



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.*

8th September 2024

Pentecost 16



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

Sentence of Scripture

So speak and so act as those who
are to be judged by the law of liberty.
(James 2.13)

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Prayer of the Day

O God, whose word is life,
and whose delight is to answer our cry:
give us faith like that of the woman
who refused to remain an outsider,
so that we too may have the wit
to argue and demand that our children
and all creation be made whole,
through Jesus Christ. **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

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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 book of Proverbs

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

for the Lord pleads their cause

and despoils of life those who despoil them. *Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23*

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

Psalm 125

Those who put their trust in the Lord
shall be as Mount Zion:

which cannot be shaken, but endures for ever.

As the mountains stand about Jerusalem,
so stands the Lord about his people:

from this time forward for evermore.

For the sceptre of wickedness shall have no sway
over the land apportioned to the righteous:

lest the righteous set their hands to do evil.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good:

to those that are upright in heart.

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
let the Lord lead them away with the evildoers:

and in Israel let there be peace.

A Reading from The Letter of James

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. *James 2.1-10, 14-17*

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of

Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

Mark 7.24-37

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

Reflection:

‘Mercy triumphs over judgement’ – we need to write this out and put on our bedhead so that we begin the day and end the day with this God-message in our hearts. How quick we are to move into comparison of people to the ideal we would like to be ourselves! Have mercy, and watch the world change.

- Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, your beloved.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

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

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Dean's Doings

On Friday schools around Gippsland were invited to participate in World's Greatest



PJ day, a day of awareness raising for kids in foster care and the services that support them. I attended Friday Fellowship at St Anne's, where all of the staff and most of the students all wore their pyjamas to school - what fun! We reflected on kindness and how we open the circles around us to include others - and how God open's the circle to us. In the photo are me and Jie van Berkel, the Head of St Anne's campus, all togged up in our jammies before processing into the Fellowship.

Also on Friday I attended the Garnsey Spring Concert, enjoying the performances of the talented young musicians at the school. It's such a great thing that they get the opportunity to perform, as this gives confidence.

One of the things we don't have much of at the moment in our life as a church community is spaces of belonging, places where we can share fellowship and invite others into. A conversation is emerging, very excitingly, about starting a craft group in fourth term, so please be prayerful about this, and watch this space and be prepared to bring your craft projects along for a coffee and chat. And if you've got

an idea for how we can create a space of belonging, have a chat to me. I've also been talking with Dave Perryman about how we might jointly engage in some faith formation outreach in conjunction with Hope25 - which you should all know about! This may include running Alpha next year, which helps to ask the big questions about faith, a course from the UK called Hymns we Love, and Hope Explored.

If you would like to watch The Revd Canon Dr Robert Derrenbacker's seminar on Mark contact me by email and I'll share the link to his recorded Zoom presentation with you.

Lyn Williams concluded her ministry at the cathedral at the end of June. There will be an opportunity to thank and farewell her at an afternoon tea on Friday 20th September at 2pm. Please put it in your diary and come if you are able!

Lastly, on September 15th we'll be doing another National Church Life Survey. We last did this in April 2022, just before I came to Sale. We're doing it this time because it was part of the condition for me to do the Arrow Leadership course in 2022-2023. We'll do the survey in place of a sermon on that day - so come prepared with your pencil!

Keren

Dinner at Legends at 6pm on the 8th September if interested, sign up sheet on the foyer table.

We have now **alarmed the vestry**, please check instructions, or ask for help. The code hasn't changed.

Book Fair update:

We need 'green' and strong plastic **bags**, even paper bags with handles for the book fair, if you have any to spare. To save space our end, if you could keep them at home, we would appreciate it.

If anyone would like to **help pack** sorted books into boxes, see Christine.

We are receiving a lot of books, but mostly wanting fiction books now.

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>

We are catering for the ordination on Saturday 14th September. **Helpers are needed** to set up the night before, on the day to prepare for and serve and pack up after the sit down meal. See Steph, Ann or the list in the Foyer.

Please pray for Damien and Rebecca as they are ordained priests

8th September 2024 Today's hymns are brought to you by...

Hymn	Name	It's my favourite because...
All creatures of our God and King	Keren	
One day at a time	Lorraine Glover	My mother always said this to me with a quote, "Sufficient to the day is the evil thereof. God created all creation one day at a time with all needed for that day. When done he saw that it was good."
Beauty for brokenness	Keren	
Guide me now thou great redeemer	Arthur McPherson	

Wanderers:

Cuppa and chat at Shirley's 10am on Thursday 12th.

Wanderers lunch at the Briagolong Hotel on Friday 20th at 12 noon.

Everyone welcome. If needing a lift ring Jan on 0421 605 461

Coming up:

→ *Ordination* 14th September

→ *Afternoon tea to farewell Lyn Williams* Friday 20th September at 2pm

→ *140th Anniversary of St Paul's Church* 13th October. 10am *One morning service.*

Mission of the Month: CMS

'The Church Missionary Society (CMS) is a fellowship of Christian people and churches committed to global mission. We work with churches to set apart godly people as long-term cross-cultural gospel workers.' More info on the display board in the foyer, and at: <https://www.cms.org.au/cms-australia/>

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>

At the Abbey

September 12th – *Hush Quiet Day: Shout Out for the Psalms.* Facilitator: Michael Fox

10.00am – 3.00pm. BYO lunch. \$20 donation. Please RSVP August 29th. Michael is passionate about spirituality. When I first met Michael, I asked him what he was currently reading. As such, he introduced me to the deep work on silence by theologian Maggie Ross. Michael brings his wisdom to this day of quiet reflection.

September 17th – 19th – *Retreat: The Spiritual Practice of Justice in Contemporary Times.* (Tuesday – Thursday) Facilitator: Rev. Ray Cleary.

Doing justice is a core element of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. In all faiths it is not always practiced with authenticity often corrupted in word and deed. This retreat will give participants time to reflect on your own faith journey and understanding as to what the prophet Micah says, ‘and what does the Lord require but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.’ I heartily recommend this retreat. It is a privilege to have Ray Cleary here at The Abbey, bringing his wisdom and experience.

September 28th – *Learn-a-Craft Day*

A chance to learn that craft which has intrigued you. Pitched at beginners and those of you who are not complete beginners and would like some inspiration to continue. Five crafts will be offered in this one-day workshop. Select one of the following and immerse yourself in a day of learning Cross stitch (Facilitator: Suzanne Ashton), English Paper Piecing quilting (Facilitator: Karen Berger), Applique (Facilitator: Cherry Peterson), Needle-felted dolls (Facilitator: Cath Connelly), or Introduction to Painting (Facilitator: Michelle d’Amelo).

Each craft is limited to eight participants – book early so as not to miss out on your place. All craft materials provided except scissors – please bring your own scissors.

For further information, phone 5156 6580 or email us at info@theabbey.org.au

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Launch of the Season of Creation and the planting and blessing of our Prayer Tree



An Act of Commitment

Let us affirm our commitment to care actively for God's creation and all humanity.

**Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for your people and world:
to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation
and sustain and renew the life of the earth.**

**May your wisdom guide us,
so that all creation may flourish and sing your praise.
May the commitment we have made this day
be matched by our faithful living.**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. **Amen. Amen. Amen.**