



# St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

St Alban's Kilmany, St Anne's Golden Beach & St Mark's Loch Sport

*We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people as the original custodians of this region.  
All churches of the parish stand on the lands of the Gunaikurnai people.*

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**Cathedral Parish Vision:** *"People of Christian faith –  
Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday."*

**24<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Pentecost 7**

## Sentence of Scripture

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. *Luke 11.9*

### The Prayer of the day

Provident Father,  
with the prayer your Son taught us  
always on our lips,  
we ask, we seek, we knock at your door:  
help us so to seek  
that we may truly find,  
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,  
and so to knock that the door of mercy  
may be opened for us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Lambeth Conference

God of Life,  
in baptism you give us new birth  
into a living hope,  
calling us into your marvellous light  
that we may live as your people;  
bless with the Spirit's presence all who  
will gather for the Lambeth  
Conference, including Bishop Richard  
that their work, prayer and fellowship  
may bear fruit to your glory,  
and inspire people everywhere to  
walk, listen and witness together  
as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:

**Sundays - 8.00am and 10.00am** **Wednesdays - 10.00am** in the Lady Chapel

**Meditation in person: 4.15pm Mondays**

*Sunday* **Healing Eucharist** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month @ 5pm

*Evenings* **Contemplative Service** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 5pm

### Outcentre Services:

**St Anne's Golden Beach** 10.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 2.00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

**St Alban's Kilmany** 2.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

**St Mark's Loch Sport** 10.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

**TODAY**

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**Zoom Links: Daily: Evening Prayer at 5.30pm - 6.00pm**

Meeting ID: 879 3927 8803 Passcode: Prayer

**Meditation**

**Monday to Friday: silent Christian Meditation, 8.15am - 8.45am**

Meeting ID: 809 497 711 Passcode: 600361

### **Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests**

Please contact Naomi McDonald 5144 5922

**The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer**

***Please pray for our supported student Hemirose Igo at Newton College PNG.***

### **A Reading from the Book of Genesis**

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.'

Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.'

Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.'

He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.'

He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.' *Genesis 18.20-32*

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 85

O Lord, you were gracious to your land:

**you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

You forgave the iniquity of your people:

**and covered all their sin.**

You put aside all your wrath:

**and turned away from your fierce indignation.**

Return to us again, O God our saviour:

**and let your anger cease from us.**

Will you be displeased with us for ever:

**will you stretch out your wrath  
from one generation to another?**

Will you not give us life again:

**that your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your mercy, O Lord:

**and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God will speak:

**for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.**

Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:

**and his glory shall dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth are met together:

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other;**

Truth shall flourish out of the earth:

**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will also give us all that is good:

**and our land shall yield its plenty.**

For righteousness shall go before him:

**and tread the path before his feet.**

## A Reading from The Letter to the Colossians

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood

against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. *Colossians 2.6-15*

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’

He said to them, ‘When you pray, say:  
Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.’

And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.”

And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.”

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?

Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

*Luke 11.1-13*

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

***Dean’s Reflection***

This week for our first reading we had a choice of listening to God commanding Hosea to “take a wife of whoredom” and call the subsequent children resulting from the union by horrific names (Hosea 2:1-10) or the reading I’ve chosen to go with from Genesis 18, where the “three men” who represent the Lord, having been fed and watered by Abraham set out to check out Sodom and Gomorrah, with the intention of destroying those wicked cities.

So often we talk about accepting “God’s will”, and there’s been a strong strain of emphasising God’s almighty-ness, God’s power and might and inscrutability. As if we can’t argue with God, but must simply bow to God’s will. What’s interesting in the story of Abraham is the dynamic between him and God: he argues (politely, but boldly) with God, going in to bat on behalf of his nephew Lot and the people in the area in which he settled near Sodom. “If only 10 righteous people are found, will you spare the city?” “Yes,” God says.

This is a complete contrast to the story that happens towards the end of Abraham’s life, when God commands him to take Isaac and sacrifice him on Mount Moriah. There are some reputable scholars who suggest that Abraham failed the test dismally when he agreed, when he raised the knife, intending to plunge it into his son’s neck, when he failed to protest the horror of child sacrifice (something God later tells the people of Israel God abhors), when he failed to protest God’s unreasonable demand to sacrifice the son of the promise.

What this suggests to me is that when we are truly engaged in relationship with God, there really is a partnership: God wants to be in relationship with us, to enter into debate, to argue (lovingly). One doesn’t argue unless one truly cares about the matter one’s arguing about. To argue with God, to reason with God in the way Abraham did on behalf of Lot and the people of Sodom (whether they deserved it or not), suggests such an invitation for us too. An invitation which is well taken up in psalms of lament. What things about our world would you be willing to argue about with God? In this last week, my “arguments” have been my heart’s cry looking at the current exhibition in the gallery in Sale depicting extinction; the ongoing financial squeeze which means people can’t afford to keep warm or buy food; the presence of varroa mite threatening our bee population; a difficult personal relationship. I wonder what you would be prepared to argue with God about?

*Your Dean, Keren*

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### **Covid — still!**

In view of the recent large increase in Covid infections and hospitalisations in Victoria the Chapter at Tuesday’s meeting decided with regret to suggest the following measures in order to keep our vulnerable members as safe as we can:

We strongly recommend the **wearing of masks** at all times when indoors.

Use hand **sanitiser**, or **wash** your hands in warm water and soap when you come in.

Encourage **social distancing** when entering and leaving the site.

Encourage **social distancing** in the pews, returning to previous spacing: alternate rows for 8am and 10am, indicated by labels on the pews. In order to keep our vulnerable safe.

