

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 — 4th September 2022 Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday." Pentecost 13

Sentence of Scripture

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.

Luke 14.27

The Prayer of the day

God of the ages, you call the Church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times: grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows,

so that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work you have set before us;

through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 1st Sunday of the month @ 5pm TODAY

Evenings Contemplative Service 3rd Sunday of the month @ 5pm

Outcentre Services:

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month *TODAY*St Alban's Kilmany 2.00pm 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday of the month *TODAY*

St Mark's Loch Sport 10.30am 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

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

Meeting ID: 879 3927 8803 Passcode: Prayer

Meditation: Weekdays: silent Christian Meditation, 8.15am-8.45am

Meeting ID: 809 497 711 Passcode: 600361

Meditation on Mondays at 4.15pm in the cathedral

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Cathedral Organist: Anthony Hahn 0437 569 608

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 Prophet Jeremiah

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Jeremiah 18.1-11

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

Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:

you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.

You discern my path and the places where I rest:

you are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue:

but you, Lord, know it altogether.

You have encompassed me behind and before:

and have laid your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:

so high that I cannot endure it.

For you have created my inward parts:

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will praise you, for you are to be feared:

fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.

You knew my soul,

and my bones were not hidden from you:

when I was formed in secret,

and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:

and in your book were all my members written;

Day by day they were fashioned:

and not one was late in growing.

How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:

and how great is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,

they are more in number than the sand:

were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.

A Reading from the Letter to Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. *Philemon 1-25*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.

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. 'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

Luke 14.25-35

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

Dean's Reflection

In today's gospel reading, Jesus says uncompromisingly: "none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions". If you're like me, you might think, "Yikes. What am I, a privileged person with lots of possessions, supposed to do with that?"

The whole passage is about the cost of discipleship, the cost of following Jesus, and his followers being invited to count that cost. In other words, don't leap in with both feet without knowing what you're in for.

He also says, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple." On the face of it, these are harsh words that seem to fly in the face of everything else Jesus says in the gospels. What's this business about hating anyone?

The way I rationalise these harsh words is that Jesus is making a point and using a form of hyperbole – though it's sharp, that's for sure. What he's saying is that all these things – possessions, life itself, family, friends, parents and obligations to them – all these things cannot be distractions from the call to follow Jesus, and that discipleship, following him, comes first in life, and indeed shapes how we interact with the world.

When we look earnestly and truly at those words, we are indeed brought up short. In Australia, family has become the most important value. There is pressure to conform to a host of expectations. Regular Sunday attendance has now become once a month if not once every six weeks — because inevitably sport and family commitments happen on Sundays. But it's not just about what we do on a Sunday morning. It's about what we value in life, and what we put first.

What are you putting first right now in your life? Where are your priorities? Where does the call to follow Jesus fit, or how does it shape your approach and choices? *Your Dean*,

Keren 0438220878 <u>KerenT@gippslandanglicans.org.au</u>.

Vaccination status

The Victorian Government changed the mandates regarding which kinds of workers are obliged to demonstrate proof of vaccination in order to carry out their jobs. There are now no restrictions for either paid or voluntary religious workers, and no need to demonstrate proof of vaccination in order to carry out a ministry. This is welcome news indeed! There are many in our community who stepped back from ministries owing to the mandate. My hope is that we can joyfully welcome all folk back to taking up these roles! *The Dean*.

We are resuming morning tea after services, starting from 4th September, with the following caveats:

- that seating be arranged to facilitate social distancing
- that masks be worn by those serving in the kitchen
- that (at St Paul's) everything is served from the hatch, and elsewhere, consideration is given to one person serving rather than a self-serve situation

Ladies, Sale CWCI Committee invite you to hear Beth Allison speaking on the theme *Has your joy been stolen*? Saturday 10th September 1.30-3.30pm at Sale Baptist Church. High Tea will be provided. Entry by donation. Contact Elaine 5149 7114 or see Trish.

WANDERERS Fri 9th Sep at 12-30pm lunch at Portside. Fri Sep 23rd lunch at the Sports Club in Maffra at 12-30pm. CUPPA & CHAT At Red Catt Thur 1st Sep and the 15th Sep If you would like to go please let Esther know on ph 0417431053

Registrations now open - Climate Action Webinar

https://www.gippslandanglicans.org.au/calendar Wednesday 14th September 7-8 PM

Join us for a free webinar to hear about the ways we can take action for a sustainable climate. Hear from experts in the field on real ways to start, or continue your journey towards a healthier Earth.

Our panel host is The Rt Revd Dr Richard Treloar, Bishop of Gippsland. Joining the discussion is:

Revd Dr Ji Zhang, Assembly Theologian-in-Residence, UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA -

Revd Dr Zhang is the producer of a video series Towards Zero that brings together theology along with practical actions to reduce emissions, and importantly, tools to measure impact. www.uniting.church/towards-zero-2 Uniting Church in Australia

- Sally Shaw, National Director, A ROCHA AUSTRALIA A Rocha is a Christian nature conservation organisation. www.australia.arocha.org A Rocha Australia
- Ian Southall, BAW BAW SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK Ian Southall is a passionate, knowledgeable and active Gippslander who has supported education and action on sustainability for many years.

www.bbsn.org.au Baw Baw Sustainability Network www.gippslandanglicans.org.au

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.

Prayer List.

On the table with the Bulletins is a weekly prayer list. You're invited to place 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. Those people and concerns listed will be prayed for during the service.

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

Notices of events at the Abbey

Tenth annual WINTER FEAST

will be held on Saturday 10th September with festivities commencing at 12 noon. The charge for this event has been contained at \$60 per person.

For further information and bookings please contact Anna at The Abbey on 5156 6580 or info@theabbey.org.au

St Paul's usually have enough bookings for a table, with rides available. 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

For all bookings, please contact The Abbey Phone: (03) 5156 6580 or Email: info@theabbey.org.au

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

Sunday Bulletin / Web/Facebook contact:

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PLANTS

CAKES

DEVONSHIRE TEAS

When: Saturday 15th October 2022

Where: Delbridge Hall & Courtyard 9am – 1pm

We need You! * Bakers

* Makers

* Stall persons

* Lucky ticket sellers

* Set up/put down helpers

We need donations:

PLEASE *pots - hanging baskets – plants

- potting mix - seedlings - garden ornaments

Deliver to: 1/213 Macarthur Street, leave on verandah or back verandah of the hall or bring on Sunday,

Thank you to those who have offered to assist on day, we still need a few more names, please.

Roster sheets are available in foyer.

There will be 3 guest gardeners on the day, who will take time to answer gardening queries.

Sing a New Song

A workshop for clergy, choir leaders, choir members and anyone interested in extending their knowledge of church music in local parishes and communities.



Conducted by Stuart Connew

Organist and Director of Music at the Anglican Parish of the Parks, St Silas and St Anselm, Albert Park (Melbourne)

Saturday, 5th November, 10:30 am to 2.30pm St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Sale

149 Cunningham Street, Sale

More information to come soon.

