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Rohingya women offer prayers at the 'widows' camp' where they have found refuge after fleeing violence in Myanmar
Source: Yahoo! News

Pentecost 24B
7 November 2021

Online Resource for Morning Prayer 10.30 am
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 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

Giving it all you've got...

Both in sport and music, the need to push one's self and improve is always there. Growing up, through self-criticism and analysis, we were encouraged by the school staff and coaches to take each assessment as not 'how good you are' or 'not'. We were encouraged to turn this into an evaluation of 'in what ways could I do this different to bring about a higher performance?' It is a surprisingly healthy approach. Tests are not there to show you how much you learned or where you are in the pecking order of the class. (Although the State system unfairly applied a quartile system that was localised rather than state-based). The results were two-fold. It highlighted areas that required more work or effort. It also highlighted the astute teacher and coach areas that may require revision or a different approach. It was all about aiming to achieve your best. If you are giving it your best, then no more can be asked of you.

Too often, competitiveness drives people to compare where they are in the overall scheme of things. Some competition is good. Some philosophies do not like it based on the negative aspects of reinforcing failure and damaging esteem. Both arguments have merits. I prefer to encourage the best.

I remember one Olympic event where a swimmer finished the race 3 minutes after the others. The entire stadium stood and cheered wildly. He had made the Olympics the best of his country. Up against the likes of Phelps and Thorpe, he was no match. But he achieved a first for his country by completing an Olympic race. He did not have to earn a podium finish. Still, in terms of the aims of the Olympics, he competed "higher, stronger, faster – together".

The readings for this weekend turn on their head the notion of entitlement and generosity. To protect her inheritance and provide for her daughter, Ruth and Naomi sacrifice their past to ensure their future.

Jesus notes those who give of their abundance and fail to care for those around them. The widow gives all that she has in honour of God. Yes, the Temple may provide welfare from the abundance, but what is faster, higher, stronger – together: a tithe of herbs, or all you have?

Today's worship:

Pentecost 24B

Ruth 3.1-5;4.3-17

Psalms 127

Hebrews 9.23-28

Mark 12.38-44

Next week

Pentecost 25B

1 Samuel 1.4-20

Song of Hannah

Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25

Mark 13.1-11

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Gathering

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We gather together virtually in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let
us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in
penitence and faith.

Lord God,

we have sinned against you;

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrong-doing and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us

and restore us to the joy of your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

and in our song will we praise our God.

Collect

Let us pray.

Divine Love,
abiding in, with and through us,
help us to give of our abundance
so that those who are denied the material resources of the world
may obtain redemption from their plight;
and through the power of your Holy Spirit
exemplify the total self giving of Jesus,
the Glory of the House of Israel. 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 book of Ruth.

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.' She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.'

He then said to the next-of-kin, 'Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. So I thought I would tell you of it, and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here, and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you.' So he said, 'I will redeem it.' Then Boaz said, 'The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance.' At this, the next-of-kin said, 'I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.'

Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, one party took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. So when the next-of-kin

said to Boaz, 'Acquire it for yourself', he took off his sandal. Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, 'Today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses.'

Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, 'We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.'

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

At the conclusion the reader may say:

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory

Psalm 127

Children are a heritage from the Lord.

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord keeps the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil,
for he gives his beloved sleep.

Children are a heritage from the Lord
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
so are the children of one's youth.

Happy are those who have their quiver full of them:
they shall not be put to shame
when they dispute with their enemies in the gate.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 9.23-28

Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

At the conclusion the reader may say:

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 12.38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word
Music for Reflection

The Ministry of Prayer

The response to *Christ present in the Sanctuary of God, we entreat you:*
is “**hear our prayer.**”

*At the conclusion of the prayers, as the intercessor places the prayer requests on the Altar,
we pray together:*

**Gracious God,
you gather a people as your own,
not to remove them from the world
but to make them shine as this world’s light.
Fill your Church with the gifts of the Spirit,
and make us effective witnesses to Jesus,
that all the earth may echo
the unceasing song of your praise.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence is kept for a while.

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.**

Notices

Your word is a lantern to our feet
and a light upon our path.

Blessed are you, Lord our God.
How sweet are your words to the taste,
sweeter than honey to the mouth.
How precious are your commands for our life,
more than the finest gold in our hands.
How marvellous is your will for the world,
unending is your love for the nations.
Our voices shall sing of your promises
and our lips declare your praise
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of life which was from the beginning
we proclaim to you.

The darkness is passing away
and the true light is already shining;
the Word of life which was from the beginning.

That which we heard, which we saw with our eyes,
and touched with our hands,
we proclaim to you.

For our fellowship is with the Father,
and with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Word of life which was from the beginning
we proclaim to you**

from 1 John 1

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Daily Prayer (4:30 pm) for Myanmar:

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.**

2021 NOTICE
Annual Meeting of Parishioners
14th November 2021

Commencing at 11.00 am at Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.

