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MACEDON | RIDDELLS CREEK | GISBORNE



Pentecost 6A
Baptism of Amelia Grace James
9th July, 2023
Church of the Resurrection, Macedon

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.

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for worship. You are invited to join us in Holy Communion, whether you are a visitor or a regular parishioner of the Anglican Church. Please make yourself known to us and if you would like more information about our community and ministry, please visit our website or ask one of our parishioners.

Weekly Thoughts

It is a pleasure to receive by baptism into the Church today Amelia Grace James, brother of Noah, daughter of Angelica and Paul, and grand daughter of Peter and Rosemary Davies.

Stewardship, Budgeting and Parish Finances

Like all parts of the community, the ability to utilise our financial resources is becoming more and more difficult. With a compulsory base increase of Award wages at 5.75% and increased power and gas, the Parish now needs to reduce some costs and overheads.

All aspects of Parish life will be under review. Already the Parish has taken advantage of the roll-out of heat pumps and LED lighting as offered by the State Government. Hot water services that are more efficient and cheaper have been installed in the Parish Hall, Parish Centre, Church of the Resurrection and St John's Riddells Creek. LED lighting was reviewed and replaced in the Parish Centre and Parish Hall. Further reviews are underway, with changes to be made as required.

The spotlight at Mount Macedon is now LED, not halogen powered, and linked to a timer. St Paul's has replaced the under-seat heating with current efficient heating and cooling. Heating and cooling at the Church of the Resurrection will require a major review.

The pew bulletin is undergoing a complete overhaul. Thanks to some generous benefactors, all centres will be equipped with screens (television or projector). Hymns and the like will be projected. Already you will note in this Pew bulletin that some aspects of the services have been redacted. With the removal of hymns, this will hopefully reduce the bulletin to 8 pages from the usual 16. Reducing the bulletin size will halve the budget for printing each week. Already St John's is not using the pew bulletin for services.

Office arrangements will also be under review regarding licensing requirements of various software and subscriptions. Open-source software will be a major consideration rather than proprietary software.

Over and above this, we also need to look at our income generation. Parish Council has met with the Shire Council to consider our plans. We will all be tightening our belts, but please, review your giving if you can, and pray with us for our mission of helping to make Christ fully known.

This Sunday: Pentecost 6a ~~Genesis 24.34-38,42-49,58-67~~ Psalm 45.10-17
Romans 7.15-25a Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

Next Sunday: Pentecost 7a Genesis 25.19-34 Psalm 119.105-112
Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

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Gathering

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

2. O loving wisdom of our God,
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

3. O wisest love, that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

4. and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

5. O generous love, that he who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo,

6. and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his friends, and thus inspire
to suffer and to die.

7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

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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.

We meet in the sight of Gebor/Mount Macedon in Kulin country and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Wurrundjeri Woiworrung people. We meet in peace to those who are near and those who are far, acknowledging all First Nations people and their elders. Minyan! Wominjeka!

Minyan!

There is one Body and one Spirit;

there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

one God and Father of all.

There are times when we have not been hospitable or open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to act in a godly and righteous manner. Acknowledging our failings and omissions, we bring them to mind as we ask for forgiveness in penitence and faith.

We are called to make disciples of all people:
forgive us when we have failed to act according to your will.
Lord have mercy or Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy Kyrie eleison

Through your Son Jesus, you died for our sins.
Help us to rise, renewed and able to begin again.
Christ have mercy or Christe eleison
Christ have mercy Christe eleison
Help us to be fully aware of our responsibilities for granting mercy,
justice and attending to the path of life on which we are called.
Lord have mercy or Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy Kyrie eleison

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.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Christ our Teacher,
gentle and humble of heart,
give us an attentive ear for your word,
and a mind ready to contemplate what we hear,
so that we may discover the wisdom hidden from the wise,
and manifest it before this generation
in all we say and do.
So shall you be glorified,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and always, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

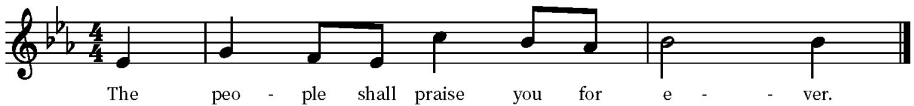
As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word through the scriptures:
open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.

