



THE Anglican Parish of *Woodend-Trentham*



Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost October 28th 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 – 517 Hallelujah sing to Jesus

Sentence of the day

The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. Isaiah 51.11

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

O God,
you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing,
and in your Son you have given us
a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us
and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness:
hear the cry of your people
and lead us home to our true country,
where with your Son and the Holy Spirit
you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Job chapter 42 verses 1 to 6 and 10 to 17

“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
‘Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.’
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

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

Psalm 34 verses 1 to 8

I will bless the Lord continually:
his praise shall be always in my mouth.

**Let my soul boast of the Lord:
the humble shall hear it and rejoice.**

O praise the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name together.

**For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:
and he freed me from all my fears.**

Look towards him and be bright with joy:
your faces shall not be ashamed.

**Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:
and delivers them in their need.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good:
happy are they that hide in him!**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews chapter 7 verses 21 to 28

but this one became a priest with an oath, because of the one who said to him,

“The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
‘You are a priest forever’” —

accordingly Jesus has also become the guarantee of a better covenant.

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

Gospel hymn - 223 How sweet the name

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 10
beginning at the 46th verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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 – 501 Sing my tongue

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.**

Final Hymn – 579 The Blind Man

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*

It has been a big week.

On Monday the Prime Minister Scott Morrison delivered the national apology to people who suffered abuse at the hands of institutions. The opposition leader Bill Shorten offered a response.

They were difficult speeches to hear and no doubt, difficult speeches to give; but they were important.

Our own Bishop released a statement on the day which will be on display in both our churches for you to read.

These speeches and statements are the reason that attendance at a safe church workshop, and knowledge of what it means to be a safe church, is so important.

Closer to home, our Parish Council met on Tuesday night. It was a combined meeting with the Kyneton Parish Council, and Bishop Matt chaired the gathering.

The reason for this meeting was to give thanks to Kyneton for their financial support these past three years (they have been paying a portion of the Woodend-Trentham's ministry costs), and to work out ways in which our parish can go forward with full time ministry without this assistance. Our parish will have an approximately \$15,000 extra to pay next year.

There was a lot of good discussion, and more importantly good feeling at the table. We have determined to have a couple of joint meetings next year so that we can plan for combined events.

We, as a parish, now have some decisions to make.

Do we want full time ministry (which is six days per week), and if we do how will we go about covering the financial short fall?

Do we only need part-time ministry (however many days that looks like), and if we do what do the lay people need to cover in order to be effective in the towns where we worship?

This is not about me; this is a decision about the future of the parish and the ministry in years and decades to come.

As I said at the meeting on Tuesday, I am completely committed to this parish and I believe that we have people who are imaginative and hard working to make this happen.

Let's keep praying for a solution.

Mel

Pew Bulletin

Safe Church

There will be a safe church refresher workshop in Woodend in March next year. If it is three years since your first workshop then you'll need to book in. Details to come.

All Saints and All Souls

We will celebrate All Saints and All Souls next Sunday. Please let Rev. Mel know if you would like the name of a loved one read out at the service.

St Paul's Kyneton Plant Sale

Head up to Kyneton to support our Cluster family on November 3rd between 9am-1pm for their plant sale. Funds raised will go towards the restoration of the bell tower.

St Paul's Cathedral Bendigo

Our cathedral is celebrating 150 years in November. See the brochure on the notice boards for events that we are welcome to attend.

News from the Guilds

St Mary's Guild:

The next street stall is November 10, and knit and natter is November 21

St George's Guild

The Flower Show is on November 24th at 1pm.

Macedon Ranges Toy Shop

Once again we have been invited to participate in the Macedon Ranges Toy Shop that is run by the Kyneton Baptist Church.

This year, as in previous years, we are asked to donate new toys or vouchers to young people in the area who would otherwise not receive a Christmas gift due to family circumstances. A box to receive donations will be placed under the Christmas tree at the beginning of Advent.

Other Diary Dates

Armistice Centenary celebration service November 11

White Ribbon Day Service November 25

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.

Christmas Carols in the garden at St Mary's on December 21

Blue Christmas Service at St Mary's on December 22

Christmas Carols in St George's on December 23

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, Carmela, Heath, Helen, Jim,

Lindy, Judy and John.

Birthdays and anniversaries

Happy birthday to Alison Howarth this week

Years Mind and those who have died recently

We remember Joy Lake and Janina Buckingham this week



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