



St Paul's Cathedral, Sale / Wayput

St Alban's Kilmany, St Anne's Golden Beach & St Mark's Loch Sport

*We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people as the original custodians of this region.
All churches of the parish stand on the lands of the Gunaikurnai people.*

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Cathedral Parish Vision: *People of Christian faith –
Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday.*

**25th August 2024
Pentecost 14**

Sentence of Scripture

Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' *John 6.63*

Prayer of the Day

Everliving God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church is governed and sanctified:
hear the prayers we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you have
called them each may serve you in holiness
and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Hope25 Collect

God of Hope you call on us to be your
witnesses in this uncertain world;
by your Spirit awaken in us
a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and
a deeper dedication to your service;
that through our words and actions the
same Spirit may
bring many who are lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope that
we can only have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. **Amen**

Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:

Sundays - 8.00am and 10.00am **Wednesdays - 10.00am** in the Lady Chapel

Sunday Evenings 3rd Sunday of the month @ 5pm **Contemplative Service**

Morning Prayer 9am on Fridays

Outcentre Services:

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday & 3rd Sunday of the month

St Alban's Kilmany 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month (Not in December or January)

St Mark's Loch Sport *Services only at Easter and Christmas*

Zoom Links: Evening Prayer: **Daily at 5.30pm - 6.00pm**

Meeting ID: 879 3927 8803 Passcode: Prayer

Meditation: **Weekdays: silent Christian Meditation, 8.15am-8.45am**

Meeting ID: 809 497 711 Passcode: 600361

Associate Priest/Hospital Chaplain: Rev'd Heather Toms 0400 512 217

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Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Trish Broadbear 0418 104 840

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

Our parish is committed to ensuring our centres of worship and outreach are safe places for all, especially children and vulnerable people.

We have a duty of care to protect all who participate in the life of the church from abuse. We have zero tolerance for abuse of any kind.

If you are concerned about your own or somebody else's safety, or have witnessed behaviour that makes you feel uncomfortable you can contact the Deputy Director of Professional Standards in the Gippsland Diocese, Julie Reilly Mobile: 0456 572 589 Email: julie@kooyoora.org.au You may also like to talk to the Dean or the Lay Canons, or if this is a really serious matter, go directly to the police, and then to the above.

Please pray for our supported student Moses Baiduduga at Newton College PNG.

A Reading from The First Book of Kings

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand.

Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive. 'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name - for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when a foreigner comes and

prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

1 Kings 8.22-30, 41-43

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

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling-place:

O Lord God of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing

to enter the courts of the Lord:

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a home,

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house:

they will always be praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you:

in whose heart are the highways to Zion;

Who, going through the valley of dryness,

find there a spring from which to drink:

till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.

They go from strength to strength:

they appear, every one of them,

before the God of gods in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:

give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God, him who reigns over us:

and look upon the face of your anointed.

One day in your courts is better than a thousand:

I would rather stand at the threshold

of the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and a shield,

the Lord gives favour and honour:

and no good thing will he withhold

from those who walk in innocence.

O Lord God of hosts:

blessed are those who put their trust in you.

A Reading from The Letter to the Ephesians

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. *Ephesians 6.10-20*

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.' *John 6.56-69*

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection:

People have often said to me, in the midst of sorrow and struggle – how do people get through this, without faith? As Peter says in today’s Gospel “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life”.

- We pray for faith to always turn to Jesus, everyday, in all things.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the Bishop-Designate of Port Moresby, the Very Rev’d Wilfred Kekea, as well as the recently-appointed new Principal for the Bishop Newton School of Theology, the Rev’d Dr Ishaya Anthony, as well as the other staff and students.

Text: Pamela Davey and the Rev’d Sr Jan Crombie SSA (ABM Board)

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Dean's Doings

Pastoral Care team met this week. One of the things we talk about every month at our meetings is the services in the nursing homes. There are four residential facilities we're involved in: Freemasons, Sale Gardens, Wilson Lodge, and Ashleigh House. Jan Lear faithfully visits and runs services at Sale Gardens, and assists Dave Perryman at Freemasons; Kate has started this year to look after Ashleigh House in the wake of Lyn Williams' departure. Up until last year we also ran services at Wilson Lodge... One of the challenges in offering church services in residential facilities is being able to work with the staff. Unless the OT or activities coordinator advertises the service and gathers the residents, it can lead to some awkwardness. As you'd be aware, there's a shortage of staff in nursing facilities as elsewhere, which has been especially acute since covid. While Gwen Dyer and Jan Lear continued to visit at Wilson Lodge, services somewhat fell into abeyance until now. Thankfully, there's a new OT who has a heart to get regular church services happening, and we're recommencing regular services led by Kate and Kaye on the fourth Tuesday of the month. It's nice to be able to start something new!

Also this week I joined in an energising meeting of the diocesan Hope25 group. We launched Hope25 along with the rest of the national church at Pentecost. Hope25 is a collaboration within the Anglican Church of Australia aimed at focussing on evangelism from Easter Day to Pentecost Sunday in 2025. The project’s mission is to provide parishes with the tools they need to share their faith within local communities. We talked at the meeting on Thursday evening about what's been happening so far, how far the message has spread, and the openness of parishes across the diocese to engage with Hope25.

