

# Anglican Parish of Gisborne



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

St Paul's, Gisborne September 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 am

*The 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.*

# 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:

Inclusion...it's all about inclusion, even when things are seemingly unforgivable. Paul's letter to Philemon tells us much about the way that Paul dealt with people who 'miss the mark', the archery term that he adopted to describe 'sin'. ἀμαρτάνειν hamartánein literally means "to miss the mark" or to err, through deliberate action or omission.

What is really interesting in the light of the current Church debates as to whether the blessing of same sex marriage misses the mark, errs, or is a deliberate sin is the loving action of God.

Presently, parts of the Church look to the possibility of breaking unity and excluding large sections of the Church. To undermine the need to do so, there is now particular emphasis on judging, excluding, and having to right to say what you like, even if it impinges or damages another person. To have that right is, in some eyes, to stand up for the Gospel and speak "Biblical Truth" no matter what happens.

Surely this is not the way of Christ? Many are quoting, in isolation, passages of Paul, and then linking back to selected verses from the gospels to prove their point (proof text). You sin: we exclude. (...if it causes sin, cut it off).

Yet, Paul, in his writings does a few things that even contradict this approach to 'Biblical Truth'. In Romans 5, in the middle of the diatribe contained in the first half of the letter, he reminds us, no matter what faction, we are all sinners. He gives a few examples, but **goes on** to point out that despite our failings, NOTHING, NO NOTHING WILL EVER SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.

Answering the question "How many times should we forgive?" an exaggerated number is given by Jesus. There is more rejoicing, as we will hear in the next couple of weeks, over one person saved than 99 righteous and biblically correct hypocrites in the pews. And what does Paul do with Onesimus? This beautiful letter shows us about reconciliation. Onesimus should have been executed. Paul gives him the gift of new life. So, maybe it's time for all parts of the Church to sit down and work out where we miss the mark, and look at the reality of God's love and redemption before we fire off our first stones.

This Sunday: Pentecost 13C

Jeremiah 18.1-11

Psalms 139.1-5, 12-18

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14.25-33

Next Sunday: Pentecost 14C

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14

1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19a

Luke 14.25-33

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## Gathering of the People

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.**

How good, Lord, to be here!  
your glory fills the night;  
your face and garments, like the sun,  
shine with unborrowed light.

Fulfiller of the past,  
promise of things to be:  
we hail your body glorified,  
and our redemption see.

How good, Lord, to be here,  
your beauty to behold,  
where Moses and Elijah stand,  
your messengers of old.

Before we taste of death,  
we see your Kingdom come;  
we still would hold the vision bright,  
and make this hill our home.

How good, Lord, to be here!  
yet we may not remain;  
but since you bid us leave the mount  
come with us to the plain.

Joseph Armitage Robinson 1858-1933

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you  
for life and health and safety,  
for freedom to work, leisure to rest,  
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.  
But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
for his death and resurrection;  
for the gift of your Spirit;  
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.  
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Gloria

**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.**

### The Collect

Christ, our only surety,  
through your inspiration  
we dare to call ourselves your disciples.  
By your grace enable us  
to carry the cross and follow you,  
and in our struggle to persevere  
let the Holy Spirit supply us freely  
from the wellspring of eternal life.  
We ask this of your faithful love,  
both now and for ever and 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.**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 18.1-11

*At the end of the reading:*

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

### Psalm 139 1-5, 12-18



O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You mark out my journeys and my resting place  
and are acquainted with all my ways.      *Response*  
***How wonderful are your words, O Lord.***

For there is not a word on my tongue,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.  
You encompass me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
so high that I cannot attain it.      *Response*

My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes behold my form, as yet unfinished;  
already in your book were all my members written,  
As day by day they were fashioned  
when as yet there was none of them.      *Response*

How deep are your counsels to me, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!  
If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,  
and at the end, I am still in your presence.      *Response*

A reading from the letter to Philemon

Philemon 1-21

*At the end of the reading:*

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

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Welcome with meekness the implanted word  
that has the power to save your souls.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Luke 14.25-33

*At the end of the Gospel, the reader says:*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Breaking open the Word

Mr Peter Burt  
Anglicare Victoria

*After a period of reflection, we all stand:*

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God,  
who made and loves all that is.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was born, lived, died and rose again,  
and is coming to call all to account.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,  
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

*The response to the bidding is **hear our prayer***

*As the intercession folder is placed on the altar, we pray together:*

Lord God, King of the universe,  
you show the bright glory of your reign  
in acts of mercy and enduring love:  
raise the spirits of the downcast  
and restore those who have fallen away,  
that your Church may continually sing of your saving help,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Psalm 32.1

Let us now confess our sins to almighty God.

