



ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
**GISBORNE**

MACEDON | RIDDELLS CREEK | GISBORNE

# Blessing of the Animals



**MORNING PRAYER**

***Feast of St Francis***

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

## A Service to Give Thanks for All Creation

Let us worship God: ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord,**

**shout to the rock of our salvation.**

**Serve the Lord with gladness,**

**come before his face with songs of joy.**

Saying sorry to God

God our Father,

we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,

and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,

without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do

and think and say;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you

by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

For not looking after creation as your stewards as you commanded;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
✠ forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.

**Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth**

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself  
to the childlike and lowly of heart:  
grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,  
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness  
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord, speak to us  
**that we may hear your word.**

Move among us  
**that we may behold your glory.**

Receive our prayers  
**that we may learn to trust you. Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Galatians 6.14-end

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For nei-  
ther circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is  
everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them,  
and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me;  
for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and  
sisters. Amen.

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

## Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Video only: Psalm 100, sung by Avon Grove HS Chorale virtual choir, Avon Grove High School, Pennsylvania. Music by Joe Eckman, and used with his express permission and blessing.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

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

Luke 12.22-34

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?’

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Breaking Open the Word

Sharon Bondy

Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network

Reflections on God's Creation  
and Storytime

Christian and Susannah Murray

Charlotte Teed with Elizabeth and Georgie,  
and lots of chickens.

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave 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.**

*The minister continues*

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,  
**let your glory cover the earth.**

Keep our nation under your care,  
**and guide us in justice and truth.**

Let your way be known on earth,  
**your saving power among all nations.**

Send out your light and your truth,  
**that we may tell of your saving works.**

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.  
**Hear the cry of those in need.**

Hear our prayers, O Lord,  
**for we put our trust in you.**

Intercessions

Video: Sonia Mailer

Litany

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts  
so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation,  
in earth and sky and sea;

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

**We thank you, Lord.**

That each pet here may be treasured with care;

**We pray to you, Lord.**

That we may love and honour all your works, O God;

**We pray to you, Lord.**

That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment  
of your abundant creation;

**To the honour and glory of your name, now and forever,  
we pray to you, Lord.**

#### Blessing of Animals

N., may you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit who created you, and may you and N. (the owner) enjoy life together with our God.

Most high, almighty Lord, our Creator,

yours are the praise, the glory, the honour and all blessings!

To you alone do all things belong.

Be praised for giving us the animals,

birds and fish which fill your world.

May we think of you and thank you when we play with  
and care for our pets.

Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets  
and to have them to play with.

We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always,  
so that they may be happy also.

Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy.

O God, your world is wonderful.

May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven  
where we shall see even more wonderful things  
and where we shall live and love for ever.

This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. **Amen.**

Words of closing

Be inspired by these words of Fyodor Dostoyevsky:

Love all God's creation,  
the whole and every grain of sand of it.  
Love every leaf, every ray of God's light.  
Love the animals, love the plants, love everything.  
If you love everything,  
you will perceive the divine mystery in things.  
Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it  
better every day.  
And you will come at last to love the whole world  
with an all-embracing love.

~Fyodor Dostoyevsky

May the work of peace be ever on our minds,  
for even where there is hatred,  
cubs and kittens still play.

**Even where there is injury,  
the eagles still soar.**

Even where there is despair,  
the morning is greeted with song.

**Even where there is darkness,  
burrows, dens and nests bring safe sleep.**

Even where there is sadness,  
the whales and dolphins leap up to the sky.

**May we seek not so much to dominate as to  
live in peace with all God's creatures. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord:

**thanks be to God.**

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

This month's The Melbourne Anglican is now available  
on line and in limited copies from the Parish.  
<https://bit.ly/MelbAnglican>

**A note to our mystery  
grass-trimmer!**

Dear Ma'am, Ms, Mr, Master,  
or Skippy?

