



Mornington & Mount Martha Anglican Church
MMMAnglican eNewsletter

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- FROM OUR VICAR -

Dear friends,

Lent is just around the corner. Our study this year is entitled, 'Where do we go from here?' and is based on the Book of Acts. The focus is on reflecting on our part in mission, globally, nationally and locally. Books are only \$6 each and are available from Gaynor, who will have plenty of copies at Morning Tea each Sunday. I really encourage you to get a copy and to sign up for a group. We currently have groups being offered on Tuesdays at 4:00pm, Wednesdays at 1:00pm and Thursday evenings. If you are not able to go at those times, please consider hosting a group (either in your home or in our church facilities). This is not an onerous task, as the responsibility for leadership will be shared. You may also choose to work through the book in your own time at home, but there is great benefit in sharing this experience with others.

It is such a delight to see our Children's & Families Ministry start the year so strongly. We are

currently ministering to about 45 families through GAPS, mainly music™, Kingdom Kids and NextGen Youth. Some of these families are involved in more than one way and our families attending our Connections Service are growing in number.

Well done to our team leaders for your dedication to serving God in this way. You are an inspiration and a great witness of Christian life and love. This is living testimony to what happens when we step out in faith and actively reach out to those with whom God has entrusted us to share his Good News in word and action.

In accordance with the aspiration of the diocesan Vision and Directions to strengthen and nurture a culture of prayer and spiritual growth across the diocese, a Prayer Diary has been produced and is now available for free download as an APP via the Apple Store and Google Play Store.

The Prayer Diary follows the lectionary readings as set by An Australian Lectionary, and provides a short devotion and prayer for each day of the year.

The cycle of daily prayer for the Diocese of Melbourne (the TMA Prayer Diary) is incorporated into the App.

The App can be downloaded for Apple users at:

- <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id1479125626>

The App can be downloaded from the Google play store at:

- <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.melbourneanglican.melbourneanglican>

Every blessing, Vicar Helen

OUR MISSION:

Growing the Kingdom of God in Mornington & Mount Martha by: Nurturing people in FAITH, Living as people of HOPE, & Connecting as people of LOVE

MISSION RESOURCING: Offertories to end of January 2020

YTD budget: \$8,183.33 YTD actual \$5,698.05

ADF DIRECT GIVING: BSB 703122 ACC 05004697

- This week in the parish -

Mon 17	10:00am GAPS Playgroup 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting
Tues 18	10:00 mainly music™ 11:00am Andrew Kerr 3:00pm Ministry of Care Group
Thurs 20	Deacon's Sabbath Day 9:30am Eucharist & Order of St Luke
Friday 21	Vicar's Sabbath Day 6:00pm NextGen Youth Group

- Service Times next Sunday -

8:30am	Traditional Service (Sung Eucharist) - St Peter's church
9:45am	Combined Morning Tea - Parish Hall
10:30am	Casual / modern Service style (with Holy Communion) - Parish Hall

- Coming up -

- Next Parish Council Meeting Monday 17 February
- Next Ministry of Care Meeting Tuesday 18 February
- Next Order of St Luke Meeting Thursday 20 February
- Next Outreach Dinner Group Friday 21 February
- Next Outreach Luncheon Group Tuesday 25 February
- Next Wardens meeting 5:30pm Wednesday 4 March
- Next Maintenance Sub-Committee Meeting Saturday 4 April
- Next Outreach Events Planning Meeting Saturday 4 April
- Next Finance Sub-Committee meeting Wednesday 6 May
- Next Maintenance Sub-Committee Meeting Saturday 4 April
- Next Outreach Events Planning Meeting Saturday 4 April
- Next Men's Group Tuesday 10 March
- Next Outreach Coffee Group Thursday 12 March

- Date Claimers -

- 5:00pm Tuesday 25 February – Shrove Tuesday Dinner
- 10:00am Wednesday 26 February – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
- 7:30Pm Wednesday 26 February – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

- PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK -

- We give thanks for the vision God has entrusted to us. May we listen for his voice and follow wherever and however he leads us.
- We give thanks for others who have caught our vision and are joining us to grow God's kingdom in this place.
- We pray for the families who have signed up for mainly music™
- That our strategic planning and decisions will help us to further develop the mission and vision you are calling us to, enable us to reach those who need it, and help us to grow the kingdom of God in this place.
- That we might overcome any obstacles as we pursue our vision
- That we may have generous hearts, reflected in the giving of our time, talents and treasure towards building up God's kingdom in this area.
- Staff, management & residents of Benton's Lodge Aged Care Facility.
- Ministry Formation – Examining Chaplains Planning Meeting this week.
- Ecumenical – St Mark's Uniting Church
- The ministry of ABM – Disability Inclusion Project in Kenya
- The ministry of Anglican Overseas Aid in Gaza Strip (Cancer clinic)
- The ministry of BCA in Launceston, TAS (Church Planting).
- The ministry of CMS in Europe - Italy (church leadership)
- The ministry of Mothers Union in the Philippines (Anti-Trafficking)

- PRAYER LIST -

Alan, Giselle, Patrick, Tania, Sandy, Deborah, Lauren, Suzanne, Beth & Anna, Sue T, William, Leanne, Val Sh, Ken, Heather, Anne, Joyce, Brian, Bette & family, Jan, Peter & family, Bruce, Andrew, Angie, Jennifer, Rose, Roberta & family, James & Heather, Paul, Claudia, James & family, Jan & family, Pat & Linda, Liz, Clara & Tilly, Chris & Brian, Doug

- From Our Memorial Book -

We give thanks for the life and witness of Don Wilkinson, Wilson Brown, Alison Cousens and Elizabeth Cleary, whose anniversary of death falls this week. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

- We Commemorate This Week -

20 February William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia (d.1853)

- We celebrate -

Birthdays: (16) Jennifer C, (19) Margaret C, (21) Robyn P

- Prayer of the Week -

Almighty God,
you gave the law to guide our lives:
grant that we may never shrink from your commandments,
but, as we are taught by your Spirit,
may fulfil your law in perfect love;
through Christ our Lord and Master,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.

- Readings Next Week – Transfiguration (White)

Exodus 24: 12 - 18

2 Peter 1: 16 - 21

Psalms 2

Matthew 17: 1 - 9

CONTACT DETAILS

Have you moved? Are you new? Has your phone number changed? Do you have a new email address? Do we have current next of kin details if you become unwell? Please ensure that we have current details for you. If you're not sure, please fill out a Membership Details form. Thank you.

WE DON'T LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IT, BUT

Did you know we provide booklets to assist you with the difficult task of planning your funeral. Make sure that family and your church know what is important to you. Need help? Just ask.