

Anglican Parish of Gisborne



Easter 6B

St John's Church, Riddells Creek Saturday May 5th 5.30 pm
St Paul's Church, Gisborne, Sunday May 6th 9 am
Church of the Resurrection, Sunday May 6th, 10.30 am

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 sides-persons

Today's worship:

During the week, the Feast Day of St Athanasius, sometime Bishop of Alexandria, was observed. Whilst reflecting with the Wednesday morning group, one of Athanasius' achievements was explored (albeit briefly!): the importance of understanding the difference between ORTHODOXY (correct words or belief) and ORTHOPRAXY (correct actions). One of the things that annoyed people about dear Athanasius was his dogged keeping of both. As a result, he was run out of town a few times. Keeping the letter of the law may have its place, but we were not meant to be people who stick to rituals for rituals sake!

St Peter, addressing those seeing the beginning of the new Church, realised that the Holy Spirit did not discriminate on the basis of Jew or Gentile. This was a major turning point in the life of the Church.

In the first letter of John, this phrase stands out: *For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith* (1 John 5.3-4). Our faith is not meant to be burdensome, but rather, as the Psalm proclaims, *full of joyful songs and praises* (Psalm 98). So, what does the Lord require? Whatever we do, we do so founded upon the principle of *love*. It is a new commandment, and transcends all our orthodoxy and gives life to our orthopraxis.

Scripture readings:

This Sunday: Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17

Next Sunday: Acts 1.15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19

Parish Fire Policy:

Even though the official FIRE SEASON is over, please remain diligent and aware. Should a CODE RED be called: please put your plan into immediate effect.

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Gathering of God's People

Introit Hymn: at St Paul's and St John's, Together in Song: 207:
Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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.**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

You have revealed yourself as the way to the Father.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You have poured upon us the Spirit of truth.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You are the Shepherd of eternal life:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution. Standing, the priest says

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.
By water and blood, O God,
and by the Spirit of truth,
you have revealed yourself in Christ
and formed the community of your Church.
Safeguard the unity of your people,
so that we whom Jesus calls friends
may keep his commandment of love.
For as he laid down his life for us,
so he now holds it in glorious fullness
with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word.

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

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles, chapter 10, beginning at verse 44

Acts 10.44-48.

At the end of the reading:

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 98: Together in Song 57: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Response: **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Sing to the Lord a new song.
for he had done marvellous things.
With his own right hand and with his holy arm
he has brought salvation. *Response*

The Lord has made known his salvation,
and has sown his righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered his mercy and truth
towards the house of Israel. *Response*

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Let all the world be glad in him,
sing, rejoice and give him thanks. *Response*

Let music sound upon the harp,
and psalms be offered to his praise;
with trumpets and with sounds of joy
proclaim the praise of God our King *Response*

Anthony Gregory Murray

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of John, chapter 5, beginning at the first verse.

1 John 5.1-12

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

All stand.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing after the cantor.

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 15,
beginning at verse 9

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

John 15.9-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

After a period of short reflection, we stand to affirm our faith.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;

✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

The Ministry of Prayer
Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The intercessor introduces the response.

At the end of the intercessions, the intercessor says:

As we place our requests upon the altar,
we pray together:

**God, our hope,
in Christ, the risen One
you walk with your Church,
unfolding your word
and breaking the bread of life.
Make us true witnesses to your tenderness
and unite in us a community of welcome
for all who seek you.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace
Christ has reconciled us to himself 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. Alleluia!

The Offertory

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

Offertory Hymn:

Together in Song 390 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

With this bread that we bring,
We shall remember Jesus.
With this wine that we bring,
We shall remember Jesus.
Bread for body,
wine for his blood,
gifts of God to his table we bring.

**As our prayers rise before you, O God,
we prepare your table.
Purify us by your gracious presence
and fashion our lives
to be worthy of the praise we offer.
We ask this through Jesus 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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

Christ is our eternal priest,
who pleads our cause eternally before you;
Christ is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb who lives as slain for ever.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name:

**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.

Holy and gracious God,
accept our sacrifice of praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying to his disciples,

‘Take, and eat:
this is my body
which will be given for you.’

In the same way he took the cup,
saying, ‘This is my blood which will be shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.’