**Heavenly Father,  
you have loved us with an everlasting love,  
but we have broken your holy laws  
and have left undone what we ought to have done.  
We are sorry for our sins  
and turn away from them.  
For the sake of your Son who died for us,  
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.  
By your Holy Spirit,  
enable us to live for you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The minister stands and declares God's forgiveness.*

God desires that none should perish,  
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.

In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.

✕ God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.  
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.,**

The peace of God be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We offer one another a sign of peace and reconciliation.*

## The Offertory

*During the singing of the hymn, the collection is received; and bread and wine are prepared for the communion of all people.*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things  
shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and you shall find,  
knock and it shall  
be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, .....**

**We shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds  
from the mouth of the Lord.  
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, .....**

Karen Lafferty 1948-

### The Offertory Prayers

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,**  
**let our praises come before you,**  
**so that, united in faith,**  
**we may worship in spirit and in truth,**  
**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.**

Loving God,  
we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.  
You have given it to us to care for,  
so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.  
Lord our God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

We thank you that when we turned away from you,  
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,  
and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you  
and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

We thank you that on the cross  
Jesus took away our sin,  
all that keeps us from each other and from you.

He frees us from hate and fear,  
from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

We thank you that you call us into community  
where with one voice we may work together  
to compel your love to be known  
in the streets and lanes,  
highways and byways,  
proclaiming and living your good news of acceptance  
to all whom we meet.

Lord our God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

And so with everyone who believes in you,  
with all the saints and angels,  
we rejoice and praise you, 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.**

And now Creator God, we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine;  
may we who receive them,  
as Jesus said,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread  
and gave you thanks.  
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,  
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks.  
He shared the cup with them and said,  
'This is my blood poured out  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Great is the Mystery of our Faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

You have gathered us together  
to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us:  
Fill us with your Spirit  
that we may follow Jesus  
in all we do and say,  
working for justice and bringing your peace  
to this world that you have made.  
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in our songs of unending praise:

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

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us so we 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 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.**

**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.**

*The invitation to communion is given in these words.*

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

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

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

Anthem during Communion  
Ave Verum Corpus  
Robert de Pearsall

## The Sending out of God's People

I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we\* may do for Christ.

Philemon 6

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,  
feeding us with your word,  
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us  
to love and serve you and all people,  
in the power of your Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Post Communion Hymn

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from his table take leave.**

**The supper is ended: may now be extended  
the fruits of his service in all who believe.**

**The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for all humankind.**

**His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us  
to work for his kingdom, his purpose to find.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face,  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing as neighbours all those of each race.**

**One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,  
unite us as one in his life that we share.**

**Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,  
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.**

Omer Westendorf 1916- alt.

### The Blessing and Dismissal

May the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing his will,  
working in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be  
glory for ever and ever:

✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Postlude  
Fanfare, Peter Hurford

This week in the Parish

<b>Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost 13C</b>	
10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Paul's, Gisborne
<b>Monday September 9<sup>th</sup></b>		
1.30 pm	Card Group	Parish Centre
<b>Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
1.30 pm	Bible Study	Parish Centre
<b>Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.00 am	Morning Prayer	St Paul's, Gisborne
<b>Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.00 am	DEADLINE PEW BULLETIN	
1.30 pm	Bus Ministry:	Lancefield Bakery
6.00 pm	Meeting AA	Parish Centre, Gisborne
<b>Friday September 13<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup></b>		
5.30 pm	Eucharist	St John's Riddells Creek
<b>Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost 14C</b>	
9.00 am	Eucharist	St Paul's Gisborne
10.30 am	Eucharist	Church of the Resurrection
11.00am	Grevillea Church Service	

Fr Dennis is on leave until September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the relay number below to reach a Warden on duty for pastoral support or emergencies.

Parish Office: 32A Fisher Street, Gisborne PO Box 325, Gisborne 3437  
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Vicar: Fr Dennis Webster (03) 9012 3365 (will relay to a mobile service)  
Wardens: Alison Kitching, Tony Woodgate, Mary Duggan

**Church of Christ - Invitation to parishioners to Silver Service, Thursday 12th September 1.30pm. A chance to sing beautiful old hymns and then afternoon tea. A lovely musical afternoon... all most welcome**

## PARISH BUS PROGRAM 2019 - SPRING

In general the following excursions will depart from the Parish centre, Gisborne at 1.30. pm and plan to return at 4.30 pm. These trips will normally be on a **Thursday** and, if required, a second trip to the same destination will be arranged for the following day.

