

Welcome to

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF BENALLA

HOLY TRINITY, BENALLA



ST AIDAN'S, SWANPOOL ST PAUL'S, GOORAMBAT

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

26th SEPTEMBER, 2021

SERVICE TODAY

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Holy Trinity, Benalla

Because numbers are limited due to Covid-19 restrictions,
booking beforehand is required for this service.

Please notify Molly Craig tel: 0417 058 567 if you intend to be present.

NB. *Parishioners with permanent bookings should notify Molly should they be unable to be present.*

11.15am Holy Eucharist - St Aidan's, Swanpool



GRACE

Grow our congregation to be a stronger presence in the community.

Reach out through active pastoral care.

Actively engage the giftedness of our congregation
in relation to their time, talents and treasures.

Create opportunities for mission and evangelism.

Encourage collaborative ways of ministry.



Season of Creation.

WEEK 4 PRAY AND ACT FOR OUR COMMON HOME



The web of life is unravelling. There is a danger that responses to climate injustice and environmental chaos can become only about activism: campaigns and advocacy. Today we are encouraged to turn to God in prayer in times of crisis, recognising that activism needs deep foundations in a spirituality that sustains and renews us. The challenges ahead are huge and without a spirituality that sustains us, we may burn out.

We face multiple crises of poverty, inequality, biodiversity loss and the climate crisis. We have a short window – a kairos moment - in which to turn from well worn, broken paths and choose a better story for ourselves and for the world. But what story will we tell? Some say that the world is failing, doomed to chaos and poverty and reliance. Others say that the world is rising, but as a slave to a narrative of greed, power, violence, individualism and extraction, to the benefit of just a few. We see another way - a courageous choice to turn from these two single stories and tell a new story.

In your prayers this week.....Give thanks for the many gifts God has given us: for the beauty of the earth and the abundance of its creatures, for food to nourish us and water to quench our thirst, for the seasons that nurture us and the relationships that sustain us. May we be good stewards of creation, using our skills and talents for the benefit of all.

Lord in Your mercy Hear our prayer

Pray for all those whose lives are already affected by climate change, especially the poorest and most vulnerable throughout the world. Pray that God will be with them and suffuse them with the gift of hope and strength to fight for a better world.

Lord in Your mercy Hear our prayer

Pray for our churches around the world: that as communities of faith we may be active participants in work for climate justice. We pray for those in positions of leadership, that they may use their voices to speak out on behalf of those most vulnerable to climate change, and the whole of God's creation.

Lord in Your mercy Hear our prayer

Pray for ourselves, that we may recognise the invitation to discipleship as a gift. May we open ourselves to recognising the many people and places in which God works, building relationships with all who strive to protect God's creation.

Lord in Your mercy Hear our prayer

(Churches Together in Britain and Ireland)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

James 5:12-20

Mark. 9:38-50

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

No sooner had the Israelites set out from Mount Sinai having pledged loyalty to God in a covenant than the complaining begins. Moses delegates authority to listen to and deal with the complaints. When protests arise that others were who were not delegated for this were in fact doing so, Moses recognises the moving of the Spirit of God among the community.

Psalm 19 7-14 declares that God's revelation doesn't lead "to awe and fear of natural powers, or to legalistic religion, but to a relationship where one's desire is simply to be pleasing in the Lord's sight.

James 5: 12-20

James seeks to encourage and lead his readers to the conviction that we are indeed endowed by our creator with a rich bounty of gifts for the living of daily life in this world, and to teach some of the practical insights that human wisdom has discovered about a faithful living that leads to healthy life.

Mark 9: 38-50

The disciples are uptight over an unknown exorcist wielding the power of the kingdom. Jesus gives a warning to those who put a stumbling block before any 'little ones' who would believe in Jesus, telling them they are 'salt and light' – the bearers the good news of God's love for all.

COLLECT FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our eyes to see those who are in need, and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards, so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children, we may labour for the treasure that endures; 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.

FIRST READING

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A reading from the book Numbers

The rabble among the people had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.'

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people?'

Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, “Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child”, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, “Give us meat to eat!” I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favour in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.’

So the Lord said to Moses, ‘Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, ‘My lord Moses, stop them!’ But Moses said to him, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!’

The word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19: 7-14

7. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul :

the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

8. The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart :

the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.

9. The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever :

the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.

10. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold :

sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.

11. Moreover, by them is your servant taught :

and in keeping them there is great reward.

12. Who can know his 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.

SECOND READING

James 5:12-20

A reading from the letter of James

My beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'Yes' be yes and your 'No' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore 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. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Mark 9: 38-50

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us"

But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

‘If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell., And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another”.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Holy God, your law is perfect and your statutes are trustworthy and so we pray to you knowing that you will hear our prayers and answer them in your way.

We pray for all people who seek to follow your way in their lives. Let your church speak your word of truth with confidence and in unity so that those who are searching and listening will be able to see and hear clearly your message of love and peace.

