



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."

5th February 2023
Epiphany 5

Sentence of Scripture

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5.16*

The Prayer of the day

Faithful God,
you have appointed us your witnesses,
to be a light that shines in the world:
let us not hide the bright hope you have given us,
but tell everyone your love,
revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord,
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 except in January

Outcentre Services:

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month

St Alban's Kilmany 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month

St Mark's Loch Sport 10.30am 4th Sunday 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 Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Trish Broadbear 0418 104 840

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 Isaiah

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgements,

they delight to draw near to God.

'Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the Lord ?

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, *Isaiah 58.1-9a*
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112

O praise the Lord. Blessed are they fear the Lord:
and greatly delight in his commandments.
Their children shall be mighty in the land:
an upright race who will be blessed.
Riches and plenty shall be in their house:
and their righteousness shall stand for ever.
Light arises in darkness for the upright:
gracious and merciful are the righteous.
It goes well with those who act generously and lend:
who guide their affairs with justice.
Surely they shall never be moved:
the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.
They will not fear bad tidings:
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
Their hearts are confident and will not fear:
they will see the downfall of their enemies.
They give freely to the poor:
**their righteousness stands for ever,
their head is uplifted in glory.**
The wicked shall see it and be angry:
**they shall gnash their teeth and consume away;
and the hope of the wicked shall fail.**

A Reading from The First Letter to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom.
For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.

But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him’—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

1 Corinthians 2.1-13

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. *Matthew 5.13-20*

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

Dean's Reflection

“I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” Paul continues his letter to the Corinthians with this shocking line. We don't “get” the shocking nature of it, because the image of the crucified one hanging on a cross, and indeed the cross itself, is so ubiquitous as to be almost invisible and certainly unremarkable. But for the ancient world, crucifixion was a horrific and shameful display of weakness. People sneered and ridiculed followers of The Way because they worshipped the Crucified; surely you'd want to worship the power of a Zeus (Jupiter), rather than someone who'd managed to get himself killed in such an undignified manner.

So let's take a moment to absorb what Paul's saying here: he's embracing weakness; he even suggests that he came across to the Corinthians all trembly and shaky, clinging to the knees of the crucified Christ. What a pathetic mental image! But there's purpose in Paul's use of it. Because the Corinthians have been vying with one another for importance and power and precedence; one claims to be better than another, and they've formed cliques around personality. So he's trying to get them to see that actually, the pattern of Christ's power is not wielding it over others, but of ceding it.

That's uncomfortable even for us. We want our political party of choice to win (or hold the balance of power) in parliament. We want our football team to triumph (go Lions!). We have drilled into us with our mother's milk “don't be a loser”.

What then do we make of this mode of weakness which gives of itself in vulnerability? Because here's the thing: when power is given away, the one who gives is paradoxically the most powerful. Christ in his vulnerability shows us the very heart of God for us – which is anything but weak, and is powerful enough to make and sustain the entire universe. When Paul is deciding to know nothing but Jesus Christ crucified, he is inviting the Corinthians (and us) to draw close to the heart of God, which is not about striving against others for pre-eminence, but throwing ourselves on God's merciful goodness and seeking to live out of that kindness.

Your Dean, Keren

Pastoral Care Team's first meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 8th February at 3pm.

Rev. Lyn Williams and Kaye Harrington will be running another training for **Welcomers and Sidespersons** at 11am on 18th February.

Please pray for Sue Newcombe who will be ordained as a Deacon on Saturday 11th February at 11am.

The first meeting for this year's **Chapter** will be on Thursday 9th February at 7:30pm, preceded by a shared meal at 6:30pm. Please pray for our Chapter members.

Thank you to all who helped cater for the concert Sunday and the funeral of Lorie Conway. Rev Susanna's father Des died this week. A card is available to be signed by all. Our love and prayers to both families.

