



ANGLICAN PARISH OF GISBORNE

**"And I will establish my covenant...  
to be God to you and to your offspring after you."  
(Gen. 17:7)**

## **Second Sunday of Lent**

February 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

*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 sidespersons.

### Today's worship

#### *Call her Sarah.*

Names have meaning. They serve as identifiers of individuals. They also reflect relationships and familial connections. Names are given to us reflecting cultural norms and parental preferences. We associate our names with who we are, but they are often given in hope of who we might become. Many cultures conduct naming ceremonies that reflect the significance of the name for not only the person but for the community. Names have meaning.

The Hebrew scripture about Abram and Sarai is case in point. It happens after Ishmael is born to Hagar. God speaks to Abram to clarify the covenant already made to him, and God speaks to Sarai through Abram to make a covenant specifically with her. Her story continues.

In this covenant declaration, names change...but not completely. These are more shifts than revolutions. Abram shifts from being "a high father" to Abraham, "father of a multitude or many nations." Sarai shifts from being "my princess" to Sarah, "princess." Her identity moves from her association with someone else to her own. She is her own story and God treats her independently, if interdependently, from Abram. The interdependent promise, "I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her," is followed by the independent promise, "I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

"Sarah should be her name," God tells Abraham. It is not a derivative of his or one that allows him to make claims upon her. Rather, it reflects the path has for her and her progeny. She has an inheritance to leave. She has nations to build. She has royalty to raise. She has a covenant to keep.

The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, United Churches of Christ, USA

#### Readings:

This Sunday:	Genesis 17.1-7,15-16	Psalm 22. 24-32
LENT 2B	Romans 4.13-25	Mark 8.31-38
Next Sunday:		
LENT 3B	Exodus 20.1-17	Psalm 19
	1 Corinthians 1.18-25	John 2.13-22

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## The Gathering of the People

*The ministers enter in silence.*

*The words printed in bold type are said or sung by the people.*

✠ Bless the Lord who forgives our sins,  
**whose mercy endures for ever.**

*The Presider greets the people in these words.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Confession and Absolution

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we  
have rebelled and wandered far off.

*Silence may be kept.*

Most holy and merciful God,  
**we confess to you and to one another,  
and before the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned by our fault,  
by our own fault,  
by our own most grievous fault,  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

Lord Jesus, you desire to lead us from death into life.

**Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

*May also be sung*

Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself.

**Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

Lord Jesus, you shouldered the cross, bearing all our sins.

**Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

Lord Jesus, you take away all our sin,  
hear our prayers of contrition.

**Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God,  
have mercy on us, sinners.**

*The Presider pronounces God's forgiveness to which the people reply Amen.*

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

The Prayer of the Day (Collect)

God, our glory,  
you gave a son to Abraham and Sarah  
and foretold among their descendants  
the coming of your Christ,  
the Son of Man  
who was to be rejected.  
Let us not weaken in faith  
before the hostility of the world,  
but give us courage  
to take up the cross and follow Jesus,  
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Ministry of the Word

*The people sit for the reading/s from the scriptures.*

If the Hebrew Scripture is omitted, then the New Testament reading goes here.

**First Lesson:**

Genesis 17.1-7,15-16

*After the Lesson, the reader says*

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

Psalm 22



My God, my God why have you a - ban - doned me.

All who see me deride me,  
they curl their lips, they toss their heads:  
'He trusted in the Lord, let God save him  
and come to free him if this is God's friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a wicked band besets me;  
they tear holes in my hands and feet,  
and lay me in the dust of death.  
I can count all my bones.

They divide my clothes among them,  
they cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me.

I will tell your name to my people  
and praise you where they gather.  
All you who fear the lord,  
sing your praises, all tribes of Jacob, give your glory.

TIS 9  
Christopher Willcock  
1947—

*The people remain seated for the second reading. (if required)*

Second Lesson: Romans 4.13-25

*After the Lesson, the reader says*

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

*The people stand and the following may be sung for the gospel procession.*



Glo - ry and praise — to you, Lord Je — sus Christ.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen  
to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

*The people remain standing and the appointed minister proclaims the gospel, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**+Glory you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Mark 8.31-38

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Breaking open the Word

*Following the sermon a short period of silence is observed.*

*The people stand and a minister introduces an Affirmation of Faith*

Let us together affirm our faith.