After a Combined Service at 9.30am

Please note that depending on the COVID -19 restrictions, this meeting may be conducted electronically.

If you would prefer to join the 'online' community, please log into the Parish Zoom page www.bit.ly/GisborneAnglicanVMT around 10.45 am.

Order of Business

- 1) Opening Prayers and welcome
- 2) The minutes of the 2020 annual meeting held on 15th November 2020 and the minutes of the reconvened Annual meeting on 17th January 2021, called to receive the Auditors Report and the accounts for the year ending 30th September 2020.
- 3) Reception of the Parish electoral roll.
- 4) Annual report by the Vicar
- 5) Annual report by the Churchwardens incorporating the proceedings of the Parish Council
- 6) The audited accounts for the year 1/10/20-30/9/21.
- 7) The budget approved by the Parish Council for 2021/22.
- 8) Reports from Parish Groups:
 - ☞ Aged Care Ministry Report
 - ☞ Animal Welfare Report
 - ☞ Autumn Festival
 - ☞ Bus Report
 - ☞ Children's Ministry Report
 - ☞ EFM
 - ☞ Fair Report
 - ☞ Foodbank Report
 - ☞ FOMAR Report
 - ☞ Guild Report- St Paul's
 - ☞ Guild Report – Church of the Resurrection
 - ☞ Incumbency Report
 - ☞ KYBM Report
 - ☞ Liturgical Music Report
 - ☞ Memorial Organ Report
 - ☞ Missions Report

- ¶ Op Shop Gisborne
 - ¶ Op Shop Riddells Creek
 - ¶ Report on the Management of Risk to Health and Safety
 - ¶ Trivia Night Report
- 9) The election of Church Wardens and members of the Parish Council
- The election and appointment of Church Wardens.
 - The election of Hon. Parish Council Secretary
 - The election of Hon. Parish Treasurer
 - The election and appointment of Parish Council Members
- 10) The election of representatives to the Parish Incumbency Committee:
- One from St John's
 - One from St Paul's
 - One from the Church of the Resurrection
 - One Parish Representative.
- 11) The appointment of an auditor for 2021/22
- 12) Any other matters of parochial or general church interest.
1. Space and Property Committee Presentation
- ¶ Parochial Statistics
- 13) Authorisation for Lay Assistants at Holy Communion

Close:

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

By order of the Church Wardens:
Mary Duggan, Brett Collins and John Lee Tet

*Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy Committee
and House of The Rock invite you to*

Morning Tea

With Guest Speaker - Pastor Christie Buckingham

As Spiritual Adviser for Myuran Sukumaran (member of the Bali 9), Pastor Christie walked with Myuran to his death by firing squad in 2015 and was with him in his final moments.

"I was so taken by how inspirational they were and how they had reformed themselves inside Kerobokan".

Chaplaincy will be making a donation to Kingdom First International which is an organization that supports international prison ministry specifically Kerobokan.

Saturday 13th November 10am

\$25 per Ticket

House of The Rock

247 Station Road, New Gisborne

Under current regulations, to attend this event you will need to provide proof of Full Vaccination or a Medical exemption.

Tickets can be purchased
at Snapshot Photos
Shop 2 / 18 Brantome st
beside Priceline.

Cash only please

if you are unable to visit
Snapshot photos
please contact

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Update regarding COVID-19 outbreak

Thank you everyone for your understanding and support during the recent positive exposure at the Church of the Resurrection.

As a result of our record keeping, the Department of Health had access to all who were present and were able to follow up, mainly through the Loddon office, Bendigo.

Some confusion reigned (as it was bound to) as Gisborne and Macedon are not clearly defined as North, North Central, West or Metro. Depending where you took your tests, results were processed from different parts of the city. That is beyond our control!

The situation to follow is this:

- if you are positive, you will receive a text and call from DH or DHHS
- they often send a text to warn you the phone call is coming
- they will then go through the procedures
- and yes, because of the sheer numbers being interviewed, you will more than likely be referred either to a call centre, or a person working from home. (some complained of children and pet noises in the background)

Please follow all instructions given.

A close contact will be notified by text. You are required to follow the testing procedure as outlined. Day 4 and Day 6; the date of the contact is reckoned as being Day 0. So Sunday was 0, Sunday was 7. Stay isolated until directed otherwise.

Many of us received duplicated texts. This was because the Loddon office worked off our records. Again, a text is sent followed by the call. Some of us were ordered back into isolation, others had better fortune. As a result of the experience, even though our records were more than adequate, some tweaking has been undertaken. Thanks also to the Food Bank, together with Naomi, Tony, Lynne, Ian and Jan for all their care of those who were required to be at home. Please continue to pray for all affected.

