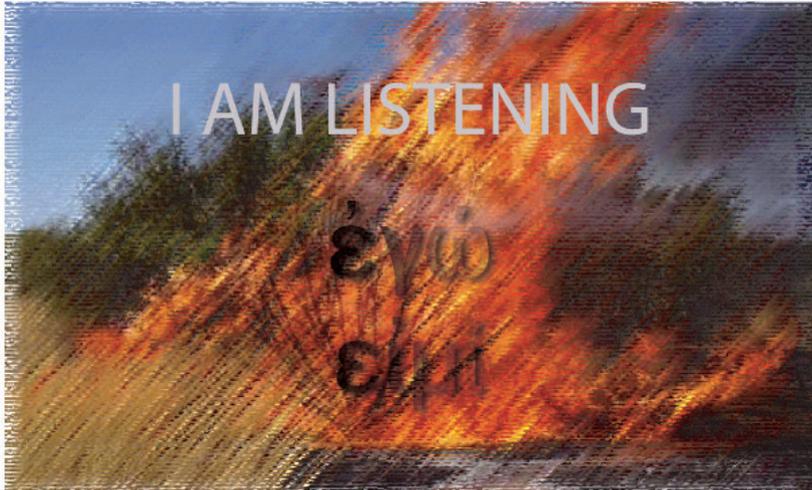


ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
**GISBORNE**  
MACEDON | RIDDELLS CREEK | GISBORNE



***Martyrs of New Guinea***

5 September, 2021

*Online Resource for Morning Prayer 10.30 am*  
[www.bit.ly/GisborneAnglicanVMT](http://www.bit.ly/GisborneAnglicanVMT)

*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.  
We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.*

*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. Although online, and partly prerecorded, please join us at [www.bit.ly/GisborneAnglicanVMT](http://www.bit.ly/GisborneAnglicanVMT) on line (via Zoom) Sunday 10.30 am or Wednesday 10 am. This worship service is available on the Parish Website Saturday afternoon.*

[www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au](http://www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au)

RU OK? DAY and World Suicide Prevention Day both occur in the coming week (Thursday and Friday). Given the glimmer of hope that there may be respite next week for regional Victoria, our community mental health is challenged.

Every day should be a day when we ask the question, “Are you OK?” Keeping an ear out for one another is the best we can hope for at the moment. How is your neighbour? How is your best friend?

By opening the Virtual Morning Tea channel regularly, there is an opportunity for us to at least ‘see’ one another (when the technology works!) I am often surprised how many people begin to smile and light up as, imperfect as it is, we see and hear one another. We can share love, news and, where we can, assistance.

If you have not joined us, there are regular sessions on Sunday at 10.30 am and Wednesday at 10 am. If you want to join us on your internet browser, type in [www.bit.ly/GisborneAnglicanVMT](http://www.bit.ly/GisborneAnglicanVMT)

It is not necessary to download any software; you can join us using your browser. Your smartphone and tablet will also get you there. Alternatively, there is a local dial-in phone: 7018 2005, and enter meeting ID 851 0917 2582

Many of us are finding things challenging. Some may feel like the psalmist in today’s Psalm “Out of the depths.” Sometimes our cries seem unheard. But all of us need not only ask the question “RU OK?” we must then listen. Listening involves our ears, not our mouths.

The front cover is a reminder of God’s burning presence in the bush before Moses. “I am” is how God begins the conversation. So does the answer to the question “RU OK?” “I am feeling...” “Well, I am listening...”

Today’s worship:

Martyrs of NG	Zephaniah 3.14-20	Psalm 130
	Romans 8.33-39	John 12.20-32
Next week:		
Pentecost 16B	Proverbs 1.20-33	Psalm 19
	James 2.18-26	Mark 8.27-38

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## Gathering Hymn

Before the world began  
one Word was there  
grounded in God He was  
rooted in care.  
By Him all things were made,  
in Him was love displayed:  
Through Him God spoke and said  
I am for you

Life found in Him its source  
death found its end  
light found in Him its course  
darkness its friend.  
For neither death nor doubt  
nor darkness can put out  
the glow of God the shout  
I am for you

The Word was in the world  
which from Him came  
unrecognised He was  
unknown by name.  
One with all humankind  
with the unloved aligned  
convincing sight and mind  
I am for you

All who received the Word  
by God were blessed  
Sisters and brothers they  
of earth's fond guest  
So did the Word of Grace  
proclaim in time and space  
and with a human face  
I am for you.