Following on from our first two educational webinars in 2022, we are pleased to invite you *Webinar #3: Securing Food in A Changing Climate, Wednesday 15th Feb, 7-8 PM*. We are looking forward to hearing from Jonathan Cornford, Co-Founder of Manna Gum, a ministry in 'good news economics'. Take a look at [Enough for all | Manna Gum](#) Jonathan will overview our whole food system and highlight the factors that impact how food is made available. The politics of the food system will be discussed and what the practical implications are for people in Australia. Jonathan will join in a Q&A/discussion with webinar attendees. Relax with a cuppa or a glass-of-something, and join us from the comfort of your own home. For more details, to **register** or to download the poster, please visit [Securing Food in a Changing Climate | Gippsland Anglicans](#)

THE WILDEST BOOK WEEK (FAIR) EVER

(Youtube of story at <https://youtu.be/XMszTqNkS1M>)



Introducing (most of) the most amazing, hard working, sometimes crazy and wild book fair volunteers. *(Below what Christine reported last Sunday)*

After 8 months of seriously collecting books and Wendy sorting and packing them, 3 weeks of setting them up, 3 weeks of selling and 5 days so far packing up, the book fair is NEARLY over!

In 2016 we held our first Book fair, used the Community Room and some of the foyer and raised \$2000ish. 2017 and 2018 we expanded to part of the hall and raised approx \$6000 each time. 2021 expanded to, well, everywhere! Raising \$23 727 But the focus was on covid and social distancing and QR codes, and a lot of fear. 2 yrs later, we had only 4 more tables out and many more bigger books, but something radically changed.

The focus changed from being a **FUND** raiser, to, well for the team, a **FUN** raiser

with all the silly photos, but more importantly, it became a real ministry. Kathy would invite people to look at the cathedral, some popped in to pray. One lady I learnt had been friends with Bishop John, lost contact, recently heard he had died, and when moving to Maffra, discovered he had lived here. It just SO happened, we had a copy of Bishop's book, I gave it to her, she kissed his photo and burst into tears. The young adult we donated 3 bags of books to who had lost hers in the flood, she cried! The 5 yr old who cried and we not only returned her bunny, but a week later gave her a book about a bunny who reads. Lyn would find books people might like and ring them up. We were constantly told how well it was set up, and how friendly our workers/volunteers were. Etc etc...

I am so, so proud and humbled by the huge quantity and quality of the work done by the 22 or so team, and I thank God for all of you, and for blessing us and all who came in so many ways.

THANK YOU AWESOME TEAM, not matter what part you played, it was all appreciated and important and valued.

Christine



Solar Panels for the Hall/Cathedral are up, and turned on, but the electricity it produces not recognised yet.

St Paul's is grateful for the dollar-for-dollar grant from Sustainability Victoria, which

made this possible. This project is supported by the Community Climate Change and Energy Action program, which is delivered by Sustainability Victoria on behalf of the Victorian Government. See <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au>
We have received over \$3000 in donations or pledges so far. Around \$5k to go.

Anglican Hospital Chaplaincy – Central Gippsland Hospital Sale

If you would like to have the Hospital Chaplain visit you, a family member or a friend please contact the Revd Heather Toms, Hospital Chaplain on 0400 512 217'.

The (10am) service each week is live streamed. (Search *St Paul's Cathedral Sale when in* YouTube)

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

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission and SOLAR
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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Commissioning of Lay Canons and Chapter

Today we commission our Lay Canons and Chapter members to their work of care for the Cathedral.

The Dean addresses the Lay Canons and Chapter:

I ask you to answer before God and in the presence of this congregation:

Will you serve the people of this parish in the role of lay canon or chapter member, with compassion, intelligence, imagination and love, relying on God's mercy, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will with God's help.

The Dean addresses the congregation:

Members of the congregation, you have heard these our brothers and sisters commit to this ministry. Will you support and encourage them, so that Christ's church in this place may be built up in love, and function smoothly and with efficiency?

We will, with God's help.

The Dean says:

I commission you for the role of Chapter member or Lay Canon, and assure you of my prayer and support.

Let us pray.

Living God,

you have called us to be the Body of Christ.

May our cathedral be a sign of love and compassion in this community.

May all we do bring honour to your name

and draw others to your love.

We ask in the name of Jesus

who came to serve and bring us to the fullness of life. **Amen.**

The Blessing

May the God of peace

make you holy in every way,

and make fruitful

all you do in God's name. **Amen.**