Great is the Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

In remembrance of his death and resurrection,
with this bread and this cup,
we give you thanks that you have counted us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit
upon the celebration of your Church:
gather into one all who share in these holy mysteries,
filling them with your Spirit
and confirming them in the truth,
that together we may praise you and give you glory
through Jesus your servant.
All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thy Kingdom Come

God of our salvation,
hope of all the ends of the earth,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the world may know Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That we may be bold to speak the word of God
while you stretch out your hand to save,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may be generous in giving,
faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the day may come when every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

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 dis - ci - ples — knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
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The bread which we break, Alleluia!
is the communion of the body of Christ.

We are one body, alleluia!
For though many, we share one bread.

The invitation to communion is given in these words.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Come, this is the table, not of the Church but of the Lord.
All are welcome to his table. **Alleluia!**
Draw near with faith! Come.

The Communion

Anthem during communion: Lead me Lord, SS Wesley (1810-1876)

Post Communion

Hymn: From **Together in Song 393**,
Christ is alive, with joy we sing

Creator God,
who in the resurrection of Christ
have restored our life;
multiply in us the fruits of your saving work
and strengthen us in heart and body
with this food and drink on high.

Give to us, Lord Jesus Christ
the fullness of grace.

Your kingdom come.

Give to us your presence and your very self.

Your kingdom come.

You, Lord, are our portion and our delight.

Your kingdom come.

Blessing

God of life and love,
whose Son was victorious over sin and death,
make us alive with his life,
that the whole world may resound with your praise:
and the blessing of God most Loving:
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

NOTICES

PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING DAY part 2! June 23rd, St John's, Riddells Creek 10am.

This Week

Monday 7th	10.00 am	Playgroup, St Paul's Parish Hall
	10.00am	Diocesan Op Shop Network Meeting, Altona
		<u>No</u> Gisborne Guild Meeting
Tuesday 8 th	10.00 am	Playgroup, St Paul's Parish Hall
	1.30 pm	Bible Study, Parish Centre
Wednesday 9th	10.00am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
Thursday 10 th	Ascension Day	Thy Kingdom Come begins
	7.30pm	Eucharist, CoR, Macedon
Saturday 12 th	5.30pm	Eucharist, St John's, Riddells Creek
Sunday 13th	9.00am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist, CoR, Macedon

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the Church of the Resurrection this week have been donated by our parishioner, Mrs June Cohen, in memory of her late husband Dr. Brian Cohen, whose anniversary occurred on 26th April. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Biggest Morning Tea

– this annual event, sponsored by the Gisborne Guild will be held on Thursday, 24 May, 10am at the Parish Centre.

All parishioners are invited to attend. Entry is by donation which will assist the Victorian Cancer Council in helping thousands of Australians affected by Cancer. A plate for Morning Tea would be appreciated. Further details from Elaine, 5428 2522.

Missions Lunch & Raffle Thank You:

Many thanks to everyone who assisted with and donated to the Missions Lunch & Raffle in support of Anglicare Broadmeadows Womens' Community House in March. A total of \$630 was raised which will assist with BWCH's programs for vulnerable women and children, many of whom are refugees and asylum seekers. Rosemary Homewood, Co-convenor, Parish Refugee Support Group.

Working with Children's Check

Thanks to all who have been able to lodge and progress their WWCs! Last week proved to be very busy, and at times, a few gremlins tested the resolve, but the compliance work is continuing. As you get your notifications, please let the Parish Office know. If there has been a problem, please, also let us know.

Rosters

'Tis the season to let our Roster Coordinators know (with thanks to Riddells Creek who have already completed theirs!). Are you planning on a ski trip? Are you going to somewhere exotic? Can we come too? Oops...I mean, have you informed our roster coordinators Ian Buerckner, Mary Duggan and Elaine Millar (or through the office)? If not, please do!



MISSION MASH

Over the next couple of weeks we will have potatoes to sell to raise money towards our contribution to CMS.

Bags of Bison and Pontiac potatoes will be available at each centre.

\$3 for 1 kilogram
\$5 for 2 kilograms

Maybe you'd like a Bison in your Pontiac?

Who does CMS support?

The Church Missionary Society (CMS) is an Anglican Agency supporting approximately 200 missionaries serving with CMS Australia in over 40 countries worldwide.

As a parish we have chosen to support the "CMS Mission Support Fund" which offers scholarships, grants and financial support to cross-cultural workers, students, ministries, churches and Bible colleges internationally and in North Australia.

Our Mash for Missions taters are coming straight from the farm,
and packed by our Mash for Missions team ... can't get much fresher !!
Look out for them this week!



The Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come

Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts
with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your word may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



#PLEDGE2PRAY

Pray for five friends

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do. Persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives.

