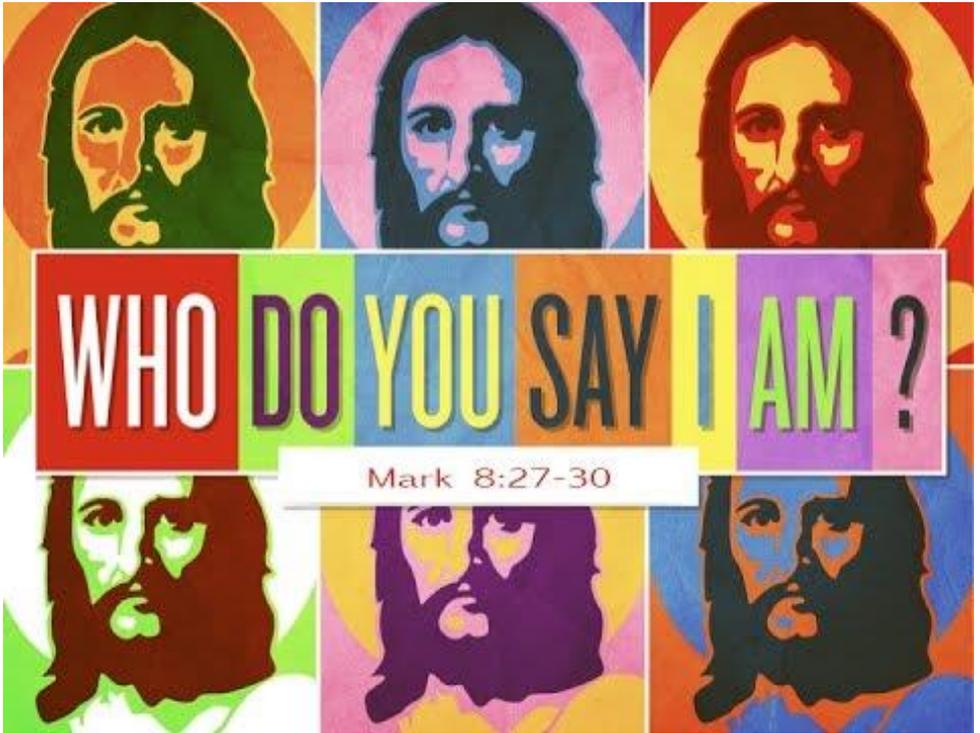


THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 16th 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 and present and pray for
reconciliation.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn – 134 Praise my soul

Sentence of the day

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it. Mark 8.35

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 of mercy ,
help us to forgive as you have forgiven us,
to trust you, even when hope is failing,
and to take up our cross daily
and follow you in your redeeming work;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from Proverbs chapter 1 verses 20 to 33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,

when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

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

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

**One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.**

There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;

**Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.**

There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

**Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true,
and makes wise the simple.

**The precepts of the Lord are right,
and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.

**More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey,
than the honey that drips from the comb.**

Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

A reading from Saint James' letter chapter 2 verses 18 to 26

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person,

that faith apart from works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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

Gospel hymn – 216 Rejoice the Lord is King

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 8
beginning at the 27th verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this

quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 – 538 feed us now

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 – 233 I will sing

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.*

RUOK? Are You OK?

That is the question that we have been encouraged to ask each other this week. RUOK was the theme of this week's Woodend Neighbourhood House community lunch, it was one of the top stories on the local news during the week, and it was a hot topic for many of my conversations this week.

But it is not just a question for one week of the year. Asking your neighbours 'Are you OK?', and being willing to listen to them with love and without judgement is important every day of the year.

We have a duty of care to each other, as people loved by God, to check in with each other and offer a shoulder if it is needed.

So, RUOK? Reach out if you're not. Don't be ashamed to say that things are tough and you need help. We all do every now and then.

Blessings, Mel.

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.

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 try booking.com/TDGF or email Pauline.brown1@bigpond.com to book your seat at this most important event.

Car Boot Sale

Woodend Car Boot Sale is on October 6. Robyn Leeder is co-ordinating the St Mary's stand. Start gathering your second hand goods to sell and raise funds for the parish.

no electrical goods are able to be sold at this event

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.

News from the Guilds

St Mary's Guild:

Knit and Natter is on September 19th.

Other Diary Dates

Fr Neil Fitzgerald will be presiding on 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

Let us know if it is your birthday this week.

Years Mind and those who have died recently

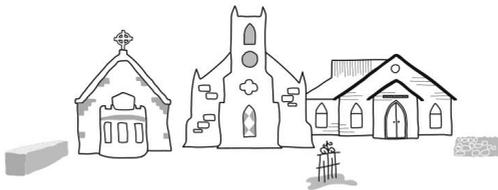
We give thanks for the life of Humphrey Campbell and pray for those who mourn him.

We remember Garry Donoghue and Eileen McLaren this week.

Readings for next week

Proverbs 31.10-31 Psalm 1

James 3.1-12 Mark 9.30-37



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