



Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Gippsland

Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

**St. George's,
McBride Ave., Wonthaggi**

**The Church of the Ascension
4-6 The Crescent, Inverloch**



Bunurong Country

ABN: 18 842 576 826

12th September – Pentecost 16



Welcome Back to Worshiping corporately in Person.

(For those unable to attend the service will be on-line this afternoon.)

And welcome to our first session on living the Christian life.

To understand how to live the Christian life we need to first understand God's design for Christian living.

Where do we find the design details? Where else but in the Bible.
Today we delve into the scriptures to find this design.

It's place in the scriptures may surprise you, but then again it may not. Whatever the case, we need to grasp this design to be able to live the true Christian life and not just a life of good works.

Once we understand God's design we can start learning about it more and putting it into practise. Please join with us on this journey and experience the revelations of God's love and design for each and everyone of us.

Rev. Graeme

Sentence:

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it. Mark 8.35

Prayer of the Day:

God of mercy,
help us to forgive as you have forgiven us,
to trust you, even when hope is failing,
and to take up our cross daily
and follow you in your redeeming work;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 2:4b-25

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. ⁵Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. ⁷Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²(The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” ¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” ²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

²One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge.

³There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard;

⁴Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth.

⁵There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

⁶Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat.

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

⁸The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

New Testament Reading

James 2.18-26

¹⁸ But someone will say, ‘You have faith; I have deeds.’ Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder. ²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,’ and he was called God’s friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. ²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Mark 8.27-38

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, ‘Who do people say I am?’ ²⁸ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ ²⁹ ‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah.’ ³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his

disciples, he rebuked Peter. ‘Get behind me, Satan!’ he said. ‘You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.’³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.’

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Kaye's Fashions - Cancelled

Sadly, once again the fashion show at Inverloch, scheduled for the 21st September, has had to be cancelled.



Perhaps next year we will have more success!

**Watch the Web site
www.basscoastanglican.org.au for details.**

MAF Father's Day Appeal

It's not too late

Please consider asking for one of their 'Fuel Can Money Boxes' to raise funds to buy a Jerry can of Aviation fuel for one of their planes.

Alternative purchase a Father's Day Card in lieu of a gift.

(These can be dropped off at your door step).

Interested in being a Personal Support Worker during Disasters?

Training is available at Mirboo Nth on September 25th.

For details and registration visit www.vccem.org.au or phone 94128481

Operation Christmas Child Boxes are now available.

Please ring Tonya or the office and we will deliver them to your door step.

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Diocese:

The Bishop: Bishop Richard & Leanne

Locum Tenant – Trafalgar:

Anne & Lance Perryman – Please give Anne wisdom as she leads the parish through this transitional period and keep them safe in their travelling.

Parish of Lakes Entrance and Metung

Phil Muston, Cathrine

Phyllis Andy – Aboriginal Ministry

Missions

SPARKLit

Special Focus

The Provincial Council of Victoria – Diocesan Representatives:

Bishop

Archdeacon Graham Knott

The Hon Robert Fordham

The Chancellor

Our First Nations peoples

For those in need:

Please strengthen us to be your witnesses in these troubled times.

Please comfort and heal all those suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially those affected by the COVID 19 virus.

Please bring healing and strength to those we have been asked to pray for:

Amy Davis, Chris Peters, James, Murray, Doug, Ron Lawson, Jefter, Beth & family, Simone, Mark, Marie Wilson, Cecily, Robin, Barb Bickley, Trish, Ross Smith, Tania, Wayne, Russell, Hayley, Barbara Manns, **Mary Anderson**, Meredith, Richard B, Mary B, Lee, Paul Butterfield, Mercy, Dr Paul, Br Daniel SSF, Barry L., Les C., Alasdair, Bev, & Stuart.

We give thanks for the faithful departed: Lyle Hawkins, Ken Day, & Hank Zuidema.

INFORMATION

Tues 14 th Sept	10am Inverloch - Holy Communion – Rev. Amy	
Wed 15 th Sept	10am Wonthaggi - Holy Communion - Rev. John	
Readings Sunday 19 th Sept	Proverbs 31:10-31 James 3.1-12	Psalm 1 Matthew 5.1-12

Rosters 19th September 2021, 17th Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George's</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Rober Mesley	Pam Lawson
Sides Person	John Davies	Ted & Ray
Prayers	David/Caroline Beischer	Sue Lester
Service Leader	Susan Liersch	Sue Lester
H.C. Assistant	Jen Rivers	Sue Lester
Musician	Jan Kershaw	Val Jones/ Elise Watkins
Children's Min'	Jill Price	Liz Watkins

If you are unable to fulfil your roster position would you please organise for someone else to take your place.