* no Hebrew Scripture reading this week

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans
Romans 7.15-25a

After the reading, the reader may say

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.



Psalm 45.10-17

The Response: *The peoples shall praise you for ever.*

1. Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;
forget your own people and your father's house.
So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your lord, so do him honour.

Response

2. The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.
The king's daughter is all glorious within;
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.

Response

3. She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework;
after her the virgins that are her companions.
With joy and gladness shall they be brought
and enter into the palace of the king. Re

Response

4. 'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons,
whom you shall make princes over all the land.
'I will make your name to be remembered through all generations;
therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.' *Response*

The Gospel Procession and Proclamation

The people stand and the following may be sung for the gospel procession.

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

The Liturgy of Baptism

We welcome Amelia Grace James who comes to be baptised. I invite
her sponsors to present her now.

The sponsors answer

We present Amelia Grace to be baptised.

As sponsor and parents, Caitlyn, will you accept the responsibilities
placed upon you together with Angelica and Paul in bringing Amelia
for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Amelia?

I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love,
will you encourage Amelia in the life and faith of the Christian
community,?

I will, with God's help.

Before God and this congregation, together with Paul and Angelica, I
ask you to affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:
Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ,
loving God with your whole heart,
and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The priest says to the congregation

You have heard these our brother and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers

We will.

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The response to "I give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart," is

I will glorify your name for ever.

The prayers conclude with:

**We praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have made known your wisdom to the simple
and promise your rest to the weary.**

**We give you thanks, that through the Son,
you are revealed**

and I am invited to mirror your ways. Amen. (N.T. Wright)

The Blessing of the Water

The priest comes to the place where the water for baptism is, and begins the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation
your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life.
With water you cleanse and replenish the earth;
you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery into freedom,
and brought them through the river Jordan
to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ:
for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus
delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit
who forms us in the likeness of Christ
and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Amelia Grace
to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.
Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water
so that she who is baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his
death and resurrection.

May she die to sin, rise to newness of life,
and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom we give you praise and honour
in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Paul, Angelica and Caitlyn, together with all who have gathered here
today I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

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,
who was 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.**

The priest says to the congregation

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith:

We believe in one God:

✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amelia Grace, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

After Baptism

Amelia, I sign you with the sign of the cross
to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.
Live as a disciple of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

God has brought you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

God has called you into his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

The Peace

The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Offertory Hymn

1. Let him to whom we now belong
his sovereign right assert,
and take up every thankful song
and every loving heart.

2. He justly claims us for his own,
who bought us with a price;
as Christians live to Christ alone,
to Christ alone we die.

3. We come in deep humility
thine easy yoke to prove,
and own it perfect liberty
to serve the Lord we love.

4. Jesus, thine own at last receive,
fulfil our hearts' desire,
and let us to thy glory live
and in thy cause expire.

5. Our souls and bodies we resign;
with joy we render thee
our all, no longer ours, but thine
to all eternity.

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The gifts of the people are presented and the Presider says

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.

**Gracious God,
as we come to share in your table,
cleanse us and refashion us
with the new life of your kingdom.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing and the Presider says

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 Great Thanksgiving continues with praise to God.

...And so with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices

and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will be with our prayers of remembrance

With this bread...

With this cup...

A minister says

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

Christ had died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Keeping the Lord's commandments:

Sanctify our worship and lives

...in songs of everlasting 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.

The Breaking of Bread and the Communion

The Presider says

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

The Presider invites the people to come and receive Communion with these words.