**We believe in one God, creator of all life,  
maker of past, present and future.  
Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,  
who came to declare good news to those in despair,  
to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,  
to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.**

**We believe in God's Holy Spirit,  
who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,  
who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,  
who resurrects us to new life.**

**We believe that the Church is of God  
and will endure to the end of time,  
and calls us into a life of love and service.**

**Blessed is our God:**

**✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*The people may stand or sit for the prayers. The Presider says*

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*The prayers end with this as the folder is placed on the Altar:*

As we, with one voice, offer our prayers, we place the names of those for whom our prayers have been asked on the altar, offering them to you with our gifts as we pray:

God our hope,

**we cry out for your saving help.**

**for without you we can do nothing.**

**Grant that your people may know what is right,**

**do what is just,**

**and follow your purpose in all things.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace and Offertory

*All stand for the Greeting of Peace with these words.*

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet those around you, maintaining your 1.5m social distance.*

*The offertory hymn is sung during which the gifts of the people are prepared.*

*During the pandemic, we are asked not to pass the plate, which is adjacent to the entry of the Church. It will be there until the conclusion of the service.*

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love;

where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek

so much to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;

where there is darkness, let me bring your light;

and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek

so much to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

TIS 607

Based on anonymous prayer (? French), c. 1900

This version by Johann Sebastian Templehoff  
(‘Sebastian Temple’) 1928—

*The gifts of the people are presented and the Presider says*

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.

**Lord God,  
teach us the wisdom of your table,  
and in our sharing of your gifts  
draw us closer to you  
in love of one another.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing and the Presider says*

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.**

*The prayer continues*

*...for ever praising you and saying:*

**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.**

or the following may be sung. The choir sing the 'cantor' part.

Response to the Choir's bidding:

Ho - san - na in the high est.

- Choir: Hosanna in the highest.  
Response: **Hosanna in the highest.**  
Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Response: **Hosanna in the highest.**  
Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Response: **Hosanna in the highest.**  
Choir: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Response: **Hosanna in the highest.**

...the prayer continues

A minister says

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

... in songs of never-ending praise:

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

or the following is sung:

A men. A men.

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 Bread and the Communion

*The Presider says*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

*The people then say or sing:*

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.

*or the following response is given to the cantor's tropes (verses)*

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the response 'Have mercy on us' and the second staff is for 'Grant us peace'. Both staves are in treble clef and feature a melody with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, some with ties. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Have    mer    cy    on    us.

Final time:  
Grant    us    peace.

*The Presider invites the people to come and receive Communion with these words.*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Happy are those called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.  
All are welcome at his supper. Come.

Communion today will be in one kind only.

Anthem at Church of the Resurrection  
*Adoramus te, Christ, T Dubois, SACS vol 1 p 10*

The Sending Out of God's People

*The Presider says a post-communion prayer.*

We receive these holy gifts  
and give thanks to you, our God,  
because you allow us, while dwelling on earth,  
to share already in the blessing of heaven.

**Take our hands and work through them;  
take our lips and speak through them;  
take our minds and think through them;  
take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you.**

*A hymn of Thanksgiving is sung:*

'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,  
'if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart  
and humbly follow after me.'

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still:  
your Lord refused not even to die  
upon a cross, on Cavalry's hill.

Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength  
and calmly every danger brave;  
it guides you to a better home  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

TIS 583

Charles William Everest 1814-77 alt.

*Notices may follow.*

*The Presider says a prayer over the people in place of the usual blessing during Lent.*

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,  
that you may find in him crucified,  
a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sin forgiven. **Amen.**

*A minister says*

We go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*At Church of the Resurrection:*

J S Bach, Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein,  
(When we are in greatest need) BWV 641

