

Thought for the Week from Mother's Union
Sunday 31st July 2022



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



Time to rest

We often talk about 'time' and 'rest' as if they were our possession, our right, what we've earned; or what are denied us, been taken away or thwarted. Similarly, when time and rest are forced upon us, as in lockdown, we are at a loss. The usual distractions and tasks are forbidden and despair sets in. This is a heavy burden indeed and whatever the economics/personality/relationships, Jesus says to 'learn' from him and 'find rest for your souls'. What we do about 'time' and 'rest' is a spiritual issue and requires us to reassess our priorities, contemplate God's goodness and expect to spend more time seeing God's wonderful works and resting confidently in Jesus's love and teaching.

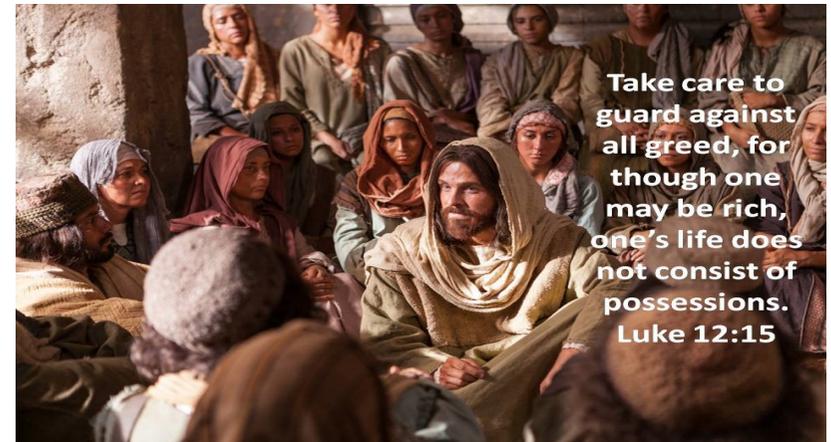
"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11: 28-29

We are asked this week to pray for Mothers' Union in Melbourne where the Covid pestilence has brought suffering and resentment. As we give thanks to God for their Christian witness, may members be strengthened in prayer and learning and gain in confidence and loving care.

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JULY 31ST YEAR C 2022 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.



Sentence

**If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
Colossians 3: 1**

Prayer of the Day

Living God, Judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own: through your Spirit give us wisdom, that our possessions may not be a curse, but a means of blessing in our lives. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Acts 9: 1-31

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. 8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. 9 For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. 10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. 11 The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. 12 In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." 13 "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. 14 And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." 15 But the

*We welcome everyone
worshipping here today.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Congratulations to
those celebrating:

Birthdays: Fran
Mitchell 31st



No Anniversaries this week.

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10am Tuesday Services has
recommenced and is held every
Tuesday in the Vestry. Masks
are encouraged.

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We will be having Extended
Communion next Sunday, 7th
August.

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

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ALIVE TO GOD

Verse: Joshua 23:8

**"Rather, cling tightly to
the LORD your God as
you have done until now"**

- Holding onto the Lord should be our default function.
- This verse shows us that we can have a close relationship with the Lord.
- Just because things are difficult does not mean we should give up.
- Hold onto God, because in the end He will be faithful.

PRAYER: Lord, I choose to hold onto You with my whole being. May I never drift or lose my grip on You. You are my faithful and everlasting God and Father. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year C.

Licensed Lay Minister on Duty **Marie Seckold**
Susan Haines

Intincture Cup

Acts 9: 1-31 Jan Heffer

Colossians 3: 1-11 Geoff Winder

Luke 12: 13-21

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 7TH AUGUST 2022
Licensed Lay Minister on duty

1 Chronicles 29:1-20 Frank Magrath

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Noel Staniforth

Luke 12: 32-40

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



Next Service 7TH AUGUST 2022 HOLY COMMUNION

SIDE PERSONS:

Pearl Woolstencroft



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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 Holy Communion

Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. 16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." 17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. 20 At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. 21 All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" 22 Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah. 23 After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, 24 but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. 25 But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall. 26 When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not

believing that he really was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. 28 So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, but they tried to kill him. 30 When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. 31 Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 107 (Reading Alternate Verses)

**1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.**

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

**3 those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.[a]**

4 Some wandered in desert wastelands,
finding no way to a city where they could settle.



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 Church of the Province of West Africa.

National Church: Christian communities, vocational and lay within the Anglican Church of Australia, that we would read the Bible and come to God in prayer each day.

Bathurst Diocese: For the Province of NSW with the Dioceses of Sydney, Canberra and Goulburn, the Riverina, Grafton, Newcastle, Armidale and our own Diocese of Bathurst. Pray that we might be faithful and true Anglicans, focused on the truth of God's word and joyful reality of the resurrection of Jesus. We also remember Bishop Mark and Susan in our prayers.

Local needs: Local needs: Pray for the United Nations: Secretary General Antonio Guterres, for its role as a peace-maker and peace-keeper and in aid. Pray that it will be effective to its aims and objectives, for the good of humanity.

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 St. Vincent De Paul, Anglicare, Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Can Assist Committee, Far West Committee, Community Transport and their 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: **JULY:** Milton James, Rick Dunn. **AUGUST:** Fred Hill, Keith Woods, Malcolm Sams, Albert Parkes, Claude James Bannon, Neville Moore, Ethel Edwards, William Bill Fuller, Irene Duff, Ross McDonald, Elsie Madeley, Patricia Andrews, Bill Roberts, Alice Clintock, Evelyn Lemon, Robert Harmer, Dot Broad, Marion Colclough, Mick Duncan, Mary Monica Folkard.

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demonstrate their faith in God. Some do so in a quiet and unobtrusive way. But for many of us our lives never move into the public or extraordinary place.

Yet, most get a small opportunity to decide to witness for God.

A few years ago, a group of Australian young men were in Bali and agreed to become drug carriers to bring copious quantities of drugs back to Australia. I cannot tell you about their faith life before their arrest, but we did hear that two of those had become believers before their execution date.

During their appeals for clemency, they were being supported by Christian chaplains and from then on, they professed their faith to their guards with such a clear witness that they affected those who looked after them going to their death expressing words of faith in Jesus. Active faith that encouraged their guards to consider faith in Jesus too.

Just one more in this series. . . . next week.

Glenn Murray

**5 They were hungry and thirsty,
and their lives ebbed away.**

6 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

**7 He led them by a straight way
to a city where they could settle.**

8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

**9 for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.**

43 Let the one who is wise heed these things
and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.

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Colossians 3; 1-11

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and

filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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

Luke 12: 13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ 14 Jesus replied, ‘Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?’ 15 Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.’

16 And he told them this parable: ‘The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, “What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.” 18 ‘Then he said, “This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.

19 And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” 20 ‘But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared

for yourself?’” 21 ‘This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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John, the beloved disciple, writer, preacher & witness.

It is easy to write about all the things that John did because at one time or another he was working in Jesus’ service together in some of these roles if not most, at the same time.

I am not going to pick out any one role. As how do you choose between; a writer responsible for five books of the Bible, or a close mate of Jesus, or an effective witness as he and Peter were before the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem and authorities and public in other places, or a preacher to few or many, to other Israelites, or to Gentiles and dispersed Jews in Asia.

John, and those believers we have already read about, in this Resilience series, served God and Jesus in the best ways they could. They took their faith; at whatever strength it was and took opportunities that they had to conduct God’s instructions as best they could. These opportunities were just to live their lives believing in the perfect love available from Jesus and God.

These Christians use their opportunities to speak or