CCLI Song # 1037466

Graham Maule | John L. Bell

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Tune: Nearer my God to Thee

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.**

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.**

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses

*Silence may be kept*

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight  
and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Lord, we have sinned in thought, word and deed:  
Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

We are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive us:  
Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Help us by your Spirit to live in newness of life:  
Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

*The Absolution.*

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.**

Collect

Let us pray.

Living God,  
You made your Church to grow through the zeal,  
courage and unflinching witness  
of your servants martyred in New Guinea:  
give to us and all your people  
such steadfast faith in your good purposes  
that we may serve you faithfully  
wherever you have stationed us:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 letter of Paul to the Romans.

Romans 8.33-39

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.  
Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,  
who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will

separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*At the conclusion the reader may say:*

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

### Psalm 130 De profundis

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

2. O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

4. For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

5. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7. O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

8. And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Recording available on the disk ‘The Psalms of David from Kings’

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Alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

“Now my hour has come”, says the Lord:

“and I will draw all people to myself.”

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 12,  
beginning at the twentieth verse.

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

John 12.20-32

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Breaking Open the Word  
*Music for Reflection*

The Ministry of Prayer

Breathe through us, Spirit of God,  
**and in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Before we were, you knew us.

You made us:

each unique,

each bearing your image.

When we know there are people with special needs,  
give us time to reflect your love as we care for them;  
patience and creativity as we attend the wanting, and demanding;  
and grace to receive from them  
the sharing of their love in their daily living.

Breathe through us, Spirit of God,  
**and in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Be present, Lord,  
stand among us  
and help us to believe we are  
meant to love and live.  
It is in loving that we live;  
help us to do the truth in love.

Breathe through us, Spirit of God,  
**and in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

All people belong to you, Heavenly Father.  
We pray for our earthly fathers:  
those whom we have loved  
and now are in your care;  
those whom we see  
    who extend their hands to hold;  
those whose love we crave and miss,  
yet are unable to reconcile.

Breathe through us, Spirit of God,  
**and in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reveal your face to us, and those in need.  
Embrace the unloved;  
those who are in pain or disgrace;  
those who suffer in any kind of way.  
In our hearts, we name those dear to us –

We place before you the names of those for whom our prayers have  
been asked.

Breathe through us, Spirit of God,  
**and in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We remember that in war,  
many difficult and unacceptable things happen.  
May we work towards a world  
where there is no war,  
no conflict,  
no need to take up arms.  
May we embrace the refugees  
and asylum seekers as you gather us under your wings.

Today, we remember the  
Martyrs of New Guinea.  
We pray with them,  
and all the saints in thanksgiving for the missionary work of the  
Church:

**God of all,  
bless the Anglican Board of Mission  
as it serves the Church in Australia  
and our partner churches overseas.  
Inspire its work and vision  
that all may come to know your justice,  
your peace and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world

James 1.27

## Notices

## Blessing

God give you grace to follow the Martyrs of New Guinea  
in faith, hope and love:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Daily Prayer (4:30 pm) for Myanmar:



**ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION**  
*Working for Love, Hope & Justice*

God of the still small voice of calm,  
We pray for concord and peace in Myanmar.  
Send your Spirit to console those whose loved ones  
have had their lives cut short  
for marching in peaceful demonstrations.  
Send that same Spirit into the hearts  
of any who are afraid  
of what the future might bring.  
This we ask through him who is the Prince of Peace,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Parish Animal Welfare Group Shelter Project

Our group successfully applied for an MRSC Community Funding Scheme grant for our small pilot shelter belt project which aims to assist with livestock shelter provision and biodiversity recovery in the Macedon Ranges.

We have sufficient funding via the grant and donations to assist 12 Macedon Ranges farmers (who have livestock) with the latter via the provision of shelter belt packages.

Each shelter belt package will contain sufficient native tube stock, stakes and plant guards to plant a small three row shelter belt designed for livestock shelter provision and biodiversity recovery.

