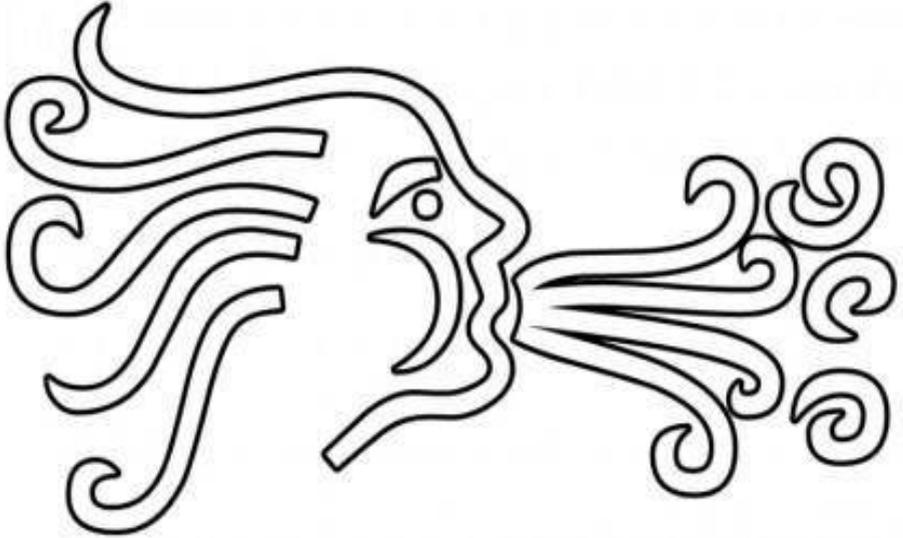


Gisborne Anglican Parish



Lent 2 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 8th and 9th 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.

John 3:8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit. Whilst at College, this text was beautifully set to music by Gippsland composer, Nicholas Edwards. In his setting, the sense of movement from the wind was conveyed by the imaginative use of voice placement and non-tonal composition. Jesus, as often found in the synoptic writings of Matthew, Mark and Luke, takes something that is common to illustrate the presence of the divine. Some would describe this along the lines of ‘metaphysical’ analogy, which, to be frank, would not be unfair. Taking the everyday and applying it to the question of God and the Spirit is certainly something that intends for us to seek to explore the reality of God-with-us, even though God enigmatically, as stated in Exodus 6, *will be what I will be.*

Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night and has this most extraordinary discussion with Jesus, ending with the greatest editorial of all time: John 3:16. The next time we encounter Nicodemus, it is the daylight as Jesus is laid to rest in the tomb. Had the Spirit moved him, or was he truly *born again from above?*

This Sunday: LENT 2A

Genesis 12.1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

John 3.1-17

Next Sunday: LENT 3A

Exodus 17.-1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

Preacher at this weekend's services: Janine Mc Dougall

Bible references: NRSV bible.oremus.org

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.

Jesus said, “The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

John 3:8

Confession and Absolution

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

Those born of women have but a short time to live.

We have our fill of sorrow.

We blossom like a flower and wither away.

We slip away like a shadow and do not stay.

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

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

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

In the midst of life we are in death;
where can we turn for help?
Only to you, Lord,
who are justly angered by our sins.
Shut not your ears to our prayers,
but spare us, O Lord.

***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.

You know the secrets of our hearts;
forgive us our sins.

***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 yours 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, our glory,
you opened Abraham's eyes
to the wonderful vision of his destiny,
and by water and Holy Spirit
you have made us able to perceive your kingdom.
Deepen this faith you have bestowed,
and open the hearts of many
to that love which has so loved the world.
We ask this is in the name of Jesus,
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 Genesis.

Genesis 12.1-4a

After the Lesson, the reader says

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

Psalm 121



My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
2 My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. *Response*

3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
he who watches over you will not sleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep. *Response*

5 The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
neither the moon by night. *Response*

7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.

8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. *Response*

The people remain seated for the second reading.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

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 you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 3.1-17

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, 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.

All may exchange a greeting of peace.

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

TIS 203 Fairest Lord Jesus

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.

Divine Praise

We lift up our hearts to you,
God of holiness and glory;
to you we offer thanks and praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our pilgrimage through Lent continues

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts
and prepare joyfully for the Easter feast.
You call us to prayer, self-denial and the works of love,
so that by celebrating the mysteries
through which we are born again,
your people may be brought
into the fullness of Christ, the risen Lord.

The Angelic Song

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

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.**

or the people say together:

**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.**

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.
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.

Anthem at Church of the Resurrection
Day by day

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 blessings of heaven.

**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 600 (ii) O my Saviour, lifted*

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.

Postlude at Church of the Resurrection

J S Bach, Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ
(I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ).