Weekly Diary

Mon	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	St Paul's Play Group
		1.30 pm	Card Group (provisional)
Tues	Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30 am	LLEN Bullengarook SS, Parish Centre
		9.30 am	Ladies' Guild, CoR
		10.00 am	St Paul's Play Group
		10.30 am	Lenten Study, Riddells Creek Hall
		7.00 pm	EfM
Wed	Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30 am	LLEN Gisborne SC, Parish Centre
		10.00 am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne: St Matthias
		1.30 pm	Lenten Study, Parish Centre
Thurs	Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Kinde program, Parish Hall
		7.00 pm	AA, Parish Centre
		7.30 pm	Lenten Study, Church of the Resurrection
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Mar 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>World Day of Prayer, St Paul's Church, Gisborne</b>
Sat	Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	KYB4M, Parish Centre
		5.30 pm	Eucharist, St John's Riddells Creek
Sun	Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Eucharist, St Paul's Gisborne
		10.30 am	Eucharist Church of the Resurrection, Macedon

COMING UP

Saturday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pathways Retreat Mission Focus Group
Sunday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Seraphim Trio Church of the Resurrection
Sunday March 28 <sup>th</sup> 10 am	Palm Sunday at St Paul's
April, 1st to 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Triduum (Sacred Three Days)
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Day
Sunday April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Luncheon, Riddells Creek

Lenten Study

Lenten Studies commence this week.

Times: Tuesday 10.30 am Riddells Creek Hall  
Wednesday 1.30 pm Parish Centre, Gisborne  
Thursday 7.30 pm Church of the Resurrection

Missions Lunch in aid of ABM-A project in Myanmar.

Sunday, 18th April,  
12.30 pm Riddells Creek Hotel.

Bookings essential

Keep out an eye for more details and associated fundraising.

Rosemary Homewood.

## Autumn in Macedon

The Autumn season brings many visitors to the Macedon Ranges with Honour Avenue and its beautiful Oak Trees offering one of the main attractions. In the last few years Honour Avenue has seen 2-3,000 visitors per weekend walking and driving along the Avenue. The Council is working in partnership with local residents and organisations to address the traffic and parking issues arising from the influx of visitors. This year an opportunity has been identified to provide additional temporary parking, in the rear paddock at the Church of the Resurrection.

The proposal is to offer temporary parking in the rear paddock on the weekends between 27th March to the last weekend in April, concluding on ANZAC Day – 25th April. This is a fundraising opportunity for the Parish (a \$5 donation will be charged per park) as well as providing a visible welcome to the many visitors to the Macedon Ranges during the beautiful autumn season. The Parish Executive is working with Council to ensure this will be a safe car park. Traffic management attendants appointed by Council will direct traffic on and off Mt Macedon Road, however parking attendants are required on the Parish land.

Two attendants/3hr session are required to support car parking in the Paddock. All volunteers will be provided with a briefing and a visible tabard to wear while on duty. Each volunteer is asked to donate 3hrs/session to assist with parking and welcoming the visitors.

The Parish Executive seek your support with this new initiative.

A Roster has been drawn up and we ask that you advise Margarita Caddick (via mob – 0448 368 774 or email – [caddick@bigpond.com.au](mailto:caddick@bigpond.com.au)) the time/s that you could donate to assist with this significant fundraising opportunity.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning Shift (9.15am – 12.15pm)</i>	<i>Afternoon Shift (12.15-3.15pm)</i>
<i>Saturday 27th March</i>		
<i>Sunday 28th March</i>		
<i>Fri 2nd April (Good Friday)</i>		
<i>Saturday 3rd April</i>		
<i>Sunday 4th April (Easter Day)</i>		
<i>Monday 5th April</i>		
<i>Saturday 10th April</i>		
<i>Sunday 11 April</i>		
<i>Saturday 17th April</i>		
<i>Sunday 18th April</i>		
<i>Saturday 24th April</i>		
<i>Sunday 25th April</i>	<i>opening at 10</i>	
<i>Monday 26th April (tbc)</i>		

### Child Safety Update and Clearances

Due to ongoing changes to the Child Safety provisions by law, the Diocese requires each of us to add to our WWCC two more addresses:

Kooyoora Ltd, PO Box 329, Canterbury, Vic, 3126

 9416 1008

Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, 209 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

 9653 4220

Using your SERVICE VICTORIA app (QR code thingy!) you can update this yourself. Over the next few weeks, you will be contacted by either myself, Lyndsey, Marilyn or Alison, and we'll guide you through this. We will also apply for your interim clearance check that is now required.

### LENT AND CREATION: OUR MACEDON RANGES KANGAROOS:

During Lent, our Parish Animal Welfare Group invites us to honestly and prayerfully reflect upon our relationship with God's good creation.

