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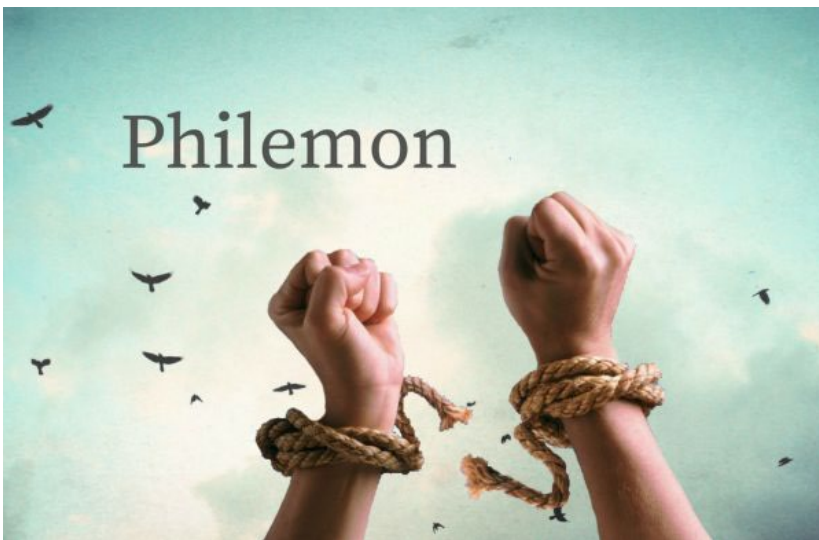
Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*(by hand to those without email)*

## Reminder Sunday Worship at St James Point Lonsdale



Dear people of St George's and St James',

It is only once every three years that we have a reading in our Sunday service from the Letter to Philemon, one of the shortest books in the New Testament. In fact our reading today is the whole letter.

Unlike others of Paul's epistles this is a short personal letter probably written during his imprisonment, perhaps in Rome between 61 and 63 A.D.

The letter concerns a runaway slave named Onesimus who Paul had met on one of his missionary journeys. Paul

would like to have Onesimus continue with him as a companion in his apostolic work, but first he has to send the slave back to his legal master to obtain Onesimus' official release from service. Paul asks Philemon to treat Onesimus like a Christian brother and close family member.

This raises the interesting question: did the early Christians tolerate the institution of slavery? They probably had little alternative as they mostly had no vote and no political voice, and to use violence to oppose slavery would have been against the spirit of Christ. What they could do (and this letter is possibly among the first in the "campaign") was to foster such good relations between masters and slaves with the intention of making the idea of one man owning another unthinkable.

One of the scandals of church history is that it took so long for Christians to oppose and dismantle the institution of slavery particularly in those jurisdictions where they did have political power.

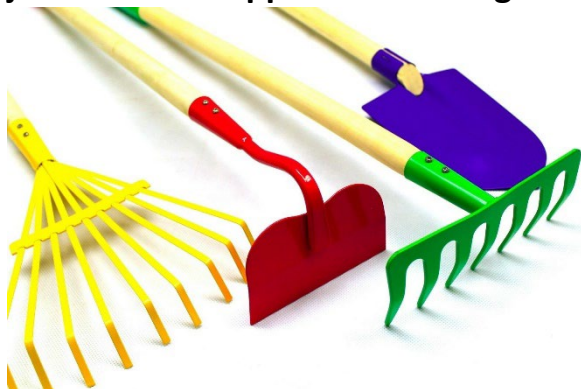
We trust that the Christian gospel has the power to transform all human relationships, husband and wife, parent and child, one member and another in the Christian fellowship – where people are placed in new positions of responsibility towards each other and in new attitudes of mutual concern.

Tim Gibson

\*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).

## PARISH SNAPSHOT

**TOMORROW** WORKING BEE, CAKE STALL, BOOK SALE and PUDDINGS just are a few opportunities to “get involved” in the next month or so.



Worship is returning to St James on Sunday, start, therefore, its time for a Working Bee! We hope parishioners can make time TOMORROW, Saturday, 3rd September, between 10.00am and 12 noon to take on some tasks and then stay on for a sausage sizzle. Please bring your gardening tools, if you can lend a hand. Outside there's some



mowing, weeding and pruning and there may be a few tasks in the church and in Gill Hall. It's also an opportunity to get into the garage for further sorting and “weeding” of the books before the next book stall. Checking and sorting donations for trash and treasure that are in the shed is another possibility. Remember that we will hold a **cake stall** outside Kerleys on Grand Final morning, **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, 8.30am to 11.30ish. Please start thinking about what you might be able to bake, make and take to this great fundraiser. This is also an opportunity to **sell books** from the vicarage garage if anyone volunteers for this task.



## Kate's Christmas Puddings



Kate Houghton has made great inroads into her annual Christmas Pudding bake-off! If you have spare brandy or port at home to donate, the puddings will be even more delicious. Kate would also appreciate pudding bowls, especially smaller bowls for 2-4 people. If you find red bowls at home or in an op-shop, that would be even more perfect. Donations of dried fruit will also help Kate maintain her momentum. Kate's puddings are a wonderful fundraiser for the Parish and they will be available for sale at the cake stall and from the office. Please leave any donations of spirits or dried fruit at the office.



## GOSPEL OF THE DAY Luke 14.25-35

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. <sup>34</sup> 'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY with hymns 4<sup>th</sup> September** [CLICK HERE](#)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022** [CLICK HERE](#)

## OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Prayer of the week:** O God,  
you know us to be set in the midst  
of so many and so great dangers  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Nations and Peoples:** Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo

### The Church

**Oodthenong Episcopate:** St Eanswythe's, Altona – Pastoral Service (Bp Kate Prowd)

**Melbourne Diocese:** St George's East Ivanhoe – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St John's Croydon – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker)

**National Church:** Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People)

**Global:** The Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith)

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

**Mission:** The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people • The Church of the Province of Central Africa, The Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program

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

**Communion of Saints:**

**. Happy Fathers day to all the Dads. Here's some Dad Jokes that amused me**



England doesn't have a kidney bank

But it does have a Liverpool



Where do pirates get their hooks?

Second hand stores.





An Invitation to people in the Bellarine Peninsula  
to come together for prayer and worship as we enter into the  
**season of Springtime**

Where: Santa Casa  
33 Flinders Street Queenscliff

Date: Saturday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm followed by a cuppa at 3.30

If you wish to attend,  
please contact Lizzie to register 0418 194 261 or via

[santacasa@ismapng.org.au](mailto:santacasa@ismapng.org.au)

(please do register in case we need to cancel due to Covid)

Next gathering will be November 26<sup>th</sup>

#### MORNING PRAYER on Zoom

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

#### EVENING PRAYER on Zoom

5.00PM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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#### MEDITATION on Zoom

8.30AM		
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09</a>		

#### CONTEMPLATIVE TUESDAY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE on Zoom

11.00AM	
Tuesday	
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76563470028?pwd=UzZkMkg2cUJ1THZlYTRGS041bCtwdz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76563470028?pwd=UzZkMkg2cUJ1THZlYTRGS041bCtwdz09</a>	

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