

THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham  
*A member of the Central Highlands Cluster Ministry*

**St George's, Trentham 9.00am | St Mary's, Woodend 11.00am**



10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – First Sunday of Lent

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people,  
of the Woi wurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung language groups,  
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

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him. Luke 4.8

## Gathering Hymn –

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 by the devil.

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.**

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

*The absolution*

*Let us pray*

O saving God,  
who led your people through the wilderness  
and brought them to the promised land:  
so guide us that, following our Saviour,  
we may walk through the wilderness of this world  
and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come;  
through your Son, 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 the book of Deuteronomy chapter 26 verses 1 to 11*

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the

Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

### **Psalm 91.1-2 and 9-16**

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:  
who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,

**They will say to the Lord**

**'You are my refuge and my stronghold:  
my God in whom I trust.'**

The Lord himself is your refuge:  
you have made the Most High your stronghold.

**Therefore no harm will befall you:  
nor will any scourge come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels:  
to keep you in all your ways.

**They will bear you up in their hands:  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder:  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord,**

**'and therefore I will deliver you:**

**I will lift you out of danger, because you have known my name.**

'When you call upon me I will answer you:

I will be with you in trouble, I will rescue you and bring you to honour.

**'With long life I will satisfy you:**

**and fill you with my salvation.'**

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 10 verses 4 to 13*

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

*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 Luke chapter 4  
beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse*

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

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 – Ubi Caritas** (*repeat until the altar is ready*)



*Translation – Where there is charity and love, God is to be found*

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**

*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....**

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

*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 –**

*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*

What a beautiful beginning to Lent we had on Wednesday. Four very different services on the day, and at each a new aspect of Lent to discover.

It was lovely to be with the Trentham Aged Care Residents and speak a little with them about what it means to be people who observe Lent in a special setting like theirs, and then in the evening to have some of our youngest parishioners; Naimh and Rupert attend and take part.

Every Lent with you has been special but this beginning was particularly poignant because of those differences. But one thing was familiar to all of the services, and that is the sense of wonder that so many of us come to Lent with. Whether we are still trying to come up with a Lenten discipline to observe, or whether we come to Lent full of the wonder of what it is that Jesus has done for us by sharing our humanity, either way it felt very special to be with you on Wednesday.

And so now we are on the path to Good Friday, and it is right that we try to sit quietly and reflect on what this season means for us as individuals, us as church, and us as the world that God so loves.

I wish you all a blessed and holy Lenten time.

Peace, Mel

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### **Pew Bulletin**

#### **Safe Church**

March 30 refresher workshop at Woodend.

If you haven't done a workshop at all and you think you need to please speak to Reverend Mel. There are two workshops coming up:

Saturday 6 April at Holy Trinity, Flora Hill

Saturday 15 June at Holy Trinity, Flora Hill

Please register via the website [www.bendigoanglican.org.au](http://www.bendigoanglican.org.au)

The cost of the refresher workshop is \$20 and the full workshop is \$35 and the parish will reimburse you if you require.

#### **Saturdays in Lent**

We will be gathering for prayer at 6.30pm each Saturday evening during Lent, alternating between the two centres.

March 16	St George's
March 23	St Mary's
March 30	St George's
April 6	St Mary's
April 13	St George's

### **Sundays in Lent – God at the Movies**

On Sunday afternoons in Lent the BBC series *Broken* will be shown in the Sherlocks' home at 3 Lelant Street, Trentham. Each runs for an hour and will begin at 2.30pm.

The series is set in a Roman Catholic parish in England's north, led by Father Michael Kerrigan (Sean Bean), a central figure in his local community.

Each episode focuses on an issue of life today. This afternoon (March 10) we meet a woman in deepening poverty, driven to test the law: what response does Christian faith make?

### **Refugee support movie**

On Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.40pm in the hall the Rural Australians for Refugees are showing 'The Staging Post'. Entry by donation.

Please go to [trybooking.com/BBGQJ](http://trybooking.com/BBGQJ) or call Margot 0409 284 824 for bookings.

### **News from the Guilds:**

*St Mary's Guild* – Please pick up a bulb order form and support this new fundraiser.

St Mary's Guild has decided to focus their mission giving on the Anglican Board of Mission and will do retiring collections throughout the months of March, June, and September. If you have some coins to drop in the box at St Mary's as you leave please do.

St Mary's Guild will be hosting a St Patrick's Day lunch on Sunday march 17<sup>th</sup>. \$5 for soup and bread, raffle prizes, and lots of green based fun to be had!

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Happy Birthday to Elizabeth McInerney this week. Love and prayers as you continue to recover.

## **Years Mind and those who have died recently**

This week we remember Dot Woolley, Judy Campbell, Murray Bedson, Ivan Londish, and Penny Turner

## **Intercessions – our prayers are asked for:**

Bill, Sam, Wendy, Jeanette, Carmela, Jim, Judy and John, Hayden, Sandra, Sheryl and Roger, Trevor, Kristina and Jon, Judy, Ron, Fletcher, Rosie, Russell, Elizabeth, and Gael.

## **Readings for next week**

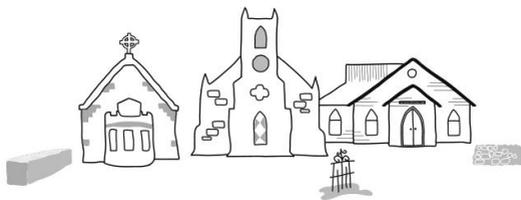
Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18                      Psalm 27  
Philippians 3.17-4.1                      Luke 13.1-9

The colour of the season of Lent is purple. Purple is the colour for mourning and penitence, and in the church is the colour we use during our periods of waiting (Advent and Lent).

## **Mission and Parish Giving**

If you would like to participate in the direct debit offering option our account details are:

BSB    633 000                      Account    1498 24906  
Ref: Parish Giving



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