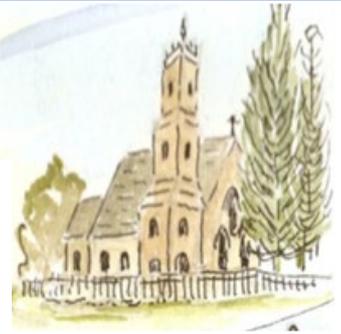

THIS MONTH, JULY, SUNDAY 10AM WORSHIP AT ST JAMES POINT LONSDALE
(AUGUST AT ST GEORGE'S QUEENSCLIFF)



Lovers of the Place*
Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans
Sunday 11 July 2021
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(by hand to those without email)

NAIDOC WEEK ('National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee')



The theme of this year's NAIDOC Week is 'Heal Country'. For healing to happen there will have to be some truth telling. For example, I know that where I grew up in Gosford, Darkinjung land, there are dark and shameful aspects of the past, untold stories which are still playing out destructively for those

'Care for Country' was designed by Gubbi Gubbi artist Maggie-Jean Douglas

communities, white and black. Healing will only be effected when these stories see the healing light of day. Only then will we be able to walk as one into a brighter future. In Victoria we now have a Royal Commission to begin this vital journey of truth telling for the people of this state. May this be the beginning of a national movement, which is what was asked for in the [Uluru Statement from the Heart](#) in 2017. Let's get behind it. In our own way, we can be involved. We can be inspired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu who was the major driver behind the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa, and its chairman.

Our faith in action.

Fr Peter

STEWARDSHIP

From Sally Hawkins – Parish Treasurer

I wanted to find an accurate definition of stewardship and I believe this one best describes what the aim is for our Stewardship in our Parish.

"The principle of stewardship entails the safeguarding of an organisation for the future." It goes on to add that "Stewardship is very closely linked with Environmental, Social and Governance principles, as they are motivated by ideas such as accountability and responsible investing."

In our church "stewardship also means to look after the world for God. God has created a world in which humans have a special role as stewards of creation. This means we should look after the interests of the planet and all life on it." At present we operate from month to month, relying on the sacrificial giving of our regular attenders. This is our 'bread and butter'. There are other occasional lines of income, related to

**We acknowledge that we gather and worship on the traditional land of Wadda Wurrung people and honour and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We affirm, with them, in the Wadda Wurrung language: 'kim barne barre Wadda Wurrung' (this is the land of the Wadda Wurrung).*

our mission and outreach. These supplement the money that comes in from our sacrificial giving, and we will look at these over the next couple of weeks.

When we don't raise enough funds for the month we resort to using reserves that we have for such occasions. Obviously, if this happens too often it will significantly deplete our reserves quickly and this is what we are trying to avoid. With COVID and a run of other expenses, this is a current concern for the Parish Council. We want to be in a position where we don't have to worry month to month if we are going to be able to cover our operational costs.

We want to focus on our purpose as a Parish, which is to serve our Parishioners and our outreach and mission.

Regarding accountability and also transparency, please know that Parishioners are always welcome to ask to see our financial reports and that I am always available to discuss them with you.

Sally Hawkins

Treasurer

From Father Peter

Due to COVID, and the way this has impacted on our ability to regularly gather for worship, the majority of parishioners have shifted their sacrificial giving into the world of electronic banking. A very practical way of ensuring the money is at hand to pay our bills.

I realise this was a big step for some, so THANK YOU for rising the challenge.

Electronic banking is the future. All the same, symbolically, I can't help feeling we have lost something in not being able to put that sealed envelope into the plate on a Sunday morning as part of our worship.

Our sacrificial giving is not like any other part of our financial life. The money we give in this setting is something between me and God, as I acknowledge, out of my substance, my faith that *All things come of thee O Lord and of thine own have we given thee*. The money I give, as the Prayer Book puts it, is part of our *sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving* when we offer *ourselves, our souls and our bodies*.

In Holy Communion we celebrate God's over-the-top love for us in that *while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*. My sacrificial giving is my response to Christ's total sacrifice of himself for me:

Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Our sacrificial giving is a heeding of St Paul's appeal: *I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

This scripture is picked up in the Book of Common Prayer in the words: *And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.*

We are also giving of our substance when we bring forth the bread and the wine at the offertory:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Symbolically, that's us on the altar, offering ourselves to God. In the eucharistic prayer, we will ask God to send the Spirit to change the gifts and change us as well:



Give

Serve



Attend

Grow

Stewardship

This is love responding to Love; using the currency of love, which is to give everything to the beloved, and to be transformed in the mutual self-giving.

