



ANGLICAN PARISH OF
GISBORNE
MACEDON | RIDDELLS CREEK | GISBORNE



Easter 4B

Sunday, 21st April, 2024

St Paul's, Gisborne 9 am
Church of the Resurrection, Macedon 10.30 am
St John's, Riddells Creek 5 pm

The Anglican Parish of Gisborne acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the peoples of the Kulin Nations, and we pay our respects to their elders, living, past and emerging.

The Parish of Gisborne is committed to being a Child Safe organisation.

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for worship. Whether you are a visitor or a regular parishioner of the Anglican Church, you are invited to join us in Holy Communion. Please make yourself known to us and if you would like more information about our community and ministry, then please take a copy of our welcome brochure, visit our website or ask one of our welcomers.

Dear Friends,

We all have gifts that God has given us for the building up of his Kingdom. It is important (essential) that we use these God-given treasures, and not “hide them under a bushel”. I know that some people have been giving their time and talents to the church for many years and feel that it is time for someone else to step up. Unfortunately, as we look around it is often not clear who can “take over”. On the other hand, if you do have a talent that is not being used, perhaps you could offer to help rather than wait for someone to ask you. The “Church” recognises that people can become tired, which is one of the reasons it has legislated for senior lay office holders (wardens, parish councillors, treasurer) to have a sabbatical year every seventh year (in line with direction in the Old Testament for the land to be given a rest every seven years).

It is not just the giving of our time and talents that can get into a rut, it can also be the case with our regular, weekly financial giving. We might have given some thought to how much we would give several years ago, have you updated it recently? Not only do personal costs increase, so do the costs of running the parish. For quite some time the parish has been involved in consultations regarding the use of our extensive property portfolio. Besides being a wonderful asset for mission – the core activity of the parish – their upkeep is also a drain on our time and financial resources. This issue is becoming more critical.

I urge you to give consideration to your weekly giving. Parishioners in Gisborne, Macedon and Riddells Creek are very generous when it comes to supporting special appeals, such as for ABM, or the animal shelter, and we are launching a new appeal for donations for the respraying of the bus to extend its operating life. However, it is actually more important to give regularly to the church so that we can keep our doors open in this area of the Maceon Ranges. Please give your prayerful consideration to this.

Today's worship:

Easter 4	Acts 4.5-12	Psalm 23
	1 John 3.16-24	John 10.11-18

Next Week's Readings:

Easter 5	Acts 8.26-40	Psalm 22.26-32
	1 John 4.7-21	John 15.1-8

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Gathering Hymn

1. Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
we celebrate our risen Lord,
praising the glory of his name.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2. He is the grain of wheat that died,
sown in distress and reaped in joy,
yielding a harvest of new life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3. He is the sun which brings the dawn:
he is the light of all the world,
setting us free from death and sin.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4. He is the vine set in the earth,
sharing our life, from birth to death,
that we might share in God's own life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

5. He is the bread that comes from God,
broken to feed us in our need,
given to bring eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

6. Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
we celebrate our risen Lord,
praising the glory of his name.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Pamela Stotter 1944-

TiS 393

Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

You have revealed yourself as the way to the Father:
in your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

You have poured upon us the Spirit of truth:
in your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

You are the Shepherd of eternal life:
in your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

President

Almighty God of love and power
pardon you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray.

God, our shepherd,
you make known the power of Jesus
wherever goodness and mercy spread your table
and compassion heals the sick and suffering.
Gather all your scattered children into one fold,
so that in love of one another, they may receive
the rich anointing of gladness in Christ,
who in undying life
is one with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word through the scriptures,
open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 4, beginning at verse 5

Acts 4.5-12

At the conclusion the reader may say:

May your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 23

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou does with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

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A reading from the first letter of John, chapter 3, beginning at verse sixteen.

1 John 3.16-24

At the conclusion the reader may say:

May your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory.

Please remain standing to greet the Gospel:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“I am the first and last” says the Lord, “and the living one:
I was dead and behold I am alive.”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 10,
beginning at verse eleven.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 10.11-18

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

After a time of reflection, we affirm our faith.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God,
**the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Ministry of Prayer

A member of the Parish leads us in prayer.

