

Gisborne Anglican Parish



Lent 3 Year A

St John's Riddells Creek Saturday 5.30 p.m.

St Paul's Gisborne, Sunday 9 a.m.

Church of the Resurrection Sunday 10.30 a.m.

March 14th and 15th 2020

*The Parish of Gisborne would like to acknowledge that we meet on Kulin Nation country.
We pay our respects to Kulin Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to any First
Nations people who are present today.*

We acknowledge that Aboriginal sovereignty has not been ceded.

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

Welcome

A warm welcome to our Parish

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.

We begin some of the longer readings of the Gospel of John as we encounter Jesus in particular pastoral situations. The gospel story of the ‘Woman at the Well’ is one of many that empowers the marginalised to be bearers of the good news of Jesus’ presence. The encounter is deeply moving as Jesus promises her something metaphysical. At first the woman interpreted physically and literally. It would be easy to concentrate on the woman’s past and to equally condemn and shun her as some in the community had. “Some” is an moot point. Five husbands and the one you have now is not one of them...hardly being shunned! The moment we dwell on her background, we miss the bigger picture. Here is a woman, who, for whatever reason is separated from community, yet, when she returns to the town, she proclaims Jesus as Messiah.

What results is very significant. The towns folk come to the Living Water that is Jesus, drinks and believes. Through her testimony, others have come to believe and truly know who Jesus is. Another case where Jesus calls the most unlikely...

This Sunday: LENT 3A

Exodus 17.1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

Next Sunday: LENT 4A

I Samuel 16.1-13

Psalm 23

Mothering Sunday

Ephesians 5.8-14

John 9.1-41

Bible references: NRSV bible.oremus.org

Preacher at Sunday services: Benjamin Clements

Parish Fire Policy:

If a CODE RED day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a Saturday or Sunday – then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day. This policy will also apply during the week and to all our centres. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone implement their own fire plan.

Your own fire plan must always take precedence even if you are on a rostered duty.

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The Gathering of the People

The people sit quietly. The ministers enter in silence.

✠ Bless the Lord who forgives our sins,

whose mercy endures for ever

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Many from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony,
'He told me everything I have ever done.'

John 4.39

Confession and Absolution

We bring to mind our own failings, and seek the forgiveness
of our merciful and loving God.

Lord Jesus, our teacher and judge,
you meet us in the barren places of our lives
and bring to light that which we would rather
hide in shadows.

Holy God,

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Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score is for a piano accompaniment of the hymn 'Holy God'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves (treble and bass clef) and contains the lyrics 'Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,'. The second system also has two staves and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.' The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system begins with a measure rest marked with the number '3'.

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

In your wisdom,
you show us the folly of our ways
and encourage us to share with others
your presence in our lives
as we drink deeply of the living water
that you give.

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

Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y.

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Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Help us to live in newness of life
as we bring life to others
in the testimony of our words and deeds.

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

Eternal and merciful judge,
both in life and when we come to die,
let us not fall away from you.

***Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and merciful Saviour,
do not abandon us to the bitterness of eternal death.***

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 is said by the Presider.

God, fountain of holiness,
you cause the living waters of grace
to flow from the rock that is Christ.
Pour into our hearts
the Holy Spirit of your love,
that we may find new faith in you,
and let the conduct of our lives
announce the great things
that you have done for us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

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

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

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Exodus 17.-1-7

After the Lesson, the reader says

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

Psalm 95



O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our Maker

- O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
- 8 O that today you would listen to his voice:
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9 ‘When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my works.
- 10 ‘Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
“This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.”
- 11 ‘So I swore in my wrath,
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

The people remain seated for the second reading.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 5.1-11

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.



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

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 4.5.42

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking open the Word

Affirmation of Faith

The people stand and the 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, ever present to your people,
make us persevere in our quest for holiness,
and while we seek to serve you in this present age,
set our hearts on your eternal glory.
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.

All may exchange a greeting of peace.

The offertory hymn is sung during which the gifts of the people are collected and brought forward.

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| TiS 2 I (i) Jesus, lover of my soul |
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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.

**Gracious God,
as we come to your table,
reconcile us to one another,**

**that our communion in Christ
may truly give you praise.
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.

Divine Praise

Father, all-powerful and eternal,
it is truly right to give you thanks
and a joyful thing to honour you with praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All you who thirst, come to the water:

When he asked the Samaritan woman
for water to drink,
Christ had already bestowed on her the gift of faith.
Now in his compassion he thirsted for that faith,
and kindled in her heart the fire of your love.

The Angelic Song

And so, with angels and saints
we glorify your holy name singing:

Response to the Choir's bidding:



Ho - san - na in the high est.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes for 'Ho - san - na' and half notes for 'in the high est.' with a fermata over the final note.

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.**

**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.**

Setting aside of our gifts

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

With this bread...

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

With this cup...

After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it
in remembrance of me.'

The minister says

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

(The Choir or Cantor sings, followed by all repeating)



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

Keeping the Lord's commandments:

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Sanctify our worship and lives

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
to whom be blessing, honour, glory and power,
now and for 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 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 sing the Agnus Dei.

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer of the world:
grant us your peace.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin
of the world: grant us peace.**

or the following is sung:

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.
Blessed 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.

Anthem at Church of the Resurrection
Adoramus te, Christ, T Dubois

The Sending Out of God's People

They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'
John 4.42

The Presider says a post-communion prayer.

In this sacrament, O God,
we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are fed in our earthly sojourn
with food and drink from on high.
Let this gift work within us
so that we may bear the fruit
which will endure to eternal life.

