



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



3rd March 2019 Eighth 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

'My word shall not return to me empty,' says the Lord, 'but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.' Isaiah 55.11

**Gathering Hymn – Trentham: 216 Rejoice, the Lord is king
 Woodend: Be Still**

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...

The Gloria (page 121 of the prayer book)

Glory to God in the highest...

Let us pray

Almighty God,
you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
and freed us from bondage to sin:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all people may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from Isaiah chapter 55 verses 10 to 13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

Psalm 92 verses 1 to 4 and 12 to 15

How good to give thanks to the Lord:
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

**To declare your love in the morning:
and at night to sing of your faithfulness,**

Upon the lute, upon the lute of ten strings:
and to the melody of the lyre.

**For in all you have done, O Lord, you have made me glad:
I will sing for joy because of the works of your hands.**

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:
they shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon;

**For they are planted in the house of the Lord:
and flourish in the courts of our God.**

In old age they shall be full of sap:
they shall be sturdy and laden with branches;

**And they will say that the Lord is just:
the Lord my Rock, in whom is no unrighteousness.**

*A reading from the first letter from Paul to the Corinthians chapter 15
verses 51 to 58*

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

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

Gradual Hymn – Trentham: 618 What does the Lord require

Woodend: They'll know we are Christians by our love

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 39th verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

He also told them a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own

eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.

“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.”

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 – 745 Seek ye first

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 – 755 We shall go out with joy

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 Wednesday I posted the below on the Woodend and Trentham community Facebook pages in response to the conviction of Cardinal George Pell.

“Hi neighbours, there has been alot of talk today about Cardinal George Pell so I feel like I should say something to the community as a church leader (albeit a different denomination) in this town.

I know the terrible hurt that churches have been involved in, complicit in, and covered up. I am so deeply sorry for all of that. I am so glad that the Royal Commission happened so that this could all come out and that survivors have had a chance to be heard and hopefully receive some justice.

I want our community to know that the Anglican Church has been taking action during the last few years to ensure that this doesn't ever happen again. All priests and leaders undergo regular police checks, working with children checks, and reference checks. It is also compulsory for all clergy and volunteers to attend safe church workshops so that everyone in a position of leadership in the church is aware of what warning signs are evident when abuse of vulnerable people is happening, and also to reiterate boundaries if people are unaware. An independent body has been established to deal with all and any complaints so that it is no longer up to churches to police themselves.

We are confident that we offer a safe space to our community here in Woodend and Trentham, yet we are always on guard to ensure that continues.

I do not take my responsibility lightly and am fiercely protective of the people who I am called to serve in this town.

Please know that I personally, and the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Bendigo (which includes Woodend-Trentham) are doing everything we can to build trust again and to offer care to those who are hurt. If you have any questions about any of this please get in touch. (there is also a written statement from our Bishop on this that I am happy to provide to anyone who would like to see it.)"

If you know of anyone who is struggling, or indeed if you are struggling with this yourself, there are people to call, in addition to me:

Lifeline 13 11 14

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

Blue Knot Foundation 1300 657 380

We pray for our churches and institutions; that they be open to self examination and do whatever is necessary to provide safe environments for children and vulnerable people.

Peace, Mel

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

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

Shrove Tuesday

Woodend: We will need cooks and servers at St Mary's from 3.00pm on March 5th 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.

March 9	St Mary's
March 16	St George's
March 23	St Mary's
March 30	St George's
April 6	St Mary's
April 13	St George's

News from the Guilds:

St Mary's Guild – Please pick up a bulb order form and support this new fundraiser.

St Mary's Guild has decided to focus their mission giving on the Anglican Board of Mission and will do retiring collections throughout the months of March, June, and September. If you have some coins to drop in the box at St Mary's as you leave please do.

St Mary's Guild will be hosting a St Patrick's Day lunch on Sunday march 17th. \$5 for soup and bread, raffle prizes, and lots of green based fun to be had!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Welcome to the world to Taran Gwilym Gisborne! Born on Feb 27th at 4am; little brother to Emrys and Gwen and third child for Del and Matt.

Happy birthday this week to Bob White!

Years Mind and those who have died recently

We remember Paul Tett 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, Russell, Elizabeth, and Gael.

Readings for next week

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Psalms 91.1-2, 9-16

Romans 10.4-13

Luke 4.1-15

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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