



Ageing with dignity

Bodies grow less dignified with age. Often minds do as well. 'Dignified' in this case implies a loss of control; a state we don't have any say in, even if we have given directives. Carers of the aged are trained to respect the client and their ministrations are sometimes appreciated and sometimes not. Dignity is seen today as respect that is due to a person. Another understanding of dignity refers to a quality emanating from the person themselves and has to do with their quality, being worthy, honourable. A naked Eve in the Garden of Eden is described by the poet Milton in Paradise Lost: 'Grace was in all her steps, Heav'n in her eye, / In every gesture dignity and love.' Book viii, lines 488-9.

*"But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.
Proverbs 4:18"*

As we hold the Anglican Church in Burundi in our mind's eye and heart's care, may all that they ask for - peace and reconciliation, advocacy, education, health, literacy and financial education, and community development - lift the dignity and worth of its members.

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SEPTEMBER 25TH YEAR C 2022 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.



Sentence

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5: 16

Prayer of the Day

O God, from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you: grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that in your light we may see light, and in your narrow path may not stumble; 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.

1 Samuel : 12 : 1-25

Samuel said to all Israel, "I have listened to everything you said to me and have set a king over you. 2 Now you have a king as your leader. As for me, I am old and gray, and my sons are here with you. I have been your leader from my youth until this day. 3 Here I stand. Testify against me in the presence of the Lord and his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Whose donkey have I taken? Whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed? From whose hand have I accepted a bribe to make me shut my eyes? If I have done any of these things, I will make it right." 4 "You have not cheated or oppressed us," they replied. "You have not taken anything from anyone's hand." 5 Samuel said to them, "The Lord is witness against you, and also his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand." "He is witness," they said. 6 Then Samuel said to the people, "It is the Lord who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your ancestors up out of Egypt. 7 Now then, stand here, because I am going to confront you with evidence before the Lord as to all the righteous acts performed by the Lord for you and your ancestors. 8 "After Jacob entered Egypt, they cried to the Lord for help, and the Lord sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your ancestors out of Egypt and settled them in this place. 9 "But they forgot the Lord their God; so he sold them into the hand of Sisera, the commander of the army of Hazor, and into the hands of the Philistines and the king of

*We welcome everyone
worshipping here today.*

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY:**

Congratulations to
those celebrating:
Sheila Taber 29th.
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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PCC will meet after the service
today.

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MORNING PRAYER

Help me to help
someone else today
In something I do
Or something I say:

To send out a
thought
That is strong and
kind –
To someone life
seems to have left
behind;

A bird with a broken
and trailing wing,
That's forgotten the
song
Love meant it to
sing;

A heart that's been
wounded
Lord, use me, I pray,
Through each shining
moment
Of this lovely day.

MORNING PRAYER

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year C.

Licensed Lay Minister on Duty
Marie Seckold
Susan Haines

1 Samuel: 12 Glenn Murray

1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Susan Haines

Luke 16: 19-31

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 2ND OCTOBER 022
Licensed Lay Minister on duty

1 Samuel: 15 Shirley Magrath

2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Judith Markham

Luke 17: 5-10

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



Next Service 2ND OCTOBER MORNING PRAYER

SIDE PERSONS:

Pearl Woolstencroft



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



COUNTING TODAY

Service Schedule



DURING THE WEEK:

Tuesday 10 am Morning Prayer

SERVICE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:
9.30 am Morning Prayer

Moab, who fought against them. 10 They cried out to the Lord and said, 'We have sinned; we have forsaken the Lord and served the Baals and the Ashtoreths. But now deliver us from the hands of our enemies, and we will serve you.' 11 Then the Lord sent Jerub-Baal, Barak, Jephthah and Samuel, and he delivered you from the hands of your enemies all around you, so that you lived in safety. 12 "But when you saw that Nahash king of the Ammonites was moving against you, you said to me, 'No, we want a king to rule over us'—even though the Lord your God was your king. 13 Now here is the king you have chosen, the one you asked for; see, the Lord has set a king over you. 14 If you fear the Lord and serve and obey him and do not rebel against his commands, and if both you and the king who reigns over you follow the Lord your God—good! 15 But if you do not obey the Lord, and if you rebel against his commands, his hand will be against you, as it was against your ancestors. 16 "Now then, stand still and see this great thing the Lord is about to do before your eyes! 17 Is it not wheat harvest now? I will call on the Lord to send thunder and rain. And you will realize what an evil thing you did in the eyes of the Lord when you asked for a king." 18 Then Samuel called on the Lord, and that same day the Lord sent thunder and rain. So all the people stood in awe of the Lord and of Samuel. 19 The people all said to

Samuel, “Pray to the Lord your God for your servants so that we will not die, for we have added to all our other sins the evil of asking for a king.” 20 “Do not be afraid,” Samuel replied. “You have done all this evil; yet do not turn away from the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart. 21 Do not turn away after useless idols. They can do you no good, nor can they rescue you, because they are useless. 22 For the sake of his great name the Lord will not reject his people, because the Lord was pleased to make you his own. 23 As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right. 24 But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. 25 Yet if you persist in doing evil, both you and your king will perish.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Sermon Notes:



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 Anglican Church of Burundi.

National Church: The diocese of the Northern Territory with Bishop Greg Anderson, clergy and people. Praise God for the appointment of the new dean for the cathedral (the Revd Rob Llewellyn from the parish of Gloucester) and pray that the Lord would unite bishop, dean and clergy around the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bathurst Diocese: Pray for Bible Study and home groups in our parishes. May we grow in and through our love of the Scriptures and through learning and sharing be more like Jesus. Pray for Orange Anglican Grammar School, the Head, the Revd Louis Stringer, students, Chaplaincy Team, staff and parents. May the school be centred around Jesus and help students, parents and staff to understand that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. Pray for Bishop Mark and Susan.

Local needs: Pray for people working in the building industry, from planning through to fabrication, those who work in dangerous places and have precise specifications to follow. May the Lord in his kindness protect workers and help people to follow safe work practices.

Parish: We thank God for answering our prayers as we look forward to Steven & Caitlin Klouth and baby who will be joining us in the New Year.

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: Amy Cameron, Neil Neilson, Elise McIntyre, Francis Glennan, Evelyn Dodgson, Heather Hatch, Derek Pike, Reginald Buttenshaw, Nellie Low, Edna Cattle.

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tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.” 25 ‘But Abraham replied, “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.” 27 ‘He answered, “Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.” 29 ‘Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.” 30 ‘ “No, father Abraham,” he said, “but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 **I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**
- 3 Surely, he will save you
from the fowler’s snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 **He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge.
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**
- 5 You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
6 **nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.**
- 14 “Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
- 15 **He will call on me, and I will answer him;**

**I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honour him.**

16 With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”

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1 Timothy 6: 6-19

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and

who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen. 17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Luke 16: 19-31

19 ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 ‘The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, “Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my