



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*

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

6th September 2026

Season of Creation 1

Forest Sunday

Sentence from Scripture

'All the trees of the forest sing for joy.' Psalm 96:12

Prayer of the Day

God, our Creator, whose glory fills our planet, help us to discern your vibrant presence among us, especially in the mysteries of the forest. Help us empathise with your forest creatures who are suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice with the forest and all the creatures of the forest. We ask this in the name of Christ, who reconciles and renews all things in creation. **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 Book of Genesis

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was

its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. *Genesis 2:4b-