



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham  
St George's, Trentham 9.00am | St Mary's, Woodend 11.00am



24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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 elders past and present and pray for reconciliation.

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

## Gathering Hymn – 152 Joyful Joyful

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. *Luke 6.35*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

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

**Almighty God...**

*The Shema (page 120 of the prayer book)*

Hear, O Israel....

*The Confession and absolution (page 120 of the prayer book)*

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.  
Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence  
and faith,

**Merciful God...**

## **Glory to God in the highest...**

*Let us pray*

God of compassion,  
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,  
who prayed even for his enemies.  
In our words and deeds  
help us to be like him, through whom we pray,  
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*A reading from Genesis chapter 45 verses 3 to 15*

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 he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

*A reading from the first letter from Paul to the Corinthians chapter 15 verses 35 to 50*

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne

the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

### **Gradual Hymn – 203 Fairest Lord Jesus**

#### ***Alleluia Alleluia***

Blessed are we who hear your words

#### **Alleluia**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke chapter 6  
beginning at the 27<sup>th</sup> verse*

#### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love

your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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*

...Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers  
**Grant that what we have asked in faith,  
we may by your grace receive,  
through 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 – 648 Help Us Accept**

God our sustainer,  
receive the gifts we bring before you,  
and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger,  
and the wine that quenches all thirst,  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*The preface to the Thanksgiving Prayer is on page 128*

....for ever praising you and saying

**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**

With our hearts set on the kingdom and our hands open to serve,  
we pray as Jesus taught us....

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is 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 Sending out of God's people**

May we who have been your guests  
at this communion  
reveal your life to all the world.  
May we be no longer your servants,  
but know your will,  
and be your friends.  
You give us your life, may we be worthy of it;  
you give us yourself, may we embody you. **Amen.**

### *The Notices*

**Final Hymn – 607 Make Me A Channel**

### *The Blessing and Dismissal*

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Creator, 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*

On Thursday evening I attended the induction of a dear friend, The Reverend Kathryn Watt, at her first parish as Priest in Charge in the Parish of Balaclava. Kathryn and I were class mates at Trinity College – she came along a year or two after I did so we spent at least two years together supporting each other, studying, and discerning our calls.

It was lovely to gather with friends and colleagues and celebrate this new ministry. It called to mind my first days and weeks here with you – not having the luxury of having a ‘traditional’ curacy I had close to no idea what I was doing or how to do it, but you loved me through those first few months and here we are three (and a bit) years later.

Our Annual General Meeting last week reminded me of how much we’ve done in the last three years. It has been a time of big change for us all; new priest, new clergy family (including the furry variety), new floor, and new plans for a revamped vestry. It is an exciting time to be a part of this parish!

One thing that I am always happy to tell people outside of this parish is how God’s love is so evident in the things that you all do for each other and for the wider community; how you listen to each other and offer the hand of friendship to new comers.

The Tuesday night group is a great example of this. We’ve only been back for two weeks and the group is so energised and ready to listen and learn from each other! We are now studying unit 3, which is the unit that looks at the New Testament, so there is plenty to discuss every week.

It’s not too late to join in, and you can come for the certificate at the end or just for the fun of the conversation. Get in touch if you’re interested.

Peace, Mel

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## **Pew Bulletin**

### **Safe Church**

If you attended a safe church workshop three years ago then it's time for you to attend a refresher.

Lucky for us on March 30 there will be a refresher workshop at Woodend.

If you haven't done a workshop at all and you think you need to please speak to Reverend Mel. There are two workshops coming up:

Saturday 6 April at Holy Trinity, Flora Hill

Saturday 15 June at Holy Trinity, Flora Hill

Please register via the website [www.bendigoanglican.org.au](http://www.bendigoanglican.org.au)

The cost of the refresher workshop is \$20 and the full workshop is \$35 and the parish will reimburse you if you require.

### **Thanks from Ray**

As correctly predicted Ray's response to your beautifully generous gift was "what did they do they for". He was very touched by your gift and asked me to officially pass on his very deep gratitude to you all.

### **Morning tea today at St Mary's.**

The wedding of Samantha and Jason will take place at 1pm today and they will be using the hall for their reception venue so we'll have to find an alternative place to gather after church today.

### **Parish Council**

Your Parish Council will meet on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Trentham. Please pray for them as they meet for the first meeting since the AGM.

### **Music Weekend**

Robyn is once again organizing a music weekend for the first weekend in March. If you're interested in attending please get in touch with Robyn Leeder.

## **First Friday Movie**

Our First Friday Movie for March is Incredibles 2!

An animated movie about a super hero family struggling to be normal and yet also wanting to save the world!

March 1st from 6.30pm in the hall. Invite you friends!

## **Shrove Tuesday**

*Woodend:* We will need cooks and servers at St Mary's from 3.00pm on March 5<sup>th</sup> to serve pancakes to the school crowd. Please let Rev. Mel know if you can help

*Trentham:* World day of Prayer and pancakes at St Andrew's at 6.00pm

## **Ash Wednesday**

*St George's:* Midday Service

*St Mary's:* 7.00pm service

## **Saturdays in Lent**

We will be gathering for prayer at 6.30pm each Saturday evening during Lent, alternating between the two centres. More details to come.

## **News from the Guilds:**

*St Mary's Guild* – The next guild meeting will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> in the hall.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Happy birthday to Derek Shepherd and Kit Manning this week

## **Years Mind and those who have died recently**

We give thanks for the life of Fr Bill Howarth. We pray for Fr Ian, Alison and their family as they grieve.

We give thanks for the life of Ted Hammer, and we pray for Norma and her family as they grieve.

We remember Alexander Goldie and Kurt Bradbury this week.

## **Intercessions – our prayers are asked for:**

Bill, Sam, Wendy, Jeanette, Carmela, Jim, Judy and John, Hayden, Sandra, Sheryl and Roger, Trevor, Kristina and Jon, Judy, Ron, Fletcher, Rosie, and Russell.

We pray for Samantha and Jason who will be married at St Mary's later today.

## **Readings for next week**

Isaiah 55.10-13

Psalm 92.1-4, 12-15

1 Corinthians 15.51-58

Luke 6.39-49

## **Mission and Parish Giving**

If you would like to participate in the direct debit offering option our account details are:

BSB 633 000

Account 1498 24906

Ref: Parish Giving



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