



THE Anglican Parish *of* Woodend-Trentham



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 9th 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 – 100 All Creatures (*verses 1, 3, 5, 7*)

Sentence of the day

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

James 2.13

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,
whose word is life,
and whose delight is to answer our cry:
give us faith like that of the woman
who refused to remain an outsider,
so that we too may have the wit to argue
and demand that our children be made whole,
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from Proverbs chapter 22 verses 1 to 23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.
The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.
Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Psalm 125

Those who put their trust in the Lord
shall be as Mount Zion:
which cannot be shaken, but endures for ever.

**As the mountains stand about Jerusalem,
so stands the Lord about his people:
from this time forward for evermore.**

For the sceptre of wickedness shall have no sway
over the land apportioned to the righteous:
lest the righteous set their hands to do evil.

**Do good, O Lord, to those who are good:
to those that are upright in heart.**

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
let the Lord lead them away with the evildoers:
and in Israel let there be peace.

A reading from Saint James' letter chapter 2 verses 1 to 17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into

court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Gospel hymn – 105 Let all the World

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 7
beginning at the 24th verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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 – 640 Kneels at the Feet

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 – 132 Holy Holy Holy

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.*

As I type this I have taken my laptop into the loungeroom to be a supportive partner and cheer on Ray's favourite Rugby League team – Melbourne Storm. He is getting very excited about various parts of the game so far, and I have to admit to cheering when I realised that

someone dressed in purple (Storm's team colour) was bursting through the pack with the ball in hand, towards the scoreline. I don't know a great deal about the game but I kind of get how it works. I do know that the winner of this game will get next week off and is one step closer to the grand final.

It reminds me that around this time last year we were waiting for the train from London to Paris and met a couple from Bendigo (of all places!). We may not have even realised that we were Australian except that the man was wearing a shirt with the Richmond Tigers emblem on the pocket and I started up a conversation.

It was the day of the Preliminary Final in Melbourne and The Tigers were one point ahead of the opposition at half time. A quick chat about how many years it had been since the last win in September and then they went on their way – we were heading to a different part of the station from them.

An hour later they came back to find us, they were shouting and cheering that the Tigers were in the Grand Final. Four strangers who'd never met before were hugging each other in the middle of London because of a football game 17,000kms away!

If only we were always so demonstrative about our faith in Jesus and in the joy that we have knowing that we are loved!

Peace, Mel (Go Tigers!)

Pew Bulletin

Youth Ministry Group

Our Youth Ministry Group meets THIS Wednesday from 5-7pm in the hall.

The Spirit

Don't forget to collect your copy of The Spirit. St George's features this month on the back page!

Safe Church

Thank you to everyone who have done their WWCC and safe church workshop. We are well on the way to having everyone accredited who needs to be so.

If it has been three years since you did your workshop you will need to do a refresher – there is a refresher workshop booked for Saturday 13 October St John's Anglican Church, Cnr Victoria and Wyndham Streets, Kerang. There will be other refresher workshops in 2019 also.

To book your spot please go to

<http://www.bendigoanglican.org.au/safe-church-awareness-workshops/>

or ask Rev. Mel for assistance

Australian Anglican Church Calendar

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

Please see Carol Barker to place your order.

Tree Planting

A tree will be planted in the garden at St Mary's in memory of Uncle Gene Roberts; a great friend of the parish and a tireless worker for healing between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

September 15th at 11am in the garden at St Mary's.

We will be raising money for the indigenous literacy foundation on the day. <https://www.indigenouliteracyfoundation.org.au/>

Car Boot Sale

Our parish has been offered a free spot at the Woodend Car Boot Sale on October 6. Details to come closer to the day but 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.

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

Birthdays and anniversaries

Happy birthday to John Durban!

Years Mind and those who have died recently

Please let us know if there is someone special you would like to remember this week.

Readings for next week

Proverbs 1.20-33

Psalms 19

James 2.18-26

Mark 8.27-38



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