To date, our advertising has yielded three applications and eight expressions of interest. The packages will be available for collection from our project partner and supplier, Western Plains Nursery, Wildwood, in autumn 2022, applications having closed on October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis.

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

Fair Meeting Plans A, B & C!  
22nd October, 2021

 **Twilight  
Fair  
Friday**

**22nd October 2021**  
**3.00 - 7.00pm**  
68 Brantome Street  
Gisborne

Anglican Parish of Olabome

Purpose of the Fair

1. Have fun
2. Be an outreach to and the community,
3. To involve and engage as many people as possible in our parish community
4. Raise much needed funds to support the growth and mission of the parish.

**Theme: Christmas**

See separate notice in Pew Sheet about Christmas Decorations and Wreaths.

We are proposing three plans for the Fair. It will depend on the restrictions that might be in place on 22nd of October.

We are of course hoping for PLAN A

**PLAN A**

- a. All stalls outside probably straight along the Fisher Street - Masonic Hall – all along the pathway.
- b. QR Code to be available
- c. Customers to be provided with a bag with a message of welcome and Information pamphlet.
- d. Most items to be packaged for sale to eliminate handling
  - a. BOOKS - Bundle boxes of themed Mystery Books  
– 10 books for say \$10.00
  - b. CRAFT - Craft Bundles – Children/ Adults/ Babies/ Children
  - c. CAKES – All wrapped as usual – emphasis on Christmas cakes/ puddings, Shortbread, gingerbread, White Christmas
  - d. FRUIT & VEG - Pre-packed boxes
  - e. PRESERVES – Some pre-packed boxes
  - f. PLANTS wrapped as gifts
  - g. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
- e. Other Stalls
  - a. BBQ/DRINKS/LOLLIES
  - b. COFFEE CART with wrapped single Christmas treats including Devonshire teas, Shortbread, Gingerbread, Christmas Cake, White Christmas slice, Stained Glass Window slice to go with tea and coffee
  - c. MULLED WINE to add atmosphere
  - d. RAFFLE online

## **PLAN B - Smaller Market Style Fair**

Market style pre-packed Food Items – as per Market rules during restrictions

- a. CAKES
- b. FRUIT & VEG
- c. PRESERVES
- d. PLANTS
- e. RAFFLE Online
- f. Need to find out regulations for other stalls.

## **PLAN C**

Recycle the Trivia Auction Sight for online orders – Click and Collect Drive Through

- a. CAKES – Christmas Cake/Christmas Pudding/Shortbread/  
Gingerbread
- b. GINGERBREAD HOUSES
- c. FRUIT & VEG - Boxes
- d. PRESERVES – Pre- packed variety boxes
- e. PLANTS – Wrapped
- f. CHRISTMAS HAMPERS – decorations/ornaments/Food
- g. RAFFLE online
- h. BOOK Packs

No Matter which plan we implement, we will need your support with:

- a. Jams & Preserves
- b. Christmas Cakes
- c. Shortbread
- d. Christmas Puddings
- e. Gingerbread and Gingerbread Houses
- f. Christmas Tree cookies – Sonia has directions
- g. Possibly other cakes if we are able to go with Plan A
- h. Wood-worked – ornaments – Reindeer, Christmas Trees from dry  
timber
- i. Plants – especially wrapped as gifts
- j. Decorations as per separate notice.

Rest assured that all your contributions

will not be wasted as we have the three options.

On behalf of the committee,  
Alison Kitching

Dear Parish Friends,

The Fair Decorating Committee would love your assistance with helping to make Christmas Bauble Wreaths. The wreaths will serve as decorations for every stall but also be up for sale during the event (or subsequently if Covid intervenes).



The link below takes you to a page on the Parish website where there are some instructions on how to make them. The document also has some links to instructional videos.

If you are not keen to do some craft, please consider donating any excess Christmas baubles to us. Baubles can be dropped off at the rear of St John's Hall.

We are also after long lengths of fairy lights to decorate the outdoor twilight event. Happy to accept donations or loans. Please label any lights, near the plug end, if they are to be returned.

Regards  
Sonia  
0412 429 203

### [DIY Christmas Bauble Wreath](#)

BLOG FOR THE FAIR

[www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au/ParishFair21](http://www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au/ParishFair21)



**1. Ask**



**2. Listen**



**3. Encourage  
action**



**4. Check in**