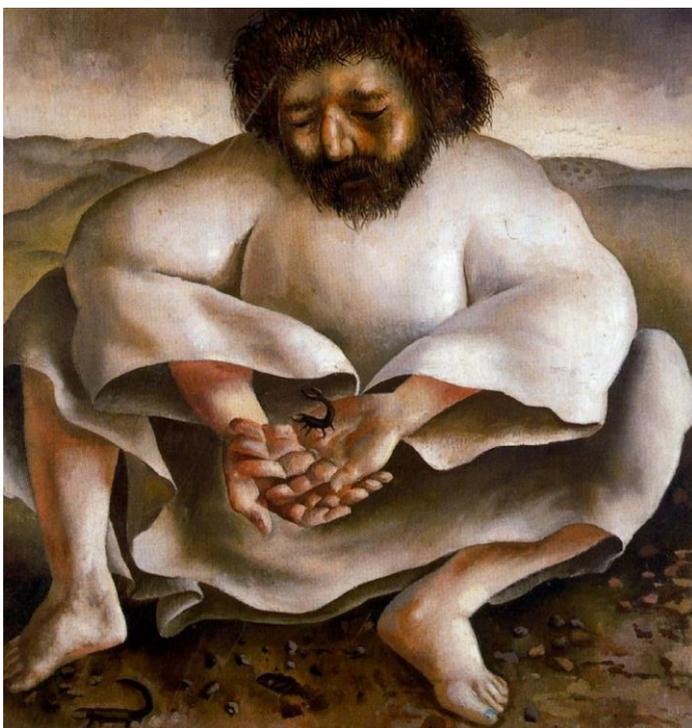


THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham

A member of the Central Highlands Cluster Ministry

St George's, Trentham 9.00am | St Mary's, Woodend 11.00am



18th February 2018 – First Sunday of Lent

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people,
of the Woi wurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung language groups,
the custodians of this land where we gather.
We pay our respects to their elders past and present and pray for
reconciliation.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1.15

Gathering Hymn – 153 God is love

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins
Whose mercy endures forever

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

The Prayer of preparation (page 119 of the prayer book)

Almighty God...

The Confession

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led
by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted
by the devil.

Let us confess our sins remembering before God the
times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
Have mercy on us.**

The absolution

Let us pray

God of the new and eternal covenant,
as the forty days of the great flood swept away the world's
corruption
and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life:
grant to us, who are washed clean and born again
in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace,
that your gift of new life may flourish once again;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Genesis chapter 9 verses 8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

For the word of the Lord **thanks be to God**

Psalm 25.1-10

In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:
in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who wait for you be put to shame:
but let those that break faith
be confounded and gain nothing.**

Show me your ways, O Lord:
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:
for you are the God of my salvation.**

In you have I hoped all the day long:
because of your goodness, O Lord.

**Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:
for they are from of old.**

Remember not the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions:
but according to your mercy think on me.

**Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore will he direct sinners in the way.**

The meek he will guide in the path of justice:
and teach the humble his ways.

**All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:
for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.**

A reading from Peter's first letter chapter 3 verses 18–22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

For the word of the Lord **thanks be to God**

*Praise to you Lord Jesus, King of endless Glory
Saviour of the world, Saviour of the world.*

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark chapter 1
beginning at the 9th verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

For the Gospel of the Lord **praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Sermon

The affirmation of faith (page 123 of the prayer book)

The Prayers of the People

Jesus said: Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

We pray the prayer of Approach (page 125)

The Greeting of Peace

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

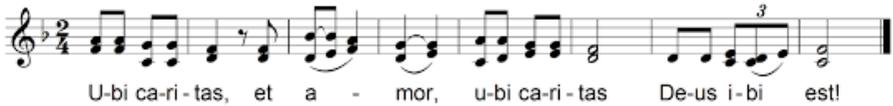
We are the body of Christ

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Chant – Ubi Caritas (*repeat until the altar is ready*)



Translation – Where there is charity and love, God is to be found

We give thanks for the offered gifts

Blessed are you.....(we give thanks for the bread and wine)

Blessed be God forever

Blessed are you.....(we give thanks for money and food offerings)

Blessed be God forever

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The preface to the Great Thanksgiving prayer is on page 151

....for ever praising you and singing

**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 Lord's name
Hosanna in the Highest**

Then we return to page 128

Our Father in heaven....

The Sending out of God's people

Prayer after communion...

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
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.**

The Notices

Final Hymn – 270 On Jordan's Banks

The Blessing and Dismissal

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.