THANK YOU  
for trimming the growth on the  
bank at St John's.

Lawn-mowing on the slope is  
difficult  
and your generosity,  
be you of the Parish or of the  
Shire Council, is appreciated ❤️



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Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network is a group of local wildlife rescuers and wildlife shelters that came together in 2007 to respond to the increasing number of wildlife emergencies in the local region. We are all volunteers.

There are so many ways you can help wildlife, from making your fences wildlife friendly, to putting out water on hot days, to sewing pouches for orphaned joeys.

How demanding is the work of the MRWN?

Between 2014 and 2017, there were on average 1720 calls outs each year. In that period, 4,835 were to kangaroos, and 108 koalas. Wallabies and echidnas are also sadly other high casualties.

What should I do if I need assistance? Please call the Wildlife Victoria. Add this number to your mobile phone! MRWN will respond as directed by Wildlife Victoria. If you would like to donate to Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network, please go to their website:



<https://www.mrwn.org.au/donate>

where there are PayPal and bank details, or send a cheque to The Secretary, MRWN, PO Box 835, Kyneton, 3444.

Our thanks to Sandra Bondy for being our guest in our on-line service.

**NOTICE**  
**Annual Meeting of Parishioners**  
**15th November 2020**  
**Commencing at 11.30am at Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.**  
**after a Combined Service at 10.00am**

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

1. Notice of revision of the Parish Electoral Roll.
  - The Parish Electoral Roll is available for checking and is circulated electronically with Pew Sheet on 24/9/20 or viewed on the Parish website.<sup>1</sup>
  - A hard copy of the Roll is available for checking at the Parish Centre.
  - Application Forms for enrolment are available on the Parish website or by contacting the Parish Secretary (caddick@bigpond.com.au) or the Parish Finance & Administration Officer (gisborneanglican@bigpond.com).
2. Applications for enrolment need to be submitted to Fr. Dennis Webster by no later than Friday 16th October 2020. The updated Electoral Roll for the 2020 Annual General Meeting will be published on the Parish website by Thursday 22nd October 2020.
3. Notice of the Annual Meeting - the meeting agenda will be published 14 days prior to the meeting date and the agenda papers will be available on Thursday 5th November 2020.
4. Call for Nomination of candidates for the offices of:
  - 2 Church Wardens
  - 6 Parish Council Members
  - Hon. Secretary to Parish Council
  - Hon. Parish Treasurer
  - Incumbency Committee
    - i. One Parishioner to be elected by those on the electoral roll of each centre.
    - ii. One Parishioner to be elected as the Parish Representative.

Nomination Forms to be handed to Fr Dennis Webster by noon on **Friday 30th October 2020**. Forms are available on the Parish website or hard copy available at the Parish Centre.

Please note that Nominations require the support (signature) of 2 Parishioners who appear on the Parish Electoral Roll.

The Nominees for the positions listed above will be published by the **5th November 2020**, at which time the arrangements for the conduct of an election (if required) will be advised.

5. Reports for the Annual Meeting should be sent by email as soon as possible but no later than **Thursday 22nd October 2020** to caddick@bigpond.com.au
6. The Annual Meeting Papers will be distributed by Email on 5/11/20.  
Please ensure that the Parish Office has your up-to-date email address.  
If you need a printed copy of the papers, please let Margarita Caddick know by the **Sunday 1st of November** to enable them to be printed.  
Email: caddick@bigpond.com.au or Phone 0448 368 774.

Notice issued by Hon Parish Secretary, Margarita Caddick on 24th September 2020,  
on behalf of Tony Woodgate, Mary Duggan and Alison Kitching, Wardens

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[www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au/parishportal](http://www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au/parishportal)  
This will be available on request, and emailed to all on the Electoral Roll



Our Parish EfM group will be starting its next year on November 1st, 2020. We are a happy small team enjoying the challenges of studying our faith and looking forward to welcoming others as we establish a new group.

