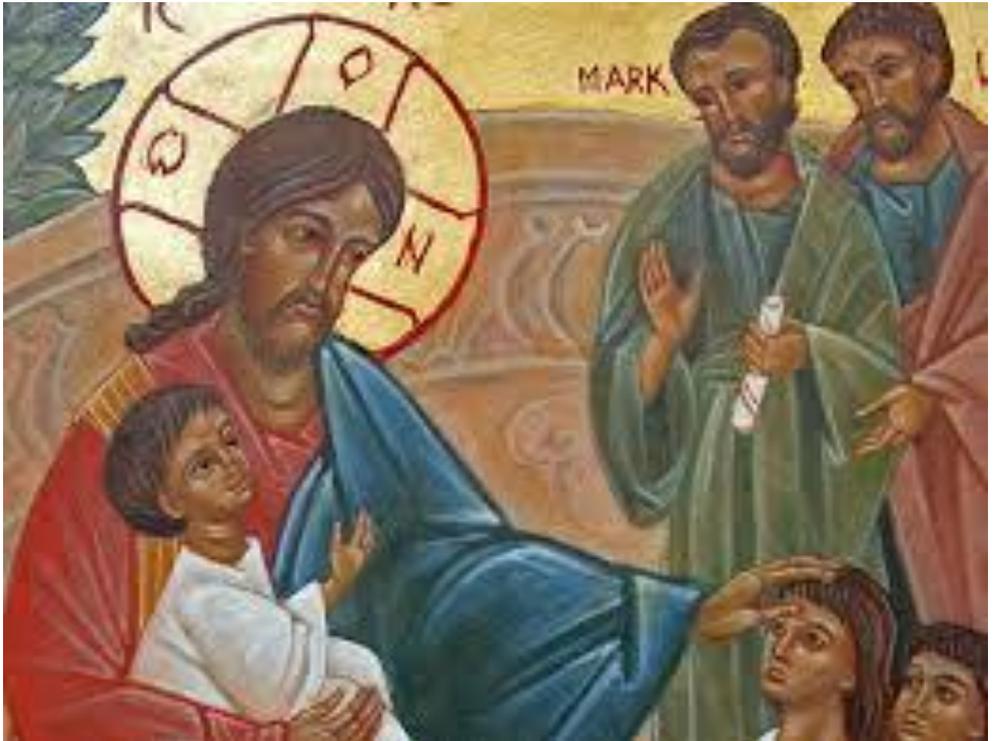


## THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham



## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people, of Dja Dja Wurrung language group,  
the custodians of this land where we gather.

We pay our respects to their elders past, present, and emerging and we pray  
for reconciliation.

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

## Gathering Hymn – 449 Stand up

### Sentence of the day

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.  
Mark 9.35

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you**

*We pray 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)*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

*We take a moment of silent reflection*

## Merciful God...

*Knowing that we are forgiven, we sing The Gloria  
(page 121 of the prayer book)*

*Let us pray*

God and Father of all,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that the last shall be first,  
and have made a little child the measure of your kingdom:  
give us the wisdom from above,  
so that we may understand that in your sight  
the one who serves is the greatest of all.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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 Proverbs chapter 31 verses 10 to 31*

A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,

and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,

all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,

and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant,

she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night

and provides food for her household

and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.  
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.  
She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
Her husband is known in the city gates,  
taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
She looks well to the ways of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:  
“Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.”  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

## Psalm 1

Blessed are they  
who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:  
nor followed the way of sinners,  
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

**But their delight is in the law of the Lord:  
and on that law will they ponder day and night.**

They are like trees planted beside streams of water:  
that yield their fruit in due season.

**Their leaves also shall not wither:  
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.**

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:  
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

**Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up  
at the judgement:  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

*A reading from Saint James' letter chapter 3 verses 1 to 12*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains

the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

### **Gospel hymn – 201 King of Glory**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Go to my brothers and sisters  
and share the good news

**Alleluia**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark, chapter 9  
beginning at the 30<sup>th</sup> verse*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were

silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

*The Sermon*

*Let us together affirm the faith of the church*

*Let us pray for the world, the church, and each other*

*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 – 584 Just as I am**

*We give thanks for the offered gifts*

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

*We turn to page 128*

....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**

*...we say together*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*...in songs of never-ending praise*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
Are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*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 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 forever. Amen**

**Everyone is welcome to the table of the Lord.**

## The Sending out of God's people

*Prayer after communion...*

Living God,  
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love,  
which we have known in word and sacrament,  
continue your saving work among us,  
give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
and bring us to the joys you promise.  
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 – 380 Yours be the glory**

*The Blessing and Dismissal*

God of this ancient land,  
through baptism you have given us an inheritance into one family,  
give us grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the One who loves you,  
the One who calls you,  
and the One who makes you holy,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*\*\*\*some thoughts from Rev. Mel.*

Have you seen the Christmas decorations in the shops?

