

Thought for the Week from Mother's Union  
Sunday 14th August 2022



THE ANGLICAN LANTERN  
PARISH OF WEST WYALONG  
Including Tallimba, Ungarie, West Wyalong,  
Wyalong and Yalgogrin Nth.

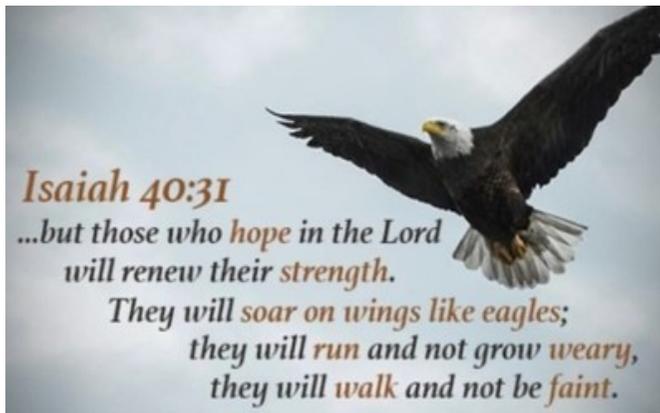


### Youthfulness

Many of us hate being older, losing the spring our step or the fresh, unwrinkled face of our youth. We live in an age-ist society. The young have no regard for our opinions. These are the thoughts that dig us deeper into exhaustion and weariness. Isaiah's vision tells us, in poetic language, of the FREEDOM that can be experienced by a relationship with God, by 'waiting on God'. The metaphorical Youthfulness is within our reach. Apply Within.

*"Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:30-31"*

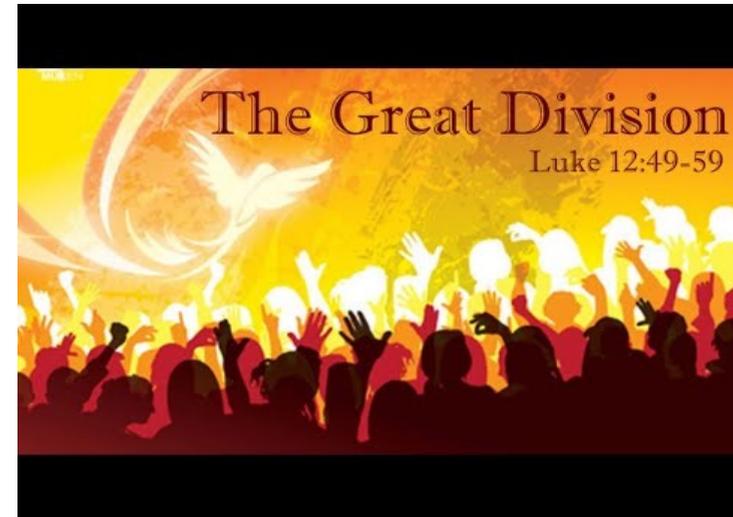
This week we pray for Toungoo Diocese in Myanmar, where there are a number of Karen churches and a theological college. The Karen's are a persecuted minority in Myanmar. We pray God's blessing at this difficult and dangerous time.



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AUGUST 14TH YEAR C 2022 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.



### Sentence

**Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?' Jeremiah 23: 29**

### Prayer of the Day

**Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Isaiah 5:1-7

**1 I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: my loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. 2 He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. 3 ‘Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? 5 Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. 6 I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.’ 7 The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress. Hear the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

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Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19

**1 Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.  
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,**

*We welcome everyone  
worshipping here today.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

Congratulations to those celebrating:  
Birthdays: Mary Ford & Carmel Mead 16th.  
No Anniversaries this week.



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**10am Tuesday Services have recommenced and are held every Tuesday in the Vestry.**

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**Please wear masks and observe the self-distancing to 1.5 metres.**

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**Rev Linda Boss will be taking the service on the 21st August.**

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**INNER PEACE**

*Be like the bird who  
Halting in his flight  
On limb too slight  
Feels it give way  
beneath him,  
Yet sings  
Knowing he hath  
wings.*

*Victor Hugo, 1802-1885*

**I SHALL NOT PASS  
THIS WAY AGAIN**

I shall not pass this way again!  
The thought is full of sorrow;  
The good I ought to do today,  
I may not do tomorrow.

If I this moment shall withhold,  
The help I might be giving,  
Some soul may die, and I shall lose,  
The sweetest joy of living.

Only the present hour is mine—  
I may not have another,  
In which to speak a kindly word,  
Or help a fallen brother.

—Anon

## MORNING PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year C.

Licensed Lay  
Minister on Duty

Isaiah 5: 1-7 Geoff West

2 Corinthians 5: 11-21 Stan Dodgson

Luke 12: 49-59

### **Parish of West Wyalong Mission Statement**

WE SHALL SERVE CHRIST AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AS AN ALL-AGE WELL-RESOURCED GROWING ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP USING THE "FIVE MARKS OF MISSION"

1. Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. Teach, baptise, and nurture new believers.
3. Respond to human need by loving service
4. Seek to transform unjust structures of society.
5. Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST 2022

Licensed Lay Minister on duty

Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Marie Seckold

Colossians 1: 15—23 Jan Heffer

Luke 13: 10 – 17

If you are unable to read on the day, please contact Fran Mitchell on 0429724221



### Next Service 21ST AUGUST 2022 HOLY COMMUNION

#### SIDE PERSONS:

Lyn Jamieson



Shirley Magrath  
Frank Magrath

MORNING  
TEA



Arrangements have been made for professional cleaner to come

#### CHURCH CLEANING



#### BRASS CLEANING



#### FLOWER ARRANGING

Shirley Magrath

Frank Magrath  
Terry Butcher



#### COUNTING TODAY

#### Service Schedule



#### DURING THE WEEK:

Tuesday 10 am Morning Prayer

#### SERVICE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

9.30 am Holy Communion

shine forth 2 before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Awaken your might; come and save us.

