



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: *To lead the Cathedral*

26th April 2026

Parish in being God's beating heart for our communities.

Easter 4

Sentence from Scripture

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' *John 10.11*

Prayer of the Day

God of all power,
you called from death our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep:
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,
to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Year of Prayer 2026

Lord, teach us to pray.
Teach us to listen to your voice
and to hear your word.
Teach us to offer our hearts to
you in love and to know your
love. Teach us to forgive and be
forgiven. Teach us to give our
lives in your service and to do
your will. Teach us to pray, and
pray in us, Lord Jesus. 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 *No Services*

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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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.

Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Trish Broadbear 0418 104 840

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. *Acts 2.42-47*

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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

He will make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside still waters.

He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup shall be full.

Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from The First Letter of Peter

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and

like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',
and

'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy. *1 Peter 2.1-10*

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.

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find

pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10.1-10

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

Reflection

The first reading today, from Acts 2, picks up on what happens at the end of Peter's long speech in which he exhorts his hearers to repentance and baptism. This is the sequel, the what-happens-next. The three thousand-odd folk who heard good news that day (just imagine that for a moment), subsequently "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, breaking of the bread, and prayer. They communalised (to coin a word), sharing resources as a joyful expression of their common experience of God's goodness. It sounds somewhat idyllic.

And yet there's something compelling about this story because day by day their numbers grew. It's worth pondering that. What was the spark of that growth? "The Lord added to their number" - yes, God's work and the movement of the Spirit's breath was involved. I see this as a cooperation: where the people were sharing with generous hearts in joy and love, making sure those who were in need had their needs met, everyone engaged in the commission to share the good news of God's kingdom, so the Spirit was able to move the hearts of those to whom they ministered. We forget sometimes just how radical the life of those first Christians was, compared to the community around them. Girl babies were rescued from rubbish tips. The disabled were treated with dignity; slaves were not lower than the freeborn; women had a role in leading and teaching. This was truly radical for the time. Even the belief in a crucified God was radical; Paul calls the cross "foolishness to Gentiles, but to us the power of God".

I've had many conversations with people in our parish and beyond about the question of how we grow. Some would say, hire a youth minister and start youth and families ministries. Or try to find the resources to pay a Canon-Pastor or Precentor. Or... Or... Yes, these things would probably help. And I keep returning to the first principles this passage suggests: people, who are excited about the difference Jesus makes to their lives, living the good news of the realm of God through the way they love one another and love the people with whom they interact, people who are actively engaged together in meeting the needs of others, and whose lives are resplendent with the joy the Spirit brings. What needs to change in us, in each of us, in us collectively, to create the environment for the Spirit to work to add to our number?

Pray indeed that God will add six people to our number over the coming months, and that we may be filled with the Spirit's joy.

Dean's Desk

Today at 10am we commission Kevin Cameron as a Lay Reader. Welcome to the ministry team, Kevin!

This week the new livestreaming cameras were installed. We're still working out the kinks, so do be patient with us if you're watching the livestream! Next week we'll be offering training for anyone who would like to learn how to operate it - it will be as simple as pressing buttons! You don't have to be a technological expert! Once we've worked it through, full pictorial instructions will be put at the sound desk so anyone can make it work.

Alpha had its second week on Friday evening. Do continue to pray for the leaders and helpers, and for those who are participating, that we may all know a deepening of our faith. Thanks particularly to Steph and Maria who fed us on Friday night.

Synod is three weeks away (!!). Archbishop Ric Thorpe will be our preacher in his first visit to Gippsland. Bishop Richard is asking all parishes to send a few folk to be part of the synod service on Friday 15th at 7:30pm. Do consider whether you're able to come, as it'll be wonderful for us to welcome our Diocesan community to our/their cathedral.

Keren

If you have changed your personal details in the past year (address etc.) or have not completed our contact/permission forms, see hall foyer for a copy.



St Paul's Parish Lunch

*Join us for soup, bread, and
fellowship over lunch on*

**Sunday 31st May at
11:30am**

*RSVP to Kaye or sign the
sheet in the foyer!*

Mission of the Month: Leprosy Mission Australia

‘The goal of The Leprosy Mission Australia (TLMA) is to eliminate leprosy in all its forms worldwide. Our mission statement is ‘zero transmission, zero disability, zero stigma’ by 2035. Since 1913, TLMA Australia has achieved vital and life-saving work across over 25 countries.’

The Leprosy Mission has an online shop, selling home-wares, fashion, fair-trade gifts, tea and coffee, marmalade, chocolate, hand-made gifts and many other items.

See the display in the foyer or go to: <https://shop.leprosymission.org.au/>

You can also give through the offertory at church by placing funds in an envelope and marking ‘Leprosy Mission’.

Synod 15th-17th May We are catering for Morning and afternoon tea and lunch on the Saturday and morning tea on the Sunday. See Nancy if you can help.

Save the date!

Dr Zachary Dunbar is returning for another **Piano Concert** on Sunday August 30th.

Craft Group is whatever people who come want it to be. 10am Thursdays.

Come for a cuppa and a chat, stitch, knit, crochet, colour.

Beanie knitting has started ready to donate to the Mission to Seafarers in July.



DV Aware Sunday, an initiative of the Anglican Church of Australia’s Families & Culture Commission, will be held on Sunday 3 May 2026. Our church is taking part to raise awareness of domestic and family violence and its impact within our communities. On this day, we will join Anglican churches across the country in affirming that violence has no place in our homes, relationships, or communities, and in giving thanks to God who sees and cares for those who suffer. We will point out where people can find help. We will also invite members of our church to support the churches work through a small one-off gift, helping

to resource prevention, training, and care for those affected, as we seek to be a community where all are safe, respected, and able to flourish.

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral’s ministry and mission

BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering etc.

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St Alban Kilmany rep Merryn Stevenson **St Anne Golden Beach rep** Val Kilner

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Music: Dean Keren **Sacristan:** Jan Blake **Catering:** Nancy Schmack

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ALPHA

Sale and Avon parishes are running this 7 week course that encourages the asking of questions, the sharing of insights, and the exploration of what it means to follow Jesus.

*Sessions will be from 6:45pm to 8:30pm,
and will include a provided dinner as follows:*

Friday May 1st in Sale: Why did Jesus Die?

Friday May 8th in Stratford: How can I have faith?

Friday May 22nd in Sale: Why and how do I Pray?

Sunday May 24th in Stratford: Why and How should I read the Bible?

Friday May 29th in Sale: What does the Holy Spirit do?

Friday June 5th in Stratford: How can I make the most of the rest of my life?



***'Seussical' will be performed
at Gippsland Grammar's
Garnsey Campus Hall,
McGhee St, Sale from
Thursday May 7 to
Saturday May 9.***

All welcome. Tickets on sale
now

at <https://www.trybooking.com/1521479> or via the School's website.

Anglican Parish of
Avon

SHAKESPEARE EVENSONG



An Elizabethan Evensong
To the glory of God and in honour of
William Shakespeare

APRIL | 26 | 4.30 PM

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
26 McFarlane St, Stratford