Consistently praying for others takes discipline, and there are many ways that we can build up habits that will help us to pray for our friends and family.

Choose five people you would regularly like to pray for and write their names down onto a list.

Take a piece of string or cord, and tie five knots in it to represent each of the five people you have committed to pray for. You could carry the knotted string in your pocket, tie it round your wrist or place it somewhere that you'll see it regularly. Use the knots to remind you to pray for each person on your list of five.

If you're not sure who to pray for, ask God to guide you as you choose. Once you have settled on 5 names, commit to praying for them regularly by praying the following:

**Loving Father,
in the face of Jesus Christ
your light and glory have blazed forth.
Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends
[here, name your friends]
the life of your Son and your love for all.
Strengthen me as a witness to that love
as I pledge to pray for them,
for your name's sake. Amen.**

Another form of prayer could be to use the following ACROSTIC!

- **B**ody – health, protection, energy
- **L**abour – employment/unemployment, retirement, adequate income
- **E**mootional – inner peace, joy, wisdom, insight, patience
- **S**ocial – healthy relationships between spouses, parents, children-friends, reconciliation; love
- **S**piritual – repentance, salvation, obedience, faith

Keeping our Churches Open

Ascension Day is this coming THURSDAY.

Daily Prayer Times

Morning Prayer time	9.00 am	APBA page 407
Evening Prayer time	5.30 pm	APBA page 410

Ascension Eucharist Thursday May 10th
 Church of the Resurrection 7.30 pm

Can you keep a centre open during this time?

Please fill in a time on the Roster!

Readings set for each day will be on the Roster and the Parish Website.

Some of the times will be a designated Eucharist during the 11 days.
The Prayer Wave ends the Feast of Pentecost, May 20th, with **MESSY CHURCH** at 4.30 p.m.

Main Resources

APBA, Bible, you, God, quiet, intent, need, thanksgiving, enthusiasm...

The APBA (our Prayer Book) is in the Narthex of each Church. There are daily services for Morning and Evening Prayer beginning on page 383. The Psalms are in the section immediately prior to the Daily Prayers. The *Collect of the Day* will be on page 517 (until Sunday May 13th); and page 519 (until Saturday May 19th). The prayer for Pentecost is on page 522.

Readings: next page!

DAILY READINGS FOR *Thy Kingdom Come*

DAY	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Thursday May 10	Psalm 93 Daniel 7.9-14 John 14.12-29	Psalm 47 2 Kings 2.1-15 Revelation 5.1-10
Friday May 11	Psalms 28, 29 Numbers 22.1-2 John 15.12-25	Psalms 30, 32 Deuteronomy 29.1-21 1 Corinthians 10.23-11.1
Saturday May 12	Psalm 33 Numbers 22.21-40 John 15.26-16.11	Psalm 31 Deuteronomy 29.29-30.20 1 Corinthians 10.23-11.1
Sunday May 13	Psalm 1 Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 Hebrews 2.5-9	Psalm 24 Genesis 14.14-20 John 16.16-24
Monday May 14	Psalm 34 Numbers 22.41-23.12 John 16.12-24	Psalms 46, 87 Deuteronomy 31.1-15 1 Corinthians 11.17-34
Tuesday May 15	Psalm 37.1-17 Numbers 23.13-30 John 16.25-17.5	Psalm 37.18-41 Deuteronomy 31.23-32.9 1 Corinthians 12.1-13
Wednesday May 16	Psalm 38 Numbers 24.1-11 John 17.6-19	Psalm 39 Deuteronomy 32.10-22 1 Corinthians 12.1-13
Thursday May 17	Psalm 40 Numbers 24.12-25 John 17.20-26	Psalms 42, 43 Deuteronomy 32.23-38 1 Corinthians 13
Friday May 18	Psalms 41, 44.1-9 Numbers 27 Acts 1.1-14	Psalm 44.10-27 Deuteronomy 32.39-52 1 Corinthians 14.1-12
Saturday May 19	Psalm 45 Numbers 36 Acts.1.15-26	Acts 2.1-21 Psalm 104.26-36 Romans 8.22-27 John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

If you prefer to use an APP on your SMART device, the Church of England, through COMMON WORSHIP, has a great App called **DAILY PRAYER**. It follows a similar pattern. It is perfect for the Daily Morning and Evening Prayers, includes the readings, and even has PRAYERS for the END OF DAY (Compline). If you want to say it according to the beautiful English of Coverdale and Cranmer, that is available as an option!