8 You transplanted a vine from Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.

9 You cleared the ground for it,  
and it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches.

11 Its branches reached as far as the Sea,  
its shoots as far as the River.

12 Why have you broken down its walls  
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

13 Boars from the forest ravage it,

and insects from the fields feed on it.

14 Return to us, God Almighty!

Look down from heaven and see!

Watch over this vine,

15 the root your right hand has planted,  
the son you have raised up for yourself.

16 Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;  
at your rebuke your people perish.

17 Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,  
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

18 Then we will not turn away from you;  
revive us, and we will call on your name.

**19 Restore us, Lord God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.**

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## **2 Corinthians 5: 11-21**

**11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. 12 We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. 13 If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were**



## **Prayer Requests**

**Our Nation :** Prime Minister, Premier, our Mayor and Councillors. All elected and appointed people in positions of responsibility and their decision making.



**Worldwide Church:** The Extra-Provincial Churches.

**National Church:** Ministry with the Torres Strait Island people of Australia, clergy and people. The BCA National Indigenous Ministry Officer, the Revd Neville Naden and Kathryn. Pray that there will be a deeper understanding in our nation of all the issues of our indigenous people, greater equity in sharing resources, and justice for all who have lost lives whilst in custody.

**Bathurst Diocese:** Pray for the parish of Kelso with Canon Tim Fogo and Karen along with the parish of Oberon and the ministry of the governing committee. Pray for wisdom as they discern the best way to do ministry in this area in the future and faithfulness to the gospel of our Lord. Remember Bishop Mark and Susan in our prayers.

**Local needs:** For the NSW State Parliament, Premier Dominic Perrottet and our local members: Paul Toole (Bathurst), Dugald Saunders (Dubbo), Roy Butler (Barwon), Philip Donato (Orange), Stephanie Cooke (Cootamundra). Pray for wisdom and justice.

**Parish:** We pray for a faithful Priest who can encourage and equip us for our ministry in our community.

**Community:** We pray for our community as a whole and Lions, Rotary, Men’s Shed, Probus, CWA, Hospital Auxiliary, RSL Auxiliary, Community Transport and Drivers, Ambulance and Police Services, all Doctors and Nursing Staff at our local hospital.

**We pray for Healing for:** All patients, who are in hospital, the Residents of the Waratah Village. We give thanks for the doctors and all staff who take care of them.

**Faithful Departed:** We pray for the families of their departed loved ones on the anniversary of their death: Joyce Fealy, Ray Dean, Albert Cartwright, Ailsa Hill O.B.E, Greg Cattle, Elsie Flint, Ida Falconer, Bill Wright, Dorcus Brew, Stanley Rudd, Dorothy (Dot) Spackman, Grace Jones, Kevin Peel, Henry Stotm, Mary Innes, James McDonald, Norman Pearse, Phil Roberson, William Harold Kelly, Isabel Histon, Tim Smith, Nancy Howard, Rita Café, Marjorie Wright, Kenneth West.

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## **More of Thee ... Less of Me**

Take me and break me  
and make me, dear God,  
Just what you want me to be -  
Give me the strength  
to accept what you send  
And eyes with the vision to see  
All the small, arrogant ways that I have  
And the vain little things that I do,  
Make me aware that I'm often concerned  
More with *Myself* than with You,  
Uncover before me my weakness and greed  
And help me to search deep inside  
So I may discover how easy it is  
To be selfishly lost in my pride -  
And then in Thy goodness and mercy  
Look down on this weak, erring one  
And tell me that I am forgiven  
For all I've so willingly done,  
And teach me  
To humbly start following  
The path that the dear Saviour trod  
So I'll find at the end  
of life's journey  
*"A Home In the City Of God"*.

making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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**The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ According to ...**

**Luke 12: 49-59**

49 'I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. 52 From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' 54 He said to the crowd: 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, "It's going to rain," and it does. 55 And when the south wind blows, you say, "It's going to be hot," and it is. 56 Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time? 57 'Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right? 58 As you are

**going with your adversary to the magistrate, try hard to be reconciled on the way, or your adversary may drag you off to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. 59 I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.'**

**For the Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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We do not get 'it', do we?

We know that Jesus died for us. Not only does the Bible report all that happened to Jesus but there have been 11 other independent non-Biblical historical records that support these claims. Jesus was alive on earth, and he was crucified and has been seen again.

But it is not a deal – What do I get if I become a Jesus following Christian? – It is about choosing to follow Jesus through faith in Him. There are no physical prizes or gifts guaranteed. Just a living God who wants us to follow His Son, Jesus.

God wants us to call him "Father." Do not be in any doubt, God is the only God the Father there has ever been.

Why does God shower us with all these blessings, and eternal life as well?

You and I are part of God's original sinless creation that He intended for good. His good and our good. As you know we stuffed it. Or we blame our earliest ancestors for doing that. But God does not buy that weak excuse! We still cannot live as God intended, without sin in our lives. God does want his sinless creation back and He invites us to accept Jesus. So that our sins might be forgiven.

As our Bishop's sermons progress over the next weeks, we are going to be learning how we can Share Jesus for Life. This is our opportunity to better understand how we can share our great saviour Jesus' truth and do it for as long as we are alive.

You may have done a similar sort of sharing Jesus' training before this year. I have too. But each time this opportunity comes along I try to be involved because I am refreshed and encouraged to continue sharing Jesus who saves me.

Something I want to do for a long time yet, God willing. I hope you do too.

Glenn Murray