



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



3rd February 2019

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

Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.
Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been
fully known. *1 Corinthians 13.14*

Gathering Hymn – 297 Come, your hearts

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

Righteous God,
you confound the world's wisdom
by giving your blessing to the lowly and the pure in heart:
give us such a hunger and thirst for justice
and perseverance in striving for peace,
that in our words and deeds
the world may see the promise of your kingdom,
which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 prophet Jeremiah chapter 1 verses 4 to 10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

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

Psalm 71 verses 1 to 6

To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness rescue and deliver me:
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked:
from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.**

For you, Lord, are my hope:
you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.

**On you have I leaned since my birth:
you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb,
and my praise is of you continually.**

*A reading from the first letter from Paul to the Corinthians chapter 13
verses 1 to 13*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

Gradual Hymn – 87 You are before me

Alleluia Alleluia

We hear your words Lord,
and they nourish us

Alleluia

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke chapter 4
beginning at the 21st verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

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 – 511 Let us break bread

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.

The Notices

Final Hymn - 599 Take my life

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 Friday night we screened Frozen in the hall.

We had about thirty people come along (our best crowd so far), of that close to twenty were children, many of them dressed up in their favourite 'Queen Elsa' costume.

For those of you who haven't seen the movie: it is the story of two sisters, the eldest (Elsa) has the magical power to make snow and ice. When they're children Elsa accidentally strikes the youngest (Anna) with her ice power. Anna is OK (thanks to the help of some magical trolls) but it scares the Elsa so much that she locks herself away so that she can't hurt her much loved little sister again. Anna is hurt because she doesn't know why Elsa has shut her out.

The girls shortly after this are orphaned so they only have each other, but Elsa continues her self enforced isolation, so much so that when she comes of age to be made Queen, Anna is quite beside herself to actually see people! The gates of the castle being closed from their childhood so that Elsa's powers could be kept secret.

Coronation day comes and Elsa is anxious to keep her powers concealed, but of course it comes out and their little kingdom is put into a permanent and deep winter.

Elsa runs away and Anna goes to find her, during which time Anna has several adventures with the help of her new friends Olaf the snowman, Kristof the ice seller, and Kristof's very quirky reindeer Sven.

As with all fairy tales an act of true love is required to break the spell and, rather than a handsome prince coming along to kiss the beautiful princess, the act of true love occurs when Anna steps in to save her sister from being killed by those wanting revenge for the winter spell.

This act of true love breaks the winter, Elsa learns to control her powers, and Anna and Elsa open the gates to the castle permanently.

Love wins! It is a really beautiful story about what people would sacrifice for the sake of their loved ones.

I don't know if the writers of the original story had 1 Corinthians 13 in mind when they came up with the story, but there are certainly elements of it within the script.

The love that these sisters had for each other – one sacrificing her freedom and locking herself away so that she can't hurt the other; the other risking life and limb to find her sister when the secret is out, and then putting herself in the way of executioners when revenge is sought – makes me think of love enduring all things, believing all things, bearing all things, and hoping all things.

The influence of scripture, and God's love, can be found in so many unexpected places don't you think?

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. Please register via the website www.bendigoanglican.org.au The cost of the workshop is \$20 and the parish will reimburse you if you require.

Parish AGM

Our AGM will be held on February 17th in the hall after our service at Woodend.

If you are an office holder in the parish and need to submit a report to Derek please do so as soon as possible.

Black Saturday Anniversary

February 7th marks ten years since the Black Saturday fires. We will gather at midday at St Mary's for quiet reflection, remembrance and prayer.

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.

News from the Guilds:

St Mary's Guild – The Street Stall is on February 9th from 9am until midday

TCCC/St George's Guild – The TCCC will meet at St Andrew's on Tuesday 5th February at 7pm.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to John McLaren, Fletcher Scholtz, and Rupert Fiford

Years Mind and those who have died recently

We give thanks for the life of Bruce.

We give thanks for the life of Bishop Ian George and pray for his family and friends as they mourn him.

We remember Nes Wheeler this week.

Intercessions – our prayers are asked for:

Mario and Nicole, Sam, Wendy, Jeanette, Carmela, Jim, Judy and John, Hayden, Jason, Sandra, Sheryl and Roger, Trevor, Jannyse, Kristina and Jon, Judy, Ron, Rachael + Matt and their children.

We pray for Kim and Enver who will be married at St Mary's on February 23rd, and for Samantha and Jason who will be married at St Mary's on February 24th.

Readings for next week

Isaiah 6.1-8 Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Luke 5.1-11

Mission and Parish Giving

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

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Reverend Mel has Fridays off as her Sabbath.

If you need to speak to a priest urgently on a Friday you can contact Fr Ian at Kyneton on 0437 655 702.