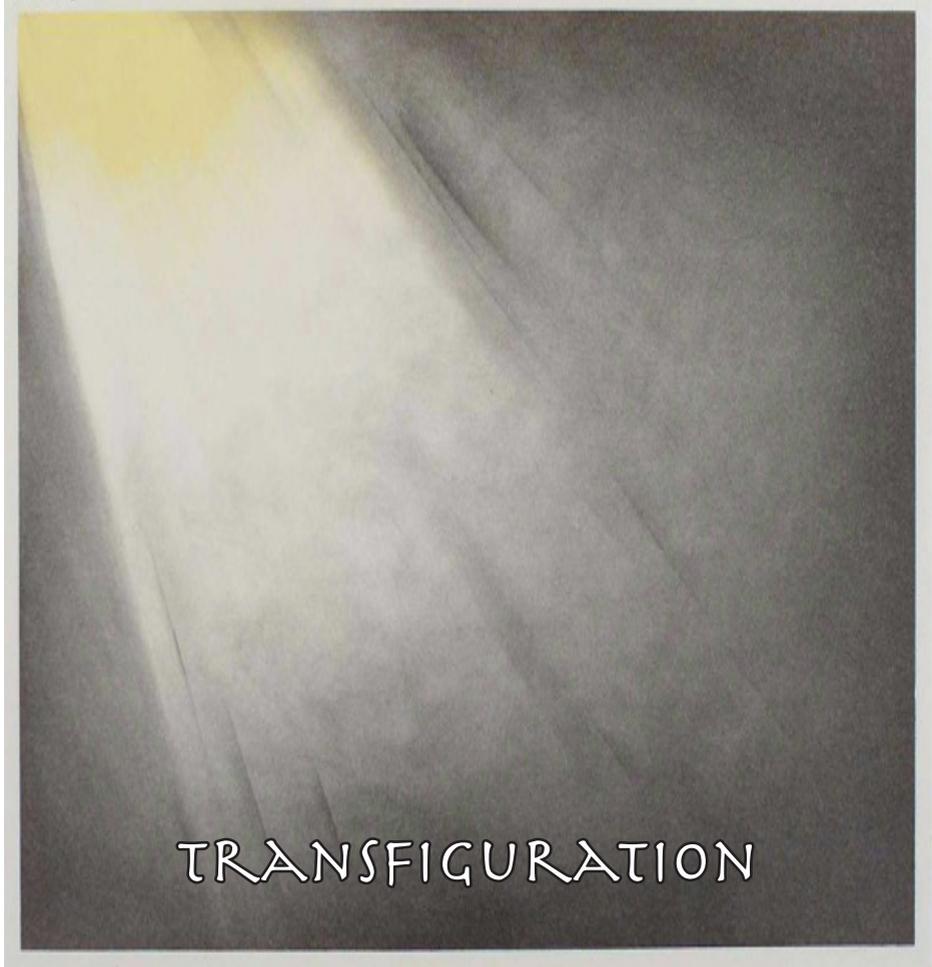


Gisborne Anglican Parish

St John's, Riddells Creek
St Paul's, Gisborne
Church of the Resurrection, Macedon

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TRANSFIGURATION

Last Weekend before Lent
February 10th/11th, 2018

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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: Shall we begin building something?

Today, the last weekend of the Epiphany/Christmas season, marks that dramatic point where we note that Jesus resolutely turns his face towards Jerusalem. The inner-sanctum see the transfiguration, and recognise the presence of Moses and Elijah. Immediately, they set about earthly concerns of “building a tent” (literally, a tabernacle) for the Divine Presence: God is with us: Immanuel. They fail to grasp that this is not a moment for holding and containing God, it is the pointer to something that is both terrifying as it is wonderful. Caught up in the moment, they seek to hold on, but Jesus' mission is about to change course, and we will be following it through the season of preparation we call Lent.

This Friday marks the 35th anniversary of the Ash Wednesday fires. We have indeed pitched our tent on the mountain but never let us forget that our reality is not the beginning, but the culmination of Christ's mission: the Resurrection. Like Peter, we need to look beyond the present and keep our eyes, as Saint Paul would later say, on the prize.

Readings for today: 2 Corinthians 4.3-12; Psalm 50.1-6; Mark 9.2-9

Readings for next week: Lent 1B|Genesis 9.8-17; Psalm 25.1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1.9-15

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.

The Gathering of God's People

Opening Hymn, during which candles are lit.

St John's and St Paul's

TiS 234

How good, Lord, to be here

The Presider welcomes 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.

**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.**

Confession

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins 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

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**

Gloria in Excelsis

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.

Collect

Let us pray

Almighty God,

whose Son was revealed in majesty

before he suffered death upon the cross:

give us faith to perceive his glory,

that being strengthened by his grace

we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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 second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

(2 Cor 4.3-12)

Psalm 50 Said at St John's and St Paul's

Sung at Church of the Resurrection (TiS 30)

Be ex - al - -ted, O God, a - -bove the
heav'ns! Let your glo - ry ov - er all the earth be found.

***Be exalted, O God, above the heav'ns!
Let your glory over all the earth be found.***

The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

Our God comes, and does not keep silence,
before whom is a devouring fire,
round about whom is a mighty storm.
God calls to the heaven above and to the earth,
that the people may be judged.

‘Gather to me, my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!’
The heavens declare God's righteousness,
for he himself is judge

Jane Marshall

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening:
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Mark 9.2-9

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

After a time of reflection, we affirm our faith.

Today, as we continue the Epiphany season, we say together our Baptismal Creed, the Apostles Creed.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Fr Dennis affirms the declaration of God's people:

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith:

We believe in one God:

✠Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Ministry of Prayer

Please sit or kneel for the prayers of the people.