Lenten Study

“Where we go to from Here?”: is a mission based bible study based on the Book of Acts. Written by ABM Missioner Stephen Daughtry and theologian Matthew Anstey, the book explores over 6 weeks the Five Marks of Mission and the early Church. The following days are being proposed as *possible* study group times. A sheet at the back of each centre is provided for people to express interest.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Cost for this year’s study is **\$10.**

Wednesday	1.30 pm	Vicar’s Office Parish Centre (Alan Smith)
Thursday	7.30 pm	Vestry, Church of the Resurrection (Dennis)
Friday	1.30 pm	St John’s, Riddells Creek (Benjamin Clements)

Possible Disruption to Traffic and Worship: St Paul’s

Sunday March 15th: The Gisborne Primary School will be having a major fund-raiser from around 9.30 am. This may impact both traffic and noise levels around Fisher Street. Please be aware that parking may be an issue.

Diary for the Coming Week

Later today:	11.00 am 3.00 pm	Worship, Grevillea, The Oaks EfM, Church of the Resurrection
Monday March 9 th		Labour Day/ Moomba Holiday
Tuesday March 10 th	9.30 am 10.00 am 10am	Parish Office Open Play Group, Parish Hall Vision Australia Bring & Buy Morning Tea, Parish Centre
Wednesday March 11 th	1.30 pm 8.35 am 10.00 am	Bible Study, Parish Centre LLEN Parish Centre Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
Thursday March 12 th	7.30 pm 9.30 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Choir Rehearsal, CoR Parish Office open Play Group: Kinde, Parish Hall AA, Parish Centre
Friday March 13 th		
Saturday March 14 th	9.00 am 5.30 pm	Working Bee CoR Eucharist, St John's Riddells Creek
Sunday March 15 th	9.00 am 10.30 am 12.30 pm 3.00 pm	Eucharist, St Paul's Gisborne Eucharist, Church of the Resurrection Animal Welfare Network CoR EfM, Church of the Resurrection

Quiet Day Reflection, February 27th, Macedon

The Quiet Day for February focused on the life and works of Georg Herbert (1593-1633), a poet, priest, theologian, and whose feast was observed this year on February 27th.

Fr Dennis led the day consisting of Morning Prayer, Midday Prayer and finishing with Holy Communion, with two sessions on learning about Herbet, some 'homework' and meditation time.

Herbert was born in to privilege as part of the Pembroke dynasty in Montgomery, Wales. He was the fifth of seven boys and one of ten. His father died in 1596 when Herbert was three years old. This necessitated his mother moving to Oxford and then to London where she later remarried.

Herbert received a good education, as did his brothers, thus attaining the expected career outcomes of his station. Due in part to his mother's influence, he decided to pursue a church career. Herbert was ordained deacon in 1624 and priested in 1629, but unfortunately died of consumption (TB) three years later.

He was a prolific producer of metaphysical poetry, most of which written in the 1620s. None of his work was published until 1633.

A skilled lutenist, Herbert set 90 of his poems to music. He described prayer and his involvement with music at Salisbury Cathedral as 'his heaven on earth'. Sadly, none of this work has survived.

A closer look at the poetry is relevant to the condition of 'man' and the struggles of joys of the faith journey.

Herbert wrote 'A Priest in the Temple', more commonly known as "The Country Parson" or "The Parson's Handbook". His character and Rule of Holy Life was as much for himself as his intended readers, describing it as a 'mark to aim at' and it remains influential to this day.

The list of priestly skills invited further comment on what else was needed to be an excellent agent of the church.

Time was spent looking at the church and noting the impression of the building, furnishings, etc.

The activity sheet also invited comment on "The Call" and text from St John's Gospel, "I am the way, the truth and the life". (John 14.6)

Also making a collage, it was possible to explore the idea of Jesus as Shepherd.

Dennis intends to run a further Quiet Day to more fully explore George Herbert, his life, the times, and his marvellous and prolific body of poetry, and I suspect to also look at the musicality of this poetry.

There are three well-known hymns of Herbert's poetry in *Together in Song*.

So, thank you, Dennis, for resourcing and facilitating an excellent Quiet Learning Day. (JM)

The next Quiet Day is on Thursday, March 26th, at Riddells Creek, 9 am - 3 pm

Twilight Barbecue - St Paul's Guild will sponsor this popular event on Tuesday 17 March at the John Aitken Park, opposite Coles, commencing at 5.30pm. Barbecue facilities available. BYO everything. A warm welcome to all parishioners.

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.

Mission lunch: Thank you to everyone who supported this. We had a great meal and raised \$170 which will be added to the raffle money drawn after Easter. Rosemary Homewood.

Anglicare: Thank you to everyone who donated children's books for the refugee children. These have now been delivered to Anglicare, Broadmeadows. Special thanks to Margaret Wells for donations of soaps, shampoos and conditioners to be made into pamper packs for refugee women. Rosemary Homewood.

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!

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.

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