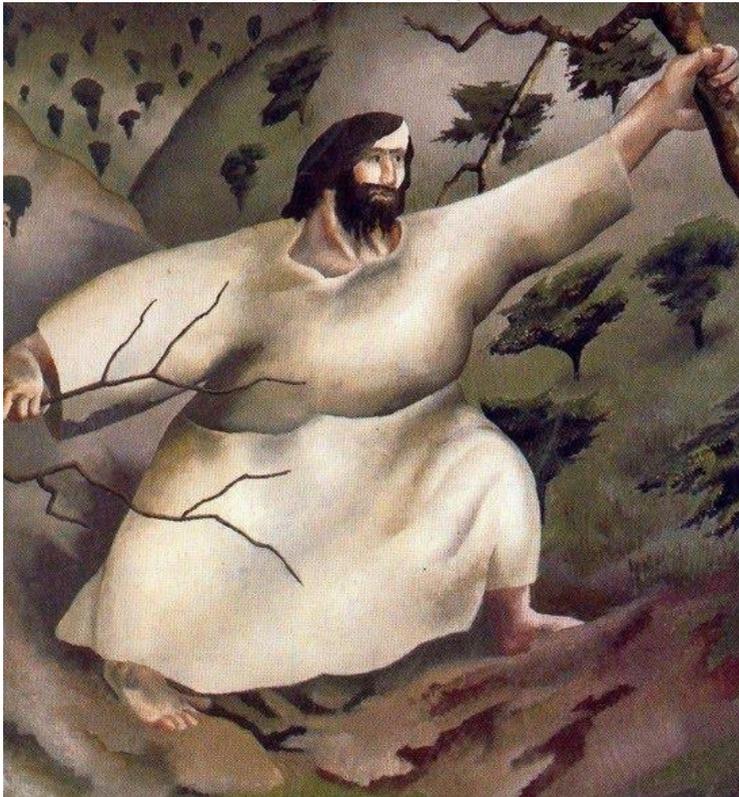




THE Anglican Parish *of* Woodend-Trentham

**St George's, Trentham 9.00am | St Mary's, Woodend 11.00am  
& Wednesday at St Mary's 10.00am**



**4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent**

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people,  
of the 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

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.' *Exodus 20.1*

**Gathering Hymn – Trentham: 160 Father all loving**

**Woodend: 655 Jesus Christ is Waiting**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins  
**Whose mercy endures forever**

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

*The Prayer of preparation (page 119 of the prayer book)*

**Almighty God...**

*The Confession*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted.

Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy**

*The absolution*

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
Have mercy on us.**

*Let us pray*

Lord our God,  
by your Holy Spirit  
write your commandments upon our hearts  
and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross,  
so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness,  
we may become a living temple of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*A reading from the book of Exodus chapter 20 verses 1-17*

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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 Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 1 verses 18–25*

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

## **The Dedication of the new Gospel Book at St Mary's**

*Praise to you Lord Jesus, King of endless Glory  
Saviour of the world, Saviour of the world.*

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John chapter 2  
beginning at the 13<sup>th</sup> verse*

## **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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*

Jesus said: Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*We pray the prayer of Approach (page 125)*

*The Greeting of Peace*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

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 Chant – (repeat until the altar is ready)**

**The kingdom of God**



*The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom*

*We give thanks for the offered gifts*

Blessed are you.....(*we give thanks for the bread and wine*)

**Blessed be God forever**

Blessed are you.....(*we give thanks for money and food offerings*)

**Blessed be God forever**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*The preface to the Great Thanksgiving prayer is on page 151*

...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**

*Then we return to page 128*

**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**

## **The Sending out of God's people**

*Prayer after communion...*

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
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 – Trentham: 473 Community of Christ

### Woodend: 48 On Eagle's Wings

#### *The Blessing and Dismissal*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
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.**

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

A few people have asked me about the pictures that I have used on the front of the last few service books. There is a series of works called '*Christ in the Wilderness*' by Stanley Spencer and the service book pictures for Lent have (and will!) all come from that series.

Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford England, reviewed them as: 'These paintings give us insight into Jesus' own vocation and self-understanding of his ministry. They show his great love for the earth, for the whole created order and for all creatures within it.'

Our Lenten path begins in the wilderness with Jesus, and so these artworks are helpful to remind us to acknowledge and remember (perhaps even re-visit if we need to) those times when we have travelled into and through our own wildernesses.

For Christians, the wilderness is a place of discovery. Where we have the opportunity to learn about ourselves, by opening ourselves up to

greater personal examination, and of course, open ourselves up more fully to God. Because of this, the wilderness can also be quite a scary place – there is no one to hide from when it’s just you and God after all.

This is why to come together during Lent, to love and support each other through our wildernesses, and to discover again the wonder of what Jesus has done for us, is more precious than gold.

Peace, Mel.

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### **Pew Bulletin**

#### **Lent, Holy Week, and Easter**

Please keep these dates free for Lenten gathering and worship:

March 10 5.30pm	Lent 4 Taize service	St George’s
March 17 5.30pm	Lent 5 Taize service	St Mary’s
March 24 5.30pm	Lent 6 Taize service	St George’s

#### **Holy Week**

March 29 7.00pm	Maundy Thursday	St Mary’s
March 30 9am	Good Friday	St George’s
March 30 midday	Good Friday	At the Children’s Park
March 31 7.00pm	Easter vigil	St Paul’s Kyneton
April 1 9am	Easter Day	St George’s
April 1 11am	Easter Day	St Mary’s

#### **Palm cross making**

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will have a combined mid-week service with our friends in Kyneton, and afterwards we will do our palm cross making for the upcoming Palm Sunday service.

If you would like to come along please bring a plate to share.

If you need transportation please let Rev. Mel know.

## News from the Guilds

*St Mary's Guild:*

Street stall is on Saturday March 10 from 9am-midday

**Intercessions – our prayers are asked for:** John, Sam, Jim, Andrea, Alison, Ethan, Kirsten, Carole, Wendy, Judy, Jonathan, Jeanette, Trevor, Rudi, Trish, Hugh, Joshua and family, Alan, Sheila, Aldyth, Faye, Lynne, Kay, Don, Norm, Kristina and John, Linda, Carmela, Steven, Del and Heath.

We give thanks for Benjamin's safe return from Arghanistan.

## Birthdays

On Thursday we celebrate Bob White!

## Years Mind and those who have died recently

We remember Paul Tett and Dot Woolley this week.

## Readings for next week – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Numbers 21.4-9            Ps 107.1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2.1-10        John 3.14-21

Weekday services:

Monday	Morning Prayer 9am	St Mary's
Tuesday	Morning Prayer 9am	St George's
Wednesday	Eucharist 10am	St Mary's
Thursday	Morning Prayer 9am	St Paul's Kyneton



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