We pray for the Churches of the Anglican Communion..... and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. Geoffrey Primate of Australia, and Clarence, Bishop of Wangaratta; that you Spirit may enlighten them and give them insight, wisdom and courage, and that those who seek you with a sincere heart may find you, and those who try to discover what you want them to do may hear your word and walk in the way of your will.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Creator God, we recognise our part in the tensions and injustices of the world: heal the resentment between people, and intervene in the world’s conflicts, that stumbling blocks in the path towards peace may give way to mutual trust and recognition. We pray

especially for the nation of Afghanistan. Give grace to all who work for good in the world, that their labours may help cast out evil and promote your kingdom where all will find a welcome. We pray for the Prime Minister, State Premiers and members of the several parliaments of our land, that your Spirit may descend upon them to discern aright in their setting of policy and to work in mutual cooperation for the benefit of all citizens. Help us all to walk humbly with you at our side when we come to crossroads and have to choose which way to go lead us to the path of justice and righteousness whilst steering us away from the road that leads to selfishness and sin.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the love we share with our families and our friends. We recognise that they may have faults and that they love us in spite of ours. Help us to be flexible and adaptable in all of our relationships and also capable of accepting constructive criticism. We pray for those who are disillusioned or discouraged by the current lockdown of their communities. Send upon us your Spirit to guide us as we endeavour to love and care for the marginalised and most vulnerable in our neighbourhoods who bear most clearly the image of the suffering Christ.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Mighty God, we pray for those who you have called to the study and practice of medicine, healing and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them as they follow Jesus' example, that through their ministries, the health of our communities may be promoted and your creation glorified. We pray especially for those researching and developing vaccines and those at the front line of administering them, those staffing Covid-19 testing clinics and those caring for those severely afflicted with the coronavirus. We name before you those who we know of and love who need healing in their lives and have sought our prayers: Leanne, Sharon, Melinda, Bev, Timmy, Matthew; Richard, Bronwyn, Heiko, Jane, Lottie, Jan, Noella, Pauline and Kaitlin and Kate Jessup; and for Jean Dyer and her family in their sorrow.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Loving God, you sent to earth your son Jesus Christ so that in your power and love we might also have the gift of eternal life; bless those whom we love that have departed this life with the gifts of your all-encompassing love and life eternal. As we pray for the recently departed we remember Ivan Dyer and give thanks for the goodness of his life. We hold up before you those whose anniversary of death occurs this coming week, with special intention for Patricia Brennan whose anniversary is today.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord ...
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

Amen.

YEAR'S MIND THIS WEEK:

- 26th Patricia Brennan.
28th Edna Dangerfield, Bert Bambridge, James William Vance.
John Michael Burston.
29th Ewen Campbell Gibson.
30th Raymond Clifford Weston, Judith Ann Clarke.
1st Geoffrey John Evans.
2nd Avis Myrtle Baird.

NOTICES

Benalla Anglican Op Shop



Working Bees will be held on each Wednesday and
Saturday at 10.30am

Covid-19 restrictions permitting.

This includes sorting, pricing and setting up. Contact Susan Mann
for further information on 0468 619 198.

Postage & Paper



Each week we send out a paper copy of the pew sheet to
parishioners who don't have an email address. This is an added
cost to the parish. If you would like to assist with this, please
place your donation in the collection plate or thru the slot in the door of the office.

Zoom Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7:30pm. To join the group contact Lesley Hupe 0412 111 397 or Heather Lloyd on 5768 2536 for information about how to access the Zoom meeting.



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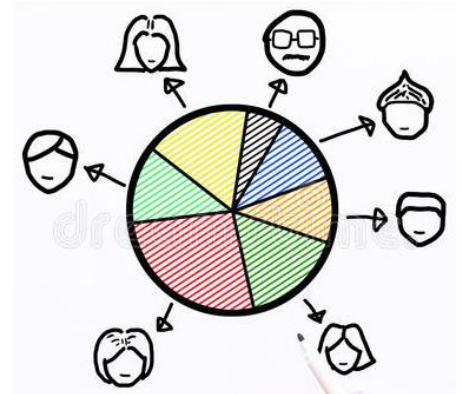
in the Way of Christ

The current edition of the Diocesan newspaper is now available at the church entrance.

Rosters

Rosters for various duties at Holy Trinity, beginning November next are about to be prepared. Duties include Readers, Intercessors, Counters, Morning Tea Providers.

But Ushers, COVID cleaners and COVID Wardens are our most needed at this point. If you are able to help with any of these please contact Molly Craig.



CHURCHES AND THE VICTORIAN COVID-19 ROADMAP

Advice has been received from the Bishop that in Regional Victoria, once a 70% fully vaccinated setting is reached, there will be a small increase in numbers able to be present at church services. This is expected to happen somewhere around 26th October.

Once Victoria reaches a setting of 80% fully vaccinated the cap for religious gatherings will be raised to 150.

Meanwhile, Bishop Clarence urges us to “continue to do the best you can to contribute to our common life as people of the community in which we find ourselves and for the well-being of all people, including our Church Community, who desire to be together again and to be able to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness and in fellowship with one another as the body of Christ”.

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Fr Bill is freely available for consultation on any spiritual matters or simply for conversation during this time of lockdown.

For other matters, please contact one of the wardens of the parish.

Parish Banking Details:

BSB: 083 541 Acc: 515688430

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