GOSPEL OF THE DAY Mark 6.14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY, 11 JULY: [CLICK HERE](#)

2 SAMUEL 6.1-5, 6.12B-19
PSALM 24

EPHESIANS 1.1-14
MARK 6.14-29

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 18 JULY: [CLICK HERE](#)

2 SAMUEL 7.1-14A
PSALM 89.21-38

EPHESIANS 2.11-22
MARK 6.30-34, 6.53-56

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Prayer of the week

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Nations and Peoples Myanmar (still awaiting info on appeal); Eritrea, Ethiopia

The Church

Our Parish: Stewardship programme across these coming weeks.

Global: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
Mission The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people; The Anglican Church of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui); World Population Day

To pray for mission each day go to: [Anglican Board of Mission:](#)

National: Ministry to the Defence Force (Bishop Grant Dibden, Chaplains & Members of the Defence Forces)

Melbourne Diocese: Karingal - St Laurence Community Services; Holy Trinity Balaclava & Elwood (Kathryn Watt); Holy Trinity Surrey Hills – Pastoral Services (Bp Paul Barker)

Oothenong Episcopate: Richard Litjens and Judy– The Parish of Holy Trinity, Bacchus Marsh w. Christ Church, Myrniong and St George's Balliang; Keren Terpstra, Christopher Garcia– St Margaret's Eltham
Valentina Emmanuel – St Mary Magdalene Broadmeadows-Dallas St Paul's Westmeadows/Bulla Service – Pastoral Services (Bp Kate Prowd)

To pray for our Church each day go to [The Melbourne Anglican.](#)

Our Common Home-Earth NAIDOC – Healing Land
Hospitality House of Prayer guest

Requests Mary; Shane; Peter; Helen; Robert; Patricia; Julia; Barry; (& Anne); Philip; Greg; Ron; Alice; Betty; Carlie; Lucy; Parvin; Sisi; Pixie, Julie and Bill; Angela; Jennifer; Ben; Terry; Trish; Ros; Zoe

Communion of Saints

The Saints: Sydney Kirby, bishop, pioneer of outback ministry & the Bush Church Aid Society (d. 1935)
Recently died: Rasta Christian George 2/7/2021; Alwynne Farman 9/7/2021.

Months Mind: Dorothy Grace Young 9.6. 2021

Anniversaries: Samuel Robert Sims 11.07.1973; Verna Linda Howlett 12.07.2010; Wayne Stewart Blom 13.07.2004; Joyce Spence Michaelson 14.07.2009; Minnie Bensley Cowan 15.07.1963; Marjorie Matilda Kendell* 15.07.1999; Isabella Priddle 16.07.1941; Judith Elizabeth Moore 16.07.2014

WHAT'S IN A WORD - JENNI'S GOOGLE WANDERINGS AND WONDERINGS

DISCERNMENT

Discernment is the ability to properly discriminate or make determinations. It is related to wisdom. The Word of God itself is said to discern the thoughts and intentions of one's heart (Hebrews 4:12). A discerning mind demonstrates wisdom and insight that go beyond what is seen and heard. For example, God's Word is "spiritually discerned."

When looking at the world, people take in information from everywhere, process it, and then choose what to do with it. Some people seem to do nothing with what they see and learn. Others seem to take in their surroundings and be one step ahead of it; they make smart decisions, have an almost supernatural ability to determine who is trustworthy, or seem to always have the perfect advice for a situation. They seem to have unique wisdom.

This gift is called discernment, and it is a kind of wisdom that comes from insight as much as from learned experience and knowledge. In the Christian faith, it comes from the Holy Spirit, and is a way of having insight in determining the true nature of a situation, person, or thing.

Discernment is a tool God gives believers as they walk through life, though it must be understood and the believer must follow the Lord's leading to be useful.

One of the harder elements of defining discernment, and finding information about it in the Bible, is that discernment is not always the word used in any given English translation. Often the version will use another word. Synonyms include wisdom, understanding, discretion, prudence, testing, and sense. Any time a reader sees these words, that is a signal the subject is discernment. (<https://www.gty.org/library/questions/QA138>)

MORNING PRAYER

9.15AM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZZUxRa0dHVk1vL2w3dz09					

EVENING PRAYER

5.00PM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87628164461?pwd=cEF6K1E1Yjh6TEFKa25laG4vUDdMQT09					

MEDITATION

8.30AM	8.00AM	8.30AM
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85870736003?pwd=S1Rjd0MzcGtKMWQwdGJ0bEpaM1F4QT09		



'**COMPASSIONATE HEARTS ON THE BELLARINE**' invites you to an 'Open House Conversation' with Professionals & Volunteers about the practical issues in caring for someone with a progressive illness at home'. Tuesday July 20th at 5pm Uniting Church Hall Queenscliff - ALL WELCOME.
Von Philp - Committee Member ph. 0438 191 196



The parish is a member of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change ([ARRCC](#))

Parish members participate in the local community movement, Queenscliffe Climate Action ([QCA](#))

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