**Change our hearts, Lord,
as we strive to keep this time of Lent
that our lives may draw others to you,
and our weakness not deter them.**

A hymn of Thanksgiving is sung:

TiS 684 Love will be our Lenten calling

Notices may follow.

The Presider gives the Blessing:

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves,
take up your cross,
and follow him;
and the blessing of the Most Holy and Blessed Trinity –
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you now and for ever more. Amen.

The minister says

We go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

OAKS CHURCH SERVICE: this Sunday, 11am, Grevillea Unit. Lenten Theme. Please let Janine Mc Dougall know (0418171092) if you are aware of residents from other units wishing to attend. Thanks.

PARISH ANIMAL WELFARE MEETING: this Sunday, COR, 12.30, to discuss planning over a glass or two of champagne or soft drink and some nibbles. All welcome. Come, sip and share some thoughts about caring for God's creatures. Janine Mc Dougall, Co-convenor, Parish Animal Welfare Group.

Diary for the Coming Week

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| Later today: | 12.30 pm 4.30 pm | Animal Welfare Network meeting CoR Messy Church |
| Monday March 16 th | 10 am 1.30 pm 6.30 pm | Play Group, Parish Hall Card Group, Parish Centre Chaplaincy Committee Movie Night |
| Tuesday March 17 th | 9.30 am 10.00 am 2.00 pm 4.00 pm 5.30 pm | Parish Office Open Play Group, Parish Hall Parish Council Executive Property and Space Committee St Paul's Guild Barbeque |
| Wednesday March 18 th | 8.35 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm 7.30 pm | LLEN Parish Centre Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne Lenten Study, Parish Centre Choir Rehearsal, CoR |
| Thursday March 19 th | 9.30 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm 7.30 pm | Parish Office open Play Group: Kinde, Parish Hall AA, Parish Centre Lenten Study, Church of the Resurrection |
| Friday March 20 th | 1.30 pm | Lenten Study, St John's, Riddells Creek |
| Saturday March 21 st | 9.00 am 5.30 pm | KYB4M, McDonalds, Gisborne Eucharist, St John's Riddells Creek |
| Sunday March 22 nd | 9.00 am | Eucharist, St Paul's Gisborne |
| Mothering Sunday | 10.30 am 3.00 pm | Eucharist, Church of the Resurrection EfM, Church of the Resurrection |

"GIVE ME A DRINK OF WATER?" THIS CONVERSATION STARTS OUT **WEIRD** AND GETS **WEIRDER!**



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NO, IT'S **COOL!** SEE YAHWEH IS OFTEN DESCRIBED AS ROMANCING ISRAEL! AND BOTH ISAAC AND MOSES MET THEIR WIVES AT WELLS**, SO THIS SCENE IDENTIFIES JESUS AS THE ONE WHO PURSUES GOD'S PEOPLE AS YAHWEH DID, EXCEPT THAT THE WOMAN IS AN OUTSIDER AND FAR FROM PERFECT... SHE'S ALL OF US!



* ISAIAH 62:5
** GEN. 24:17 & EX. 2:15

WELL YOU CAN TELL HE'S **DIVINE.** WITH A PICK UP LINE LIKE THAT, I WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN GOTTEN A **PHONE NUMBER!**



JOHN 4:5-42

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 28th March to the last weekend in April, including the Easter period. This is a fundraising opportunity for the Parish 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 of their time 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 record the time that you could donate to assist with this significant fundraising opportunity. (MC)

Parish Animal Welfare Meeting: Sunday March 15th, after worship at Church of the Resurrection. Focus will be event planning. All Welcome. Janine Mc Dougall, Co-convenor, Parish Animal Welfare Group.

ANZAC Day

Volunteers are required to assist the Church of Resurrection Ladies' Guild stall next to the Trading Post.

This includes setting up, running and packing the stalls as well as any food, craft and plant contributions you can make.

Please email the office if you are able to help, even if only half an hour!

Quiet Day March 26th St John's Riddells Creek 9.30 - 3.00 pm

Following the Feast of the Annunciation, this day will look at different responses to God, and the cost of saying 'yes'.

THIS MONDAY NIGHT!

Gisborne Secondary College
Chaplaincy Committee

Movie night fundraiser



Monday 16th March 2020

Readings Cinema Sunbury

6.30pm for 6.45pm Start

Supper provided after the Movie

\$20 per ticket

Available from Snapshot Photos

Shop 19 Gisborne Village Shopping Centre.

Cash only please

If you are unable to visit the shop please Contact

Ann-Maree 0415 773 402 or Bronwyn on 0417 028 605

Please bring your ticket on the night

The EfM (Exploring Faith Matters) Group of our parish would like to invite parishioners to join us as we consider the book **“Fighting with the Bible – Why Scripture Divides Us and How It Can Bring Us Together”** by Donn Morgan.

We will be discussing this book over 2 sessions – **Sunday May 31st and Sunday June 14th from 3.00pm ‘til 5.30pm at the Church of the Resurrection.**

If you would like to join us, or read at home, the book can be purchased online through “Amazon”, “Booktopia” or “Book Depository”, priced from approximately \$7.00 - \$35.00. Delivery can take 3-4 weeks.

It can also be purchased as an eBook for \$11.00 - \$14.00.

Study notes have been provided to support the discussion and will be copied for those who would like them.

Please let Debra or Alison know if you are planning on joining the group for this study. Looking forward to sharing this discussion with you.

Debra and Alison