*At the conclusion of the prayers, as the intercessor places the prayer requests on the Altar,
we pray together:*

**God , life of believers and glory of the just,
listen in your kindness to the prayers of the Church,
that those who cry to you in their need may be sustained
and consoled with the abundance of your blessings.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God by one body on the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may share a sign of peace with those around them.

The Offertory

1. Father, we give you thanks, who planted
your holy name within our hearts;
knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus, your Son, to us imparts.

3. Over your church, Lord, watch in mercy,
save it from evil, guard it still,
perfect it in your love, unite it,
cleansed and conforming to your will.

2. Lord, you have made all for your pleasure,
and given us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the bread eternal;
yours is the power, be yours the praise.

4. As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in the broken bread made one,
so may your world-wide church be gathered
into your kingdom by your Son.

TiS 495

From the *Didache* c. 110

tr. Francis Bland Tucker 1895-1984 *alt.*

During the singing of the Hymn, our gifts of bread, wine and money are collected and then offered at the Altar.

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

**Make us joyful, O God,
in the fellowship of your table,
that the work of Christ
may continue among us
as the source of all our joy.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Why we give thanks and praise:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

What Jesus has done for us:

By giving himself for our redemption
Christ abolished the sacrifices of old,
and he who is at once both priest and lamb
revealed himself as the perfect sacrifice.

We join the eternal song:

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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 name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Making Holy that which has been given:

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

With this bread that we bring:

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
‘This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.’

With this wine that we bring:

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
‘This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.’

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

The Mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
whom we join in their never-ending song:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,
**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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
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**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The invitation to communion is given in these words.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
This is the table, not of the Church but of the Lord.
All are welcome to his table. Alleluia!

An anthem may be sung.

The Sending out of God's People

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord.
'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

Eternal God,
God of every blessing,
enrich our minds and hearts
through this great feast of your love,
and as you have guided us into the way of salvation,
so make us worthy to reach its glorious ending.

**Most loving God,
you send us out into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn

1. To God be the glory! great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory; great things he has done.*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God!
And every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! ...

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see!

Praise the Lord! ...

Frances Jane van Alstyne
1820 – 1915 alt.
TiS 147

Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God Almighty:
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with you all evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!



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Easter 4 B

– Sunday 21 April 2024

- Acts 4.5-12; Psalm 23;
1 John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18

As we follow Jesus, we go with him to the synagogue to hear his teaching as he reveals wisdom and authority. We see Jesus answer cries to be made whole as unclean spirits depart obeying the Holy One of God. We walk with Jesus and continue to grow in knowledge that we may speak the words of God.

- Lord, help us to move beyond words to actions.
Amen.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in South Sudan.

Text: The Rev Jacqui Smith, Diocese of Newcastle
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The ABM Easter gift is supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Anglicans as they witness the good news of Jesus Christ.

MISSIONS LUNCH Sunday May 5th, 12.30pm Riddells Creek Hotel.

Cost \$25 for Sunday Roast or choose from their extensive menu.

Donation baskets on tables. All proceeds to Anglicare Program assisting women and children leaving abusive relationships. Bookings to parish office or Rosemary or Popsy. **Please support this parish function.**

MISSIONS RAFFLE | 8 Prizes to be won!

Raffle will be drawn **Sunday May 19th** all proceeds to Anglicare in support of their victims of domestic violence program. **Tickets 3 for \$5** available from Popsy, Rosemary or Margaret Poyser.

A Reflection of “ Gods Own Country” by Graham Dickinson on behalf of all of those who participated in the Lenten Study

“Lenten Studies for Gisborne Parish in 2024 focussed on the views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait clergy published in the chapters of the book, “Gods Own Country” produced by the Anglican Board of Mission. The chapters dealt with the seven days of creation of the world and how the biblical story could be related to the beliefs and traditions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait spirituality, culture and community. The Lenten Groups discussed the views expressed about the Biblical Sabbath, Respect for land, for Rest and Restoration opportunities for land and labour, and how these concepts related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait traditions. The members of the Group identified a number of Aboriginal “healing” customs and values, recognized aspects of exploitation of land and ecosystem for which the practices of the Sabbath and respect for all creation is needed. As one group member said, if the “Land” (and all that encompasses) owns the occupiers, and not the occupiers owning the Land, how much better would things be. The groups found that the “Gods Own Country” writings had many principles that would have application to Parish forums for learning and outreach.”