**Do not touch** anything you don’t have to, and take your bulletin home with you, replacing any books you have used on the “used” side. (They will be safe to use the next Sunday)

To **suspend morning teas and lunches** for the time being. (We do appreciate how much this will disappoint people, and will reinstate these as soon as it is safe to do so.)

If you have any **cold or 'flu** symptoms, or have been in close contact with an infected person, **please do not come to church.**

10am services will continue to be live streamed.

**Wanderers** are meeting at Jack Ryans for lunch on Fri 29<sup>th</sup> at 12-30pm for lunch.

**Cuppa and chat** on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> at the Red Catt at 10-30am.

If anyone would like to go to either or both outings please let Jan Lear on 0421605461

### **Lambeth Conference and Prayer Diary**

The next Lambeth Conference will take place **26<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022** this year at the University of Kent in Canterbury, under the theme “God’s Church for God’s World: walking, listening and witnessing together”.

*Bishop Richard would personally be grateful for your prayers as he seeks to represent the Diocese at this once in a decade event.*

<https://www.lambethconference.org/>

There is a variety of information and different prayers on the website.

### **Pastoral Care Team Communique**

Pastoral Care Team met on Wednesday this week, and we're looking to revitalise this ministry in our midst. Over the coming weeks a few different things will be unfolding.

The first of these you will find in the foyer this week - a **Prayer List.**

For those unfamiliar with it, as you come into church, you're invited to place on the list any names of people you may be carrying in your heart and mind, any issue for which there is a need (eg fires and floods and disasters and wars; the deaths of significant people/public figures etc) - along with any thanksgivings you may wish to offer. The sidesperson on duty will hand this sheet to the Liturgical Assistant at the beginning of the service, and those people and concerns listed will be prayed for during the service. If for some reason there's no space in the intercessions that day to offer those prayers, they will be offered during the Wednesday service.

The second of these new/different things is that we are looking at how we connect with each other, and especially following up those who need to receive **Home Communion** because they cannot come to church any more. If you are in this situation, or you know someone in this situation who is not yet receiving home communion and would like to do so, please let one of the clergy know. We want to make sure that we don't lose contact with those who have been faithfully connected with the Cathedral over many years!

**Uniting Gippsland have a range of volunteer positions** available in their Emergency Relief team from Monday to Friday. They also have positions available in our HACC team facilitating group programs with an imaginative approach to program development to suit the Volunteers skillset and the needs of the community. If you are able to help in any way please contact Tamara at Uniting Gippsland 03 5144 7777

**PLANT and CAKE STALL Fundraiser** on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.

We are seeking any unwanted plastic pots, ceramic or terracotta pots, hanging baskets which can be used for seedlings, cuttings, plants, etc. Even unloved garden ornaments are great sellers.

For all our cooks, we will be seeking cakes, slices, scones or any delicacy that is saleable. **Let us make this a successful activity.** Contact Jan Kewley 0427463490, Esther Cribbes 51431053 and Ann Miller, and encourage anyone else who would like to be involved.

Thank-you to everyone who gives to **ABM through the offertory envelopes.** This money goes to the **Solomon Islands' Climate Change, Disaster Management and Social Inclusion Project.** The Solomon Islands are on Australia's doorstep in the Pacific Ocean and face acute risk from climate change. Australia, as a developed nation with the 11<sup>th</sup> highest per capita carbon emissions in the world, is particularly responsible for their plight. This ABM project will fund disaster management training, as well as providing improved food security during and after disasters through the establishment of home gardens and model food gardens in schools.

**'Bricks' money 'cups'** to offset our building loan still available.

We are intending to hold a **Book Fair** in mid January 23, and are now collecting **good quality books**, (please no exlibrary books) CDs and DVDs. Please drop off on the back verandah of the hall. Please let others know we are now collecting books. There will be a large theology section, and happy to receive more!!

**The 10 am service each week is live streamed.**

(Search *St Paul's Cathedral Sale* ***when in*** YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLG94vHT28kEG4Ghd80PhQ/videos?view=57>

**Meditation is on** Monday to Friday on line and in person in the cathedral on Mondays at 4.15pm

**Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission**

BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering etc.

**Internet Bank Transfer: St Paul's Building Fund ('Fill the gap')**

BSB 705 077 Acc no: 000 409 69 NO reference needed

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**Advance Notices of events at the Abbey**

**Tenth annual WINTER FEAST**

will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September with festivities commencing at 12 noon.

The charge for this event has been contained at \$60 per person.

Our practice of unleashing the otherwise hidden culinary talents of Anglicans in our midst has been maintained with Brian Norris and his team from Tambo Parish preparing a sumptuous three course meal with matching wines.

For further information and bookings please contact Anna at The Abbey on 5156 6580 or [info@theabbey.org.au](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au)

*St Paul's usually have enough bookings for a table, with rides available.  
More info soon. Book your place directly with Anna.*

**DIOCESAN RETREAT**

**5pm Fri 21 October – 3pm Sat 22 October 2022**

***'Praying it Forward: Emerging Hope and Our Role as Ancestors of The Future'***

**Retreat Leader Dr Cath Connelly**

Come on retreat and savour the beauty and peace of The Abbey on Raymond Island

There will be times for silence, prayer and reflection, times for learning together, times to walk, to share, to create, to be

1-25 First Parade, Raymond Island

**Cost per person:** Residential: Inc dinner Friday, breakfast and lunch Saturday

Twin share - \$135 Single accommodation: additional \$35.00

Non residential: Inc dinner, breakfast and lunch - \$85.00

For all bookings, please contact The Abbey Phone: (03) 5156 6580 or Email:

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