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

Anthem at the Church of the Resurrection:
Day by day, Norman Warren

Post Communion Prayer

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Psalm 145.13b-14

**God of all abundance,
you fill us with every blessing.
Grant that we may hold fast your gifts of salvation
and never cease to sing your praise.**

1. Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue,
you, Lord, alone resolved to know,
in all I think, or speak, or do.
2. Each task your wisdom has assigned
still let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.
3. You may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance view,
and labour on at your command,
and offer all my works to you.

4. Give me to bear your easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to your glorious day;

5. for you delightfully employ
all that your bounteous grace has given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.

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The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of the Lord:
and the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Audio notices are available on the Parish website,
www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au and click the Church Mouse.
If you wish to receive them by text when they are prepared,
let us know. Ryan, the Church Office Mouse.

Small change to Welcomer Duties
at Church of the Resurrection

There are some people who do require assistance in entering Church from the car park. From this week, anyone who requires assistance with their mobility devices (scooter or wheelchairs) are requested to ring the Vestry at the Church of the Resurrection on 5426 2576 to request assistance.

Please also be available at the end of the service to assist them back to their cars.

Please keep the disabled bays clear for those who require this assistance.

Please do not assist if you are unable to help with supporting a person alighting a vehicle, but seek assistance from others in the Church.

Also, the Welcomer is asked to bring the Offertory Bowl forward (and the bread and wine if at the back, with help from another) during the Offertory Hymn.

ABM Reflections for this weekend

Abraham, of course, is the one whom God has chosen and promised to bless, and God does bless him even through tough times. As we read in Romans Paul is sharing his personal struggle with sin and one that all Christians face. Part of our struggle is that we stand with one foot in this world and one foot in the Kingdom of God. 'Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls'. Rest!

- Pray that we burdened by many things learn to find rest for our souls.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of Pakistan.

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Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan Review:

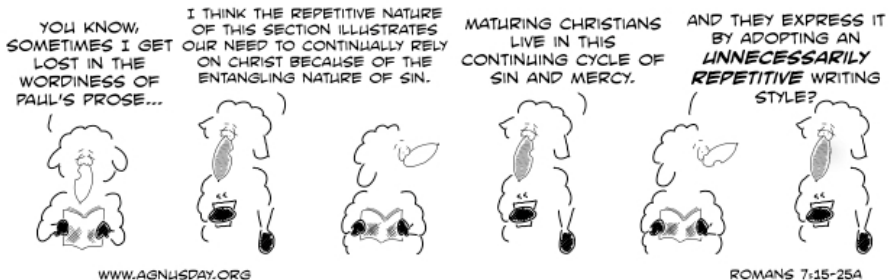
The Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan for Victoria which entails the killing of kangaroos for commercial purposes and encompasses the Macedon Ranges is currently under review. Further information is available at engage.vic.gov.au/project/kangaroo-harvesting-management-review/participate. If you have specific input about the plan's management actions or wish to provide general feedback, submissions are accepted until July 11th. Janine Mc Dougall (on behalf of myself)

Macedon Shire Council Autumn Festival Review

The Shire is conducting an on-line survey into the impact of the recent Autumn Festival on our community. There are two surveys: residents and businesses. If you would like to contribute your bouquets or brick bats, please visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XTMQFNT>

It will take around 10 minutes to complete. The Shire is also offering an incentive for your completion of this form.



CHANGE OF BANKING DETAILS

The Westpac bank Accounts are being closed. Please delete Westpac details from you records.

For any Payments/Offertory to :

Bendigo Bank

Anglican Parish of Gisborne General Account

BSB 633 000

Account No 198 264 681

Reference – whatever the payment is for.

OR

For Missions Donations

Bendigo Bank

Anglican Parish of Gisborne Missions Account

BSB 633 000

Account No 151 693 199

Reference the particular cause to which you are donating.

(Our focus for fundraising until the end of September is to support Indigenous clergy for ABM Wontulp-Bi-Buya College and for the Brotherhood of St Laurence Breakfast Program)

OR

For Donations for Bus Ministry

Bendigo Bank

Anglican Parish of Gisborne Special/Bus Account

BSB 633 000

Account No 198 264 707

Many thanks

Alison Kitching

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