We're going to engage in Hope25, and I'm hoping a sub-group of Chapter will be able to pick up and run with some of the resources being produced and recommended. Possibilities include running Alpha or a similar faith-exploration

programme, starting a morning tea group, inviting a couple of people to read the bible together, and of course regular prayer. Can I encourage everyone to use the prayer cards I distributed a couple of weeks ago to pray for Hope25 (and also the collect on the front of the pew sheet), to focus our activities and attention on the hope we have in Jesus, and to pray for those who have yet to get to know him?

Keren

Evensong is on at 5pm tonight, Legends for tea if interested. Also livestreamed.

Abbey Feast is on August 31st

Hosted by The Abbey in conjunction with Parish of St Peters Paynesville.

Always a wonderful celebration, this is a major fundraising event for The Abbey.

Three course meal including accompanying wine. \$60per person. Please RSVP by Monday! Dean Keren is going if you would like a lift

A child safety/**safe ministry training/refresher course** at St Paul’s will be held on the 28th September. Book via QR or link. <https://www.trybooking.com/CUJOG>

Many thanks to Peter for helping to bird and rat proof the hall, hopefully also reducing the droppings outside the hall, to Rob for extra weeding, to Steph and helpers for catering for two wakes this week, and to all on the prayer chain and all those who have quietly prayed for those in need of prayer this week. Strong and willing men have also helped move boxes of books, to save Christine’s ageing body! We are in need of more (newer) fiction books, but overall are tracking well for our usual Giant fair.

So much else happens quietly every week on behalf of, or in the cathedral grounds, and it may not be seen, but is appreciated. **Thank you!**

| 25th August 2024 Today’s hymns are brought to you by... | | |
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| Hymn | Name | It’s my favourite because... |
| Be still for the presence of the Lord | Sue Hopkins | It focuses our attention firmly on our Lord. |
| The Day Thou Gavest | Ann Miller Grant Woolcock | We used to sing it in St Bartholomew the Great as a recessional We used to sing it at All Saints' Greensborough at Evensong |
| When I survey the wondrous cross | Selvam Chelliah | I love to be at the shadow of the wondrous cross. |
| God gives us a future | Keren | |

Wanderers: Cuppa and Chat on Thur 29th at 10am at Shirleys, (Wedge)
If anyone needs a lift let Jan know on 0421 605 461. Everyone welcome.

Launch of the Prayer Trees St Paul's Cathedral, Sale **3pm on Sunday 1st Sept**
With guest speaker, Tony Rinaudo, agriculturalist, missionary, and author of *The Forest Underground: Hope for a Planet in Crisis*, Christian Book of the Year, 2022
Come along on Sunday 1st September, when the Cathedral will be hosting a diocesan-wide event: the launch of the Prayer Trees. If churches across the diocese plant a tree, or dedicate an existing one, they will become a forest, dispersed across Gippsland.

This day also marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, when we praise God for creation and pray and commit to addressing the things that threaten its wellbeing. Light refreshments will be provided following the service at the Cathedral. The launch will also be **live-streamed** for parishes across the diocese and any who need to watch from home.

On Saturday 31st August, the day before, Bishop Richard will bless the grandmother Prayer Tree at The Abbey, before The Abbey's Winter Feast begins. See also: <https://www.theabbey.org.au/communion-forest>

Coming up:

- *Evensong* August 25th
- *Prayer Tree Launch* 1st September 3pm
- *Ordination* 14th September
- *140th Anniversary of St Paul's Church* 14th October. 10am *One morning service.*

Bulletin Bloopers

- ~ The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.
- ~ The service will close with "Little Drops of Water." One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.
- ~ The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- ~ Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 pm. Please use the back door.
- ~ The agenda was adopted...the minutes were approved...the final secretary gave a grief report.

Mission of the Month: Anglicare Victoria

Four in every 10 families walking through the doors of Anglicare Victoria's emergency relief centres in the last 12 months were new faces that have never needed help before. Anglicare Victoria's Winter Appeal is to 'Take Hunger off the Table'. Please pray for the Anglicare staff and the families they are assisting. If you would like to make a donation, please put in an envelope marked Anglicare and place in the collection bag on Sunday, or donate online at www.anglicarevic.org.au. More information about Anglicare's work can be seen on the noticeboard.

Fifty Flecks of Gold

Did you know, our own Kevin Cameron has managed to complete and is publishing a book, *Fifty Flecks of Gold*, due to be released in September?

In *Fifty Flecks of Gold*, music educator and conductor Kevin Cameron shares the most valuable and significant lessons about life and leadership that he has gathered over a long and successful career working through a lens of music, education and leadership now approaching 35 years of active involvement in working with people. This book outlines and reflects on the concepts and principles relating to the effective leadership of people and organisations and the successful management of high-performing teams, where the nurture and development of relationships are critical to success.

Copies of the book may be preordered here: [Fifty Flecks Of Gold - Life Lessons For Those Who Lead - Kevin Cameron \(mattklohs.com\)](http://www.mattklohs.com)

Congratulations, Kevin!

Hope25 is a project led by the General Synod that is an intentional season of **sharing hope in Jesus**. More information can be found at <https://www.hope25.com.au/>

If you receive an email from REV Keren, check the email address, as more SPAM emails asking you to do a job for her are doing the rounds again.

Please wear your namebadge, to the services as well as to morning tea, so we can all get to know your names. If you don't have one, see Christine.

Morning prayer every Friday at 9am. We pray for our parish and diocese, and any other concerns pray-ers may have.

The (10am) service each week is live streamed. (Search *St Paul's Cathedral Sale when in* YouTube) <https://www.youtube.com/@stpaulscathedralsale/streams>

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