

Thought for the Week from Mother's Union
Sunday 28th August 2022



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



New Seasons

The change from Winter to Spring in much of Australia is not dramatic. Rather the new season emerges in much the same way as our lives change, sometimes a 'small drama', as when a child leaves home. Sometimes the change into a new season is prolonged and painful as with a partner who moves into care. If we are to live faithfully, we need to temper our expectations. We cannot plan a new season to order but with God's help we can look for the chances of new life in the changes of our fleeting world.

"The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. Psalm 121:7-8"

Let us thank God for members in the diocese of Wangaratta as they greet another Southern Hemisphere Spring and continue their involvement with local parish and community life.



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AUGUST 28TH YEAR C 2022 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.



Sentence

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Luke 14: 11

Prayer of the Day

O God, you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant: teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognise each other as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

4 Hear the word of the Lord , you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel. 5 This is what the Lord says: ‘What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me?

They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.

6 They did not ask, “Where is the Lord , who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter

darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?” 7 I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce.

But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable. 8 The priests did not ask, “Where is the Lord ?”

Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me. The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols. 9 ‘Therefore I bring charges against you again,’

declares the Lord . ‘And I will bring charges against your children’s children. 10 Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and

look, send to Kedar and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this: 11 has a nation ever changed its gods?

(Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols. 12 Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,’ declares the Lord .

13 ‘My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

*We welcome everyone
worshipping here today.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Congratulations to those celebrating:
Birthdays: Naomi
Scott 29th, Mary
Staniforth 30th
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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PCC MEETING will be held after the service today.

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**FIERCE WAS THE WILD
BILLOW**

Fierce was the wild billow,
Dark was the night,
Oars laboured heavily,
Foam glimmered white;
Trembled the mariners,
Peril was nigh;
Then said the God of God,
"Peace! It is I."

Jesus, Deliverer,
Come Thou to me;
Soothe Thou my voyaging
Over life's sea;
Thou, when the storm of death
Roars, sweeping by,
Whisper, O Truth of Truth,
"Peace! It is I".

—Anatolius, 8th century

MORNING PRAYER

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year C.

Licensed Lay Minister on Duty
Susan Haines
Marie Seckold

Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Fran Mitchell

Ephesians 4: 7-16 Frank Magrath

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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 4TH SEPT 2022

Licensed Lay Minister on duty

1 Samuel 1: 1, 1-28 Susan Haines

Philemon: 1-25 Geoff West

Luke 14: 25-35

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



Next Service 4TH SEPTEMBER HOLY COMMUNION

SIDE PERSONS:

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Helen West

MORNING
TEA



Arrangements have been made for professional cleaner to come

CHURCH CLEANING



BRASS CLEANING



FLOWER ARRANGING

Shirley Magrath

Frank Magrath
Terry Butcher



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COUNTING TODAY

Service Schedule



DURING THE WEEK:

Tuesday 10 am Morning Prayer

SERVICE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Psalm 81: 1, 10-16

1 Sing for joy to God our strength;

shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

10 I am the Lord your God,

who brought you up out of Egypt.

Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

11 "But my people would not listen to me;

Israel would not submit to me.

12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts

to follow their own devices.

13 "If my people would only listen to me,

if Israel would only follow my ways,

14 how quickly I would subdue their enemies

and turn my hand against their foes!

15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,

and their punishment would last forever.

16 But you would be fed with the finest of wheat;

with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

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Ephesians 4: 7-16

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

9 (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also

descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who

descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.
Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Luke 14.1, 14.7-14.1 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: 8 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If



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: Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia

National Church: Anglicare Australia, Chair, Bishop Chris Jones, Director Kasy Chambers, Anglicare workers and all to whom they minister. Pray that the love of the Lord will be made known.

Bathurst Diocese: The Parishes of Nyngan and Cobar (without permanent ministers). Pray that the Lord will raise up ministers to serve here so that disciples will grow in their love for Jesus and that many more may become disciples. Pray for retired clergy in our Diocese—giving thanks for their ministries and support. Keep Bishop Mark and Susan in our prayers.

Local needs: Pray for people who work on the land or whose living depends upon agriculture and farming. Pray for good rain this year at just the right times, and for a bumper harvest in 2022.

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: **AUGUST:** Sarah Brown, Craig Post, Eric Cattle, Robert Stephenson, Denis Wilkinson, Janece Whittaker . **SEPTEMBER:** Graham Thomas, George Perks, Daphne West, Tom Hamer, Keith Bennett, John Wyse , Shirley Taylor.

A Message of appreciation.

A “thank you” note to all those friends who gathered together last Sunday to celebrate my 95th birthday. Here in the Waratah Village we were living in a ten-day lockdown, so I was unable to attend! But, in the crazy conditions we live in, because of COVID19, the luncheon went ahead. Thank you so much to all those who attended, and I am pleased to know that you enjoyed yourselves. I also enjoyed the time with you in spirit, even by going through the readings from the previous Sunday’s service in the morning; and by 2.00 p.m. I decided you would be dispersing. Many thanks especially to Helen who went ahead with this idea, and my very best wishes and love to all of you in our St Barney’s family.

Mary Ford

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so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, “Give this person your seat.” Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. **10** But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, “Friend, move up to a better place.” Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. **11** For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ **12** Then Jesus said to his host, ‘When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. **13** But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, **14** and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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SHARING OUR FAITH

As Christians we are called to learn about our faith. This is not only for our own personal benefit, but to help us explain our beliefs to someone else. When it comes to sharing the Good News we need to give the Holy Spirit space to work.

We need to be relaxed in our approach to sharing our faith. There is little point in trying to contact and challenge everyone at once. Nor is there any need to preach the entire steps of salvation every time we speak to a non-Christian.

If we are open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will be led to the right person at the right time. Then we can explain what Christians believe and why. Unfortunately when it comes to explaining our faith, many Christians suddenly become lost for words.

All too often, Christians pay little attention to the actual content of their faith. While our parish life concentrates upon experiencing God through prayer, bible reading and worship, all too often, very little attempt is made towards ways of sharing what we believe with other people.

Throughout the Church Year, prayers are regularly provided for the faithful, not only to offer comfort and support, but to provide ongoing affirmation and confirmation about our Christian beliefs.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*O God, giver of life and health, whose Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst for justice: refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary in well-doing, for the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

NOTE:

This prayer begins with the statement about God that He is the giver of life and health, and through Jesus Christ we are to hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Then follows a request that in our hunger and thirst for justice, we may be refreshed by God's grace so that we may not become weary of our calling. We are to be concerned for the welfare of others because as followers of Jesus, we know that He meets all our needs.

Finally the prayer finishes with our affirmation that we believe Jesus Christ lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity (Romans 9:5).

*Count
-YOUR-
blessings*