A member of the Central Highlands Cluster Ministry

St George’s, Trentham 9.00am | St Mary’s, Woodend 10.30am

30 August 2015

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We acknowledge the Woi wurrung people, the traditional custodians of this land where we gather to worship.
Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. *James 1:17*

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*The Gloria page 121*

*The Prayer of the Day*

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord, and enlighten our hearts through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ, that when he comes in glory to be our judge we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the Song of Songs chapter 2 verse 8

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

hearing the word of the Lord **thanks be to God**
Psalm 45

My heart overflows with a goodly theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
You are the most handsome of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.
Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.
Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;
you love righteousness and hate wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

A reading from the letter of James chapter 1 verse 17

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no
variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose
he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind
of first fruits of his creatures.
You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to
listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce
God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and
rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the
implanted word that has the power to save your souls.
But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive
themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they
are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at
themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were
like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and
persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act -- they will
be blessed in their doing.
If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but
deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure
and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

hear the word of the Lord  thanks be to God

HYMN 745 Seek ye first

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark chapter 7 beginning at the 1st verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

...Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

for the Gospel of the Lord praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
The Sermon

The Nicene Creed page 123 APBA

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution page 126

The Greeting of Peace

HYMN 707 Bread is blessed and broken

The Great Thanksgiving Prayers begin on page 128 APBA
The Lord's Prayer is on page 141 APBA

Regular communicants of all denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church.
If you prefer to receive a blessing please ask the priest as you come to the communion rail.

The final prayers
.... Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

The Notices

HYMN 390 Alleluia! alleluia! give thanks to the risen Lord

The Blessing and Dismissal
The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, 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. Amen
Pew Bulletin
What’s Happening and When

Today: we welcome Bishop John Noble as our locum priest.

Sunday 06 September: FAMILY SUNDAY and Father’s Day celebrations with Fr. Ian Howarth. The “Young Voices of the Macedon Ranges” choir will also join us. Come and enjoy the singing by this fabulous group of young choristers.

Saturday 12 September: St Mary’s Guild Street Stall need your help with goods for sale; please contact Norma ph. 5427 2315

Saturday 26 September: everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some great fellowship at a “Share Dinner” to be held at the home of Dave & Liz, 14 Owen Street, Woodend.

Go for Gold: Our annual contribution towards the mission of ABM is on now. From now until the end of September any coins you may like to donate may be given at the retiring collection at the church door.

St Mary’s Guild request donations of small Christmas gifts to fill the “red tin bucket” for the Guild’s November raffle; please bring your donations on Sunday or speak with Norma ph. 5427 2315

Refugee and Asylum Seeker needs: Please contact Gerry Leahy 0407 317 491 mgleahy@bigpond.com to arrange collection of your donations including household goods and furniture; please note that clothing is no longer required.

Birthdays: Sylvia Tett (Trentham) today! Keith Turner (Woodend) Tuesday; Anne Jackson (Trentham) Wednesday.

Year’s Mind: Violet Winterton (Woodend) 30 August 2008; Maria Wilaw (Woodend) 31 August 2008; Vic Dalton (Woodend) 02 Sept 1979

Intercessions – our prayers are asked for: Fr Ian & family, Emma & family, Bernice, Christine, Lis, Elise, Penny, John, Les, Eddie & David, Morris, Neil, Jane, Judy, Sam, Jean, Kirsten, Barbara, Sally.
Jesus said, “Love one another as I have loved you”

John 15.12