We are meeting via Zoom at present, on Sunday afternoons from 3.00pm until around 6.00pm. The times and dates are to be determined by the new group when it meets on November 1st. We invite anyone interested in joining with us to read the prospectus on the Anglican Parish of Gisborne Website [www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au](http://www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au) for detailed information and if you would like a hard copy, please contact Alison via email [alison.kitching@bigpond.com](mailto:alison.kitching@bigpond.com)

As we need to order the Reading and Reflection Guide, please let us know before October 25 if you'd like to be part of the new group.

Debra Saffrey-Collins & Alison Kitching

NOTICE OF REVISION OF PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL  
Parish of Gisborne

The parish electoral roll of this parish will be revised by the parish electoral committee commencing on September 24th, 2020 and applications for enrolment will close on Friday 16th October, 2020.

The Parish Governance Act 2013 provides that parish electoral roll is to contain the names of people who are of at least eighteen years of age and who—

- (a) are baptised;
- (b) regularly and habitually attend public worship at a worship centre in the parish;
- (c) have signed an application seeking to be included on the roll and declaring that—
  - (i) they are a member of the Anglican Church of Australia or of a church in communion with the Anglican Church of Australia;
  - (ii) they are not a member of any church which is not in communion with the Anglican Church of Australia; and
  - (iii) they are not on the parish electoral roll of any other parish or any Authorised Anglican Congregation in the Diocese other than a roll from which they wish their name to be removed.

The parish electoral roll as revised will be displayed 14 days prior to the annual meeting. A person must be on the parish electoral roll to vote at the annual meeting.

Dated: 24th September 2020.

Margarita Caddick

Hon Parish Secretary

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VIRTUAL MORNING TEA Sunday 10.30 am

[www.bit.ly/GisAngVMT](http://www.bit.ly/GisAngVMT)

Morning Prayer Wednesday 10 am: [www.bit.ly/GisAngWedMorn](http://www.bit.ly/GisAngWedMorn)

Morning Prayer Friday 8.30 am <https://bit.ly/GisAngFridayMP>

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Hon Associates:

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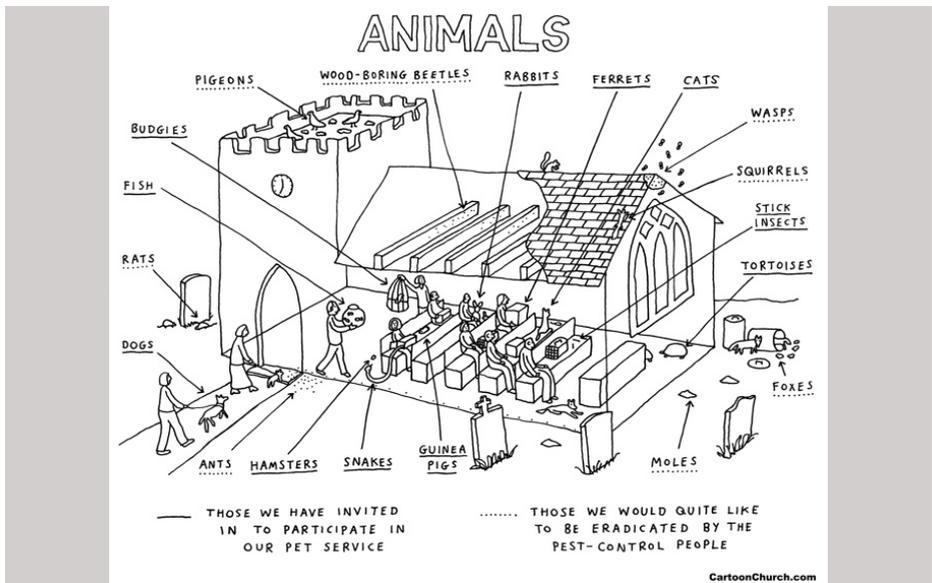
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