**Once a month** there will be a full day trip planned and this will be noted. On these days the bus will depart from the Parish centre at 11.00 o'clock and return at around 4.30 pm. A minimum number of 5 passengers is needed for these trips to proceed.

Seating on the bus is limited so please telephone either Wendy or Jim Lindsay on

**5428-2447 or 0419 132 291 to secure a seat.**

All costs relating to food and drinks en route remain the responsibility of the individual.

**In the event of a fire ban day, the bus will not run.**

- **Thursday, September 12th - 1:30pm Lancefield Bakery.**
- Thursday, September 26nd - 1:30pm Kyneton
- **Thursday, October 3rd - 11:00am Day Trip, Maldon**
- Thursday, October 10th - 1:30pm Vasili's Garden Centre.
- Thursday, October 24th \_ 1:30pm Glenlyon General Store
- **Thursday, October 31st - 11:00am Day Trip, Ballarat/Creswick**
- Thursday, November 7th - 1:30pm Hanging Rock
- Thursday, November 21st - 1:30pm Daylesford Mill Antique Market
- **Thursday, November 28nd - 11:00am Day Trip, Williamstown**
- Thursday, December 5th - 1:30pm Skydancers, Harcourt.

The bus will then go into summer recess, starting again in the New Year.

**PARISH ANIMAL NETWORK MEETING:** Sunday, September 15th, 12.30, over lunch at Macedon Railway Hotel. Meeting to discuss planning for Blessing of the Animals Service/s. All welcome. Please let Janine Mc Dougall (0418171092) know if you would like to reserve a seat for lunch.

**Message from Father Jeff** - Hello everyone, Just writing to let you all know that I have just released onto the Kindle Platform seven titles that represent the culmination of many years of research and associated work.

To view them, just go to the Kindle Shop and type my name into the search section.

Please note: there are books on the list by another Jeff Berger, but the titles below are the only ones that are mine.

Hope you might like to purchase to read, pass this information on to friends or share in other areas.

The titles are:

- Poetry past and Prescient.
- Psychological Reflections.
- The Use of Power in Extreme Situations
- Reflections on Parapsychology.
- Reflections on Psychoanalysis
- Mysteries of Time and Space, Earth and Man
- The prevalence of Clergy Burnout.

Regards, Jeff

Also... Jeff Berger is on the hunt for books by or about C.S. Lewis. If anyone has titles they might want to sell, he would be interested to hear from them. He can be contacted on: [jekasiam@netconnect.com.au](mailto:jekasiam@netconnect.com.au) or 0419 535753.

**KANGAROO MANAGEMENT PLAN LETTER:** The Kangaroo Pet Food Trial and evaluation of the overall Kangaroo Management Plan administered by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning ends on September 30th. Hence, from October 1st, kangaroos in Victoria will be killed and processed for petfood. Whilst this will be undertaken by professional industry shooters, the trial evaluation report has revealed the occurrence of overkilling and indiscriminate killing of kangaroos which threatens population balance and sustainability, and the difficulty of monitoring the shooting which occurs at night. In addition, the Authority To Control Wildlife permit issued to landholders to shoot kangaroos damaging their property requires no shooter proficiency assessment. Local wildlife shelters report significant evidence of cruelty to kangaroos and joeys resulting from incompetent shooting. In the interest of caring stewardship of our beloved Macedon Ranges kangaroos, please consider signing the group letter to our State MP, Mary-Anne Thomas addressing these concerns which will be made available at our three centres. Janine Mc Dougall & Rosemary Homewood, Co-convenors, Parish Animal Welfare Network.

# Organ Concert

Dubois  
Buxtehude  
Telemann  
J S Bach  
Mendelssohn  
Elgar



## Dianne Gome and Friends

Sunday 29 September, 2019 @ 3.00 pm

\$30 / \$25

Bookings:  
[Trybooking.com](http://Trybooking.com)

Church of the Resurrection  
Cnr Honour Ave  
& Mt Macedon Rd., Macedon

Enquiries:  
0437 941 690

Gisborne Secondary College  
Chaplaincy Committee

## Movie night fundraiser



**Monday 16th Sept 2019**  
**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**  
**Helen on 0407 686 708 or Bronwyn on 0417 028 605**

**Please bring your ticket on the night**