#### **Do our choices mirror caring stewardship and respect for non-human creation?**

An issue of local resonance is the State Government's increase in the Kangaroo Harvesting Program Quota by 37,780 kangaroos to 95,680, despite enormous bushfire population loss in 2019/2020 and biological science credibly challenging the accuracy of the government's population survey.

This program makes available extra meat for human consumption, thereby increasing the demand for kangaroo carcasses. This commercial killing of kangaroos occurs at night without any on-site monitoring, resulting in orphaned baby joeys being bludgeoned to death or left to fend for themselves. There is also the potential for 'bad kills' where kangaroos escape injured.

In addition to the increased cruelty, hunting will pressure our local wildlife rescuers from the Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network (MRWN).

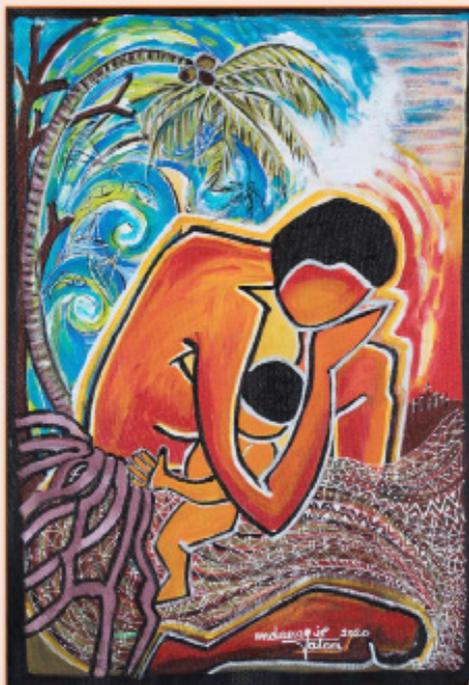
Please consider MRWN's appeal to write to the state government urging it to reverse its decision.

In keeping with the Lenten fasting tradition, you may also wish to consider the option of refraining from the consumption of kangaroo meat.

Janine Mc Dougall,  
Co-convenor, Parish Animal Welfare Group  
<https://www.mrwn.org.au>

# Pray for Vanuatu

World Day of Prayer Service 2021



**Date:** Friday, March 5th, 2021

**Time:** 10 am

**Location:**

St Paul's Anglican Church,  
corner of Fisher and Brantome Streets,  
Gisborne

**Contact person:**

Elaine Millar  
c/- 5428 4038



More thoughts on Sarai/Sarah

- Sarai thought that the covenant was only for Abraham so she sought out Hagar. She and her husband used Hagar despicably.
- Sarah has been named in the promise and given a reason for joy.
- Sarai could not have children and that was the dominant fact of her life.
- Sarah would give rise to nations and leave a legacy.
- Sarai was identified as “my princess,” someone in relationship to another.
- Sarah would be declared “princess” with an identity of her own...and a covenantal relationship with God for herself.
- Sarah reminds us that we are whole persons who exist in community and in relation to others. Interdependence does not omit independence; in fact, it may strengthen it...and vice versa.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday March 5th, St Paul's, Gisborne

All are welcome to the World Day of Prayer. Although the origins are in the commemoration of International Women's Day, it is an event that focuses each year on different countries and traditions. This year's service has been prepared by the World Day of Prayer committee in VANUATU.

A little about Vanuatu, courtesy of ABM

As any visiting tourist could tell you, Vanuatu is a nation of friendly locals, relaxed 'island-time' and outstanding natural beauty.

Scattered over 1,000 kilometres of the Coral Sea, the 83 island archipelago is home to 270,400 people, the vast majority of whom live in rural areas outside the capital city of Port Vila. On these remote islands, subsistence farming and fishing is often the only way to survive, and there are few services for health, education, water and electricity.

Vanuatu is also the world's most at-risk country, in terms of vulnerability to natural disasters and ability to recover, and experiences frequent cyclones along with earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions.

As the country is made up of many low-lying islands, it is also feeling the effects of climate change, with rising sea levels causing land and water degradation. With only 68% of the population engaged in the formal economy, and an average GNI of \$2805 per person, these challenges are placing an enormous strain on rural families trying to meet their own basic needs.