THE SHEPHERD IS GOOD BECAUSE HE "LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS SHEEP." I LIKE THAT.



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AND HE'S GOOD BECAUSE HE HAS THE POWER TO TAKE IT UP AGAIN.



OOH! THAT IS GOOD!



JOHN 10:11-18

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Our "Mothers' Day Stall" will be held on **Saturday the 11th of May from 9.00am – 1.00pm** next to the Trading Post, 690 Mount Macedon Road, Mount Macedon.

We have decided that Anzac Day poses too many parking and safety issues to continue on that date and seek parish support for this much needed fund-raising event.

Please prepare cakes, jams and preserves, plants and crafts to sell on the day. Cake plates may be distributed a week or two before the date and if you need jars please contact Alison.

Many thanks in anticipation of your generous support as always.

LAUNCHING AN APPEAL TO PRESERVE THE PARISH BUS

Our beloved Parish Bus needs some body work and a repaint. The cost of the required works is \$5,000.00. Our Parish Bus is a valued asset and has dutifully served the Parish through supporting the Bus Ministry, couriating Parishioners, and local community members on outings, to Parish events as well as moving stock and equipment between various parish sites. The Bus is carefully maintained and garaged by James Lindsay who continues to actively support the Bus Ministry program as Bus Driver, as well as supervising Bus maintenance. The Parish Bus enables outreach to community members who live alone and others who are isolated. The Parish Council wants to find a way to maintain the Parish Bus and **asks for your help in raising the required funds.**



During the months of **April and May you have an opportunity to contribute to the Bus Appeal**, you may be able to donate personally or join with others in the parish to run a fundraising event. In launching the Appeal, \$1500 has already been generously donated, so the current target is \$3,500. A weekly update will be provided throughout April and May on the Appeals progress.

Donations to the **Bus Appeal** can be made electronically to the **Parish Special Bus Account (Bendigo Account BSB 633000 A/c No 198264707)** or by handing to a Church Warden **cash in a marked envelope – Bus Appeal.**

PETS IN THE PARK COMMUNITY APPEAL

Following on from last year's very successful Pets in the Park Community Appeal, our Parish Animal Welfare Group is once again organising pet food donations from our Macedon Ranges community to assist people who are homeless/at risk of homelessness to provide for their pets. Donation trolleys are at Riddells Creek Foodworks and Macedon IGA supermarkets for the remainder of April (from April 24 at Macedon) and throughout May.

Pets can be a vital source of companionship and emotional support for people experiencing homeless or the threat of same.

Janine Mc Dougall & Rosemary Homewood, Co-convenors, Parish Animal Welfare Group



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Join Us!



**2 - 4 PM ON SATURDAY
11 MAY
HIGH TEA WITH SPECIAL
GUEST SPEAKER
DR NGAIRE ELWOOD AM**

Venue: Macedon CWA Hall, 662 Mount Macedon Road, Mount Macedon

About Dr Ngaire Elwood

Associate Professor Ngaire Elwood AM BSc(Hons) PhD MAICD has devoted her career to investigating, developing and providing improved therapies for the treatment of cancer, leukaemia and other disorders. She is the Director of the BMDI Cord Blood Bank at the Royal Children's Hospital and serves as Chair of the AusCord network of public cord blood banks. Dr Elwood is a resident of Mount Macedon. Dr Elwood was made a Member of the Order of Australia AM in the 2024 Australia Day Honours awards for significant service to medicine, particularly through stem cell research.

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\$40 PER PERSON
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AND A GLASS OF
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All very welcome Country Women's Association - Macedon Branch

We respect First Nations Elders past, present and future and acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of First Nations people of the land on which our members meet, and commit to building a brighter future together.

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