I nearly cried when I saw a fully decorated Christmas tree in Target this week. Surely it can't be that close already!!!

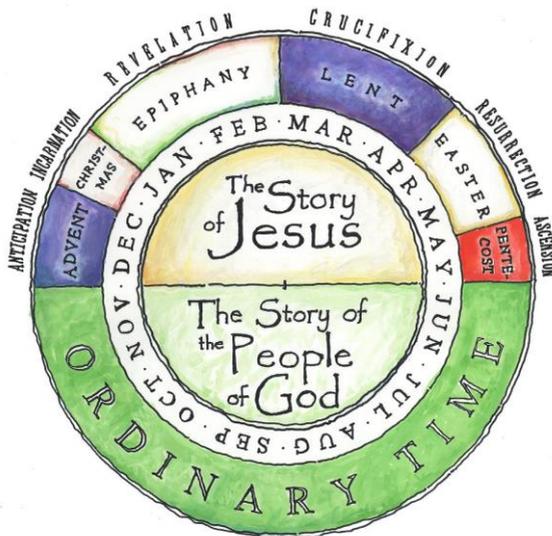
Well it's not – we still have a long way to go.

I really like the illustration below that shows clearly what the church is doing and hearing about, and what colours are being used.

The beauty of the church calendar is that it lets us take our time and fully explore the story of God. We are only a little over half way through ordinary time so take a breath and don't get caught up in the frenzy that is so tempting every year.

Enjoy the spring sunshine and take time to give thanks to God for the beauty of this time of year.

Peace, Mel



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## Pew Bulletin

### Safe Church

Do you know who to go to if you have a concern about a church worker? If appropriate you can go to Rev. Mel, or you can go straight to KOOYOORA the independent professional standards organisation. The number for Kooyoora is 1800 135 246.

### Parish Council

Your Parish Council will meet on Wednesday night at 7.30pm at Trentham Library.

### Australian Anglican Church Calendar

Our parish features in the 2019 Calendar! Each calendar is \$18.

### Blessing of the Pets

Our Blessing of the Pets service will be on October 7th. Bring along your furry and feathered friends (or your teddy favourite teddy bear) for a blessing.

### Refugee Lunch

The Macedon Ranges branch of the Rural Australians for Refugees are holding a fund raising lunch on Oct 7 in the hall. Cost is \$25  
Got to [trybooking.com/TDGF](http://trybooking.com/TDGF) or email [Pauline.brown1@bigpond.com](mailto:Pauline.brown1@bigpond.com) to book your seat at this most important event.

### Car Boot Sale

Woodend Car Boot Sale is on October 6. Bring your goods along to church this week or next Sunday. Items can also be received on the day. We need at least 3 volunteers to help for an hour each on the day. See Robyn or Michael.

\*\*\*\*no electrical goods are able to be sold at this event\*\*\*\*

### Blessing of the Pets

Our annual blessing of the pets service will be on October 7. Bring along your furry, feathered, or finned friend for a blessing and a day celebrating the wonderment of God's creation.

## Trivia Night

Our annual trivia night, a major fun and fund raising event for our parish, will be held on Saturday October 20 this year.

We have only had a couple of people volunteer to visit local businesses to collect prizes. Please do what you can to help make this night as successful as it usually is for our parish.

## News from the Guilds

*St Mary's Guild:*

The Guild will meet on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> after the 10am service.

## Other Diary Dates

Fr Neil Fitzgerald will be presiding in Woodend-Trentham November 18  
Bishop Matt will be visiting with us on December 16 to officially receive Robyn Leeder into the Anglican Communion.

**Intercessions – our prayers are asked for:** Sam, Andrea,

Alison, Ethan, Kirsten, Carole, Wendy, Jeanette,

Trevor, Rudi, Trish, Hugh, Joshua and family, Alan,

Faye, Lynne, Kay, Don, Kristina and John, Linda, Carmela, Heath, Helen,

Jim, Judy and John.

## Birthdays and anniversaries

We missed two birthdays last week. Happy belated birthday to Jane Monk and Matt Gisborne

## Years Mind and those who have died recently

We remember Bob Tett and Christopher Martinson this week.

## Readings for next week

Esther 7.1-6

Psalm 124

James 5.12-20

Mark 9.38-50



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