Notices:

Bible Discovery Groups: (Check with group leaders for details)

Beischer's - Wednesdays 7:30pm at St George's Hall

Davies' - Thursdays 1:30pm - St George's Hall

Liersch's - Tuesday 4pm - St George's Hall.

Boer's - 0431440073 - Contact Geoff or Jennifer for details

Alycia/Tonya - Phone 048100068 - Phone Alycia or Tonya for details.

Diocesan Vision 3 Key Mottos!

1. Committed in Christ, 2. Connecting in Service & 3. Creative in Spirit.

Rosters

We are looking for volunteers for our OP Shop Roster.

To man the front counter and/or work out the back sorting and pricing.

Talk with Ray Smith if you are able to help.

Ministry Staff

Bishop: Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Treloar, Sale 51442044

Rector: Rev. Capt. Graeme Liersch 0417513390 (*Monday-Day Off*)
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Youth & Young Families Minister: Rev. Susan Liersch 0427099391

Parish Council +

Retired Clergy:

Rev's Anne Perryman 0438345349 (Locum - Trafalgar), John Davies 5672 4710, Greg Jones 0402437329, Liam Matthews 0411339344, Amy Turner 0412727711

Lay Readers: Val Jones 0437744746, Sue Lester 0418529662

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Parish Website: <http://www.basscoastanglican.org.au>

Direct Debt: As we are again in Lockdown, would you please, if you haven't already, consider giving to the ministry through setting up a direct debit from your account. Thank you!

Our Bank Details: Anglican Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

BSB: 083-975 **Acc No:** 51 612 6552

Thank you to all who have already setup this means to support the Parish!

With the recent developments and bombings that have taken place in Afganistan, please pray for all Afghans and the safety of all Christians and minority groups who are at high risk of being sentenced to death for their belief.

Please pray for our Defence personnel, both past and present, as they deal with these tragic events.

COVID RULES FOR THIS WEEK Re: Ministry

Regional Victoria is now *Open* with Restrictions

1. Church Worship

- a. Allowed with a limit of 20 plus those conducting the service.

Bookings are Essential: Ring Wardens Ray Smith (Inverloch) or Alan Price (Wonthaggi) to book your seat.

- b. Funerals are limited to 20 people.
- c. Weddings are limited to 20 people.

2. Bible Discovery Groups can now meet in person:

- a. Up to 10 in the church hall is permitted.
- b. No home gatherings/meetings.
- c. Other options are to meet via Zoom, Skype, or other multimedia.

Contact your leader for details.

3. Private gatherings in homes: Are not allowed!

4. Op-Shop – Open with 1 in 4 mtr Sq Rule.

Upcoming Wedding!

Please pray for Emily and Bill as they prepare to have their wedding at The Church of the Ascension.

ROAD WORKS!

There will be road works on Baillieu street from now through to December with closures occurring throughout this time. Please be observant and where necessary use alternate routes to access the church.

Bass Coast Shire Community Vision 2041

Have your say - See Poster on notice board for more details.

Church Services over the next 3 months:

Over the next 3 months we will have a preaching series on 'Christian Living' followed by a series on the Book of Amos.

Communion Services will take place on the 1st & 3rd Sunday's of the month with Morning Prayer or Prayer, Praise & Proclamation on the other Sundays.

A Prayer for Afghan Christians!

Dear Lord Jesus, we come before you with heavy hearts for our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan. Please protect them from harm and persecution during these unsettling fluid times in their country. Please give them wisdom to know who to talk with and what to do; whether to stay or whether to flee, when to stay or when to flee. Give safe passage to those who choose to flee and please provide for their immediate needs as they reach safety. Please provide them with safe Christian fellowship and help them to know that they are part of the global body of Christ. Above all, we ask that you will lead Muslims to come to faith in you and that you will show them that you do not oppress but instead gave your life for them. Please give wisdom to frontline Christians who seek to work among the Afghans and please make it possible for them to work under a Taliban controlled country.

FOR YOUR NOTES!