****some thoughts from Rev. Mel*

I'd like to thank everyone who attended the Parish Annual Meeting last week. It was a friendly gathering and we did the business that we needed to do. I also want to thank the many people who have offered to help us move into the rectory once our lovely tenants have vacated – you're all on my list of people to call!

We had our first 'open for inspection' at our house on Friday afternoon so Ray and I spent the day clearing and cleaning and sweeping and scrubbing....I was quite exhausted at the end of it all – you never realise how many jobs that you've put off until you absolutely have to do them!

We do try to keep a reasonably neat house but time does have a way of zooming swiftly by when there are so many other more important things to do.

As I now look around my much tidier than usual office, my cleared of photo frames piano, and a completely empty bookshelf (there are four still full!), I think it is a really good way to mark the beginning of Lent with everything organised and neat, and with a small pile of boxes forming in the spare room.

This new feeling of space and organisation in my work area gives me something to look at to remind me that we have moved into a new season, and that for a little while, life is lived in a somewhat different way.

I pray that we each find times this lent to sit in a cleared space, without clutter and without distraction, so that we can connect with Christ in prayer, stillness, and calm.

Peace, Mel.

Pew Bulletin

Every week!

Conversations – Tuesdays at 7pm in the rectory

Meditation Group – Mondays at 5pm in St Mary's

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

Please keep these dates free for Lenten gathering and worship:

Feb 24 5.30pm	Lent 2 Taize service	St George's
March 3 5.30pm	Lent 3 Taize service	St Mary's
March 10 5.30pm	Lent 4 Taize service	St George's
March 17 5.30pm	Lent 5 Taize service	St Mary's
March 24 5.30pm	Lent 6 Taize service	St George's

Holy Week

March 29	Maundy Thursday	St Mary's
March 30 9am	Good Friday	St George's
March 30 midday	Good Friday	St Mary's
March 31	Easter vigil	St Paul's Kyneton
April 1 9am	Easter Day	St George's
April 1 11am	Easter Day	St Mary's

World Day of Prayer – Friday 2nd March at 7pm

It is St George's turn to host World Day of Prayer in Trentham this year. Our guest speaker will be Veronica Sherman of the Happily Made community enterprise project in Cambodia.

Raise the roof!

Robyn Leeder is organising a weekend of singing from Friday March 2nd to Sunday March 4th. See poster and program for details.

***let Robyn know any special song or hymn requests that you might have.

Helping in the liturgy

Would you like to assist in the liturgy by reading, serving, welcoming, collecting the offertory, or leading prayers? Our time at church together is a shared time and everyone is welcome to be a part of the service. Please see Rev. Mel if you are interested.

News from the Guilds

St Mary's Guild:

Knit and Natter is on Wednesday Feb 21 – everyone is welcome!

Intercessions – our prayers are asked for: John, Sam, Jim, Andrea, Alison, Ethan, Kirsten, Carole, Wendy, Judy, Jonathan, Jeanette, Trevor, Rudi, Trish, Hugh, Joshua and family, Alan, Sheila, Aldyth, Benjamin, Faye, Lynne, Kay, Don, Norm, Kristina and John, Linda, Carmela.

Birthdays

Please let us know if it is your birthday this week, so that we can celebrate you.

Years Mind and those who have died recently

We give thanks for the life of Liam Burke and we pray for Jane, Graeme and all who mourn him.

Tomorrow we remember Maria White and Marjorie Millner, on Tuesday we remember Harold Richardson, on Wednesday, Len Harrison and on Thursday Daphne Howe.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Readings for next week – first Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

Ps 22.24-32

Romans 4.13-25

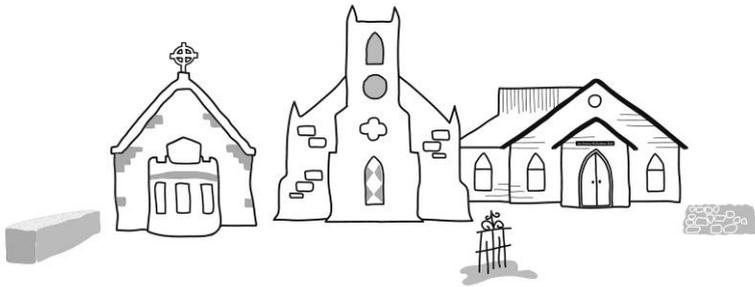
Mark 8.31-38

The colour of the season of Lent is purple. Purple is the colour for mourning and penitence, and in the church is the colour we use during our periods of waiting (Advent and Lent).

Do You Want to Fast this Lent?

(In the Words of Pope Francis)

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



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