENTENCE: ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid'. Matthew 14.26–27

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray,

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hidden: cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we
may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy name, through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we
have broken your holy laws and have left undone
what we ought to have done. We are sorry for our
sins and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By
your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for
you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.

Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY - TOGETHER

**Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of his brothers and
sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve
others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life
and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

EARLY TALK

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. ¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' ¹⁴ So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' ¹⁶ 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' ¹⁷ The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' ²² Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to

his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Genesis 37.1-4; 37.12-28

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

PSALM 105.1-6; 105.16-22 *We will read the same by alternate verses.*

¹ O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.

² **Sing to him, O sing praises:**
and be telling of all his marvellous works.

³ Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

⁴ **Seek the Lord and his strength:**
O seek his face continually.

⁵ Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,

⁶ **O seed of Abraham his servant:**
O children of Jacob his chosen one.

¹⁶ Then he called down a famine on the land:
and destroyed the bread that was their stay.

¹⁷ **But he had sent a man ahead of them:**
Joseph who was sold into slavery,

¹⁸ Whose feet they fastened with fetters:
and thrust his neck into a hoop of iron.

- ¹⁹ Till the time that his words proved true:
he was tested by the Lord's command.**
- ²⁰ Then the king sent and loosed him:
the ruler of nations set him free;**
- ²¹ He made him master of his household:
and ruler over all his possessions,**
- ²² To rebuke his officers at will:
and to teach his counsellors wisdom.**

HYMN TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL: TiS 228

“Crown him with many crowns”

**1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for me,
and hail him as your chosen king
through all eternity.**

**2 Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began:
and we who tread where he has trod
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,**

that all in him may rest.

**3 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel there on high
can fully bear that sight,
but downwards bends a burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high;
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

**5 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,**

**and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**6 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
majestic and sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Matthew Bridges 1800-94 and Godfrey Thring 1823-1903 alt.

The Gospel

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

24 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

26 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ^a ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of

them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

34 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me;
and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. *Matthew 10.24-39*

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 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm the faith of the church:

**We believe in one God, who
made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's
only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account. We
believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end. This is
our faith, the faith of the Church:
We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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 Intercessions:

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.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your
word, and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us to love and serve you and all people,
in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL HYMN: *the offertory will be collected during this
hymn:*

"Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

***This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.***

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

***This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

***This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.***

Source: *Hymns of Promise: a large print songbook #41*

WE SHARE A BLESSING.

May the God of peace equip us with everything good for doing his will, working in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and 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

Intercessions for Tenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 9th August 2026

Heavenly Father your Son Jesus calls us to step out onto the water with him, and to leave the safety of our boats, and to walk toward Him in faith. He asks us to join with Him in the work He is already doing in our world.

Gracious Lord, we thank you for the world you have created. We pray for greater wisdom and responsibility in our stewardship of this earth.

We pray for an end to all wars and areas of misery, persecution and oppression. Our world is so rich and yet so many people are hungry and homeless. Many world leaders do not share your great gifts.

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 Priest Dave. May Dave be blessed with Your healing following surgery. May he rest and return to Your great ministry fully recovered well.

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, especially Brendan. Comfort his loved ones through this time.
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 your promise to hear our prayers. Strengthen our faith in that promise so that our lives might proclaim your love, mercy and goodness made visible in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, and when the wind and waves get high and threaten to overwhelm us, help us remember Jesus' words: *"Take courage. It is I. Don't be afraid."*

Merciful Father: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

NEWS AND NOTES

Good morning, friends,

Dave is recovering well after surgery on Thursday morning and is currently on sick leave. We thank God for his progress and return home on Friday.

As the church year draws to a close (September 30), preparations are gathering pace. If the planning meetings proceed as scheduled, we encourage everyone to attend where possible.

The Mission Planning Meeting will be held in the Meeting Room this Thursday, 13 August, at 11 am.

The Budget Planning Meeting will follow worship on Sunday, 16 August. Both meetings are important, and we value your input.

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.

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 16 AUGUST. PENTECOST 12

Genesis 45.1-15. Romans 11.13 -32(33-36) Matthew 15. (10-20),21-28

**PIC Dave. LA Kevin. Chalice Paul. 1st Reading Bev T. 2nd Theresa
Intercessions: Kevin. Org: Vic. Sides: Bev T. Judy K.
Camera: Paul, PPT. Denise. Flowers: Judy T.
Morning Tea: Judy K. Jenny A.**

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

Thurs 13 **11am Mission Planning Meeting**

Sat 15 **Men's Breakfast**

Sun 16 Pentecost 12 **All-age services**
Budget Planning Meeting.

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 *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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