At the end of the prayers we pray together:

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:

Lord,

bless your people who seek your mercy,

and as you have planted in their hearts

the desire to be one with you,

so let that longing be fulfilled.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

And also with you.

We share a sign of peace with one another.

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: TiS 243 Christ upon the mountain peak

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.

**Almighty God,
accept the joyful praises of your Church,
and grant that your Son may shine in us
as the light that lightens every nation.
We ask this through 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.

The prayer of thanksgiving continues

...for ever praising you and singing

**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.

The Thanksgiving continues

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The prayer concludes...

...in songs of never ending praise:

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.**

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.**

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.**

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

Communion

Anthem during communion at the Church of the Resurrection:
Be still, for the presence of the Lord.

Short Anthems for Small Choirs

Post Communion Prayer

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.

**Take our hands and work through them;
take our lips and speak through them;
take our minds and think through them;
take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you.**

Post Communion Hymn

Thanksgiving Hymn:

St John's and St Paul's: TiS 545 Shout for Joy!

Church of the Resurrection: TiS 571 Forth in thy name

Blessing and Sending Out of God's People

May our God, transfigured with Moses and Elijah upon the mountain
give light to our mission of making the Word of Christ fully known:
and the blessing of God Almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

We go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

At Church of the Resurrection,

Kommst du nun, Jesu, von Himmel herunter

(You come, Jesus, from heaven)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

MESSY CHURCH WE'RE BACK!

Our menu this month includes meatballs! Anyone able to help with this or any of our activities, your help is appreciated! Please note: we're meeting on the **THIRD** Sunday of the month (18th February).

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Notices:

**Leading our Church into Growth –
Group Gatherings!**



Session 1 - Our Calling (*Telling our story and helping people meet Jesus*)

Tuesday, February 20 1.30pm – Parish Centre
7.30pm – Church of the Resurrec-
tion

**Leading
your Church
into
Growth**

Wednesday, February 21 10.30am – Parish Centre, following 10am Eucharist

Session 2 - Our Journey (*Growing deeper as followers of Jesus*)

Tuesday, March 6 1.30pm – Parish Centre &
7.30pm – Church of the Resurrection

Wednesday, March 7 10.30am – Parish Centre, following 10am Eucharist

Session 3 - Our Heart (*Worship that helps the church to grow*)

Tuesday, March 20 1.30pm – Parish Centre
7.30pm – Church of the Resurrection

Wednesday, March 21 10.30am – Parish Centre, following 10am Eucharist

Let us come together this Lent to action leading our church into growth!

More information to follow

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb 14

#whyashme Ashing at Gisborne and Macedon Railway Stations 7.15-8.30 am
10 am St Paul's & 8 pm Church of the Resurrection

ASH WEDNESDAY FIRE ANNIVERSARY, Friday Feb 16

Church of the Resurrection open all day for reflection and prayer.

7.30 am Morning Prayer

Noon: Midday Prayers and Eucharist

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

8.00pm Taizè inspired Compline (Prayers at the End of Day)

Organ Recital by Douglas Lawrence

Saturday 17th February @ 5.00 pm, Church of the Resurrection

Many music lovers in the Parish have been inspired by the work of Douglas Lawrence as Director of the Australian Chamber Choir. Now you can hear what he can do with the memorial organ at the Resurrection. Don't miss it!

The programme will include works by Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn and Karas. Bookings: trybooking.com \$25/20 or tickets at the door. (This concert has been planned as a pre-dinner event. If you would like to join a small group for dinner afterwards, please contact Winston Deason 5426 2096.)

RIDDELLS CREEK WHOLE OF TOWN GARAGE SALE

This year: February (not March) 17th.

\$5 to register a garage; \$3 for a map.

Please contact the Neighbourhood House on 5428 7836 or email rcnh@westnet.com.au to register your interest.

Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House Inc.

Open: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 10.00am - 3.00pm, 59 Main Road, Riddells Creek 3431.



Ninth Annual Peter Barcham Memorial Lecture: Monday February 19th, 7.30 pm at the Gisborne Uniting Church. Barney Zwartz, Senior Fellow, Centre for Public Christianity. Lecture entitled: *The Challenge of Secularism*. Free admission, and includes supper.

Oaks Church Service: This Sunday, 11am, Dementia Friendly Church, Grevillea Unit. Please let Janine Mc Dougall (0418171092) if you are aware of residents from other units who may wish to attend. Thanks.

Anglicare Broadmeadows Women's Community House Asylum Seeker Grocery Appeal: Many thanks to all those who have donated to this appeal – the generous response is much appreciated. As BWCH has a non-discriminatory policy, it has been decided to extend the appeal to all of their clients in need, a substantial proportion of whom are refugees and asylum seekers in any case. Many thanks, Janine McDougall & Rosemary Homewood, Co-ordinators, Parish Refugee Support Group.

This Week!

Monday 12th	10.00am	Play Group, Parish Hall, Gisborne
	1.30pm	Card Group, Parish Centre, Gisborne
Tuesday 13th	10.00am	Play Group, Parish Hall, Gisborne

ASH WEDNESDAY 14th

	10.00am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
	8.00pm	Eucharist, CoR
Thursday 15th	7.45pm	EFM, CoR

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16th ASH WEDNESDAY FIRES REMEMBRANCE

7.30am Morning Prayer; 12 noon Midday Prayer and Eucharist;
5.30pm Evening Prayer
8.00pm Taizè inspired COMPLINE (Prayers at the end of day)

Saturday 17th	5.00pm	Organ Recital, CoR
	5.30pm	Eucharist, St John's, Riddells Creek
Sunday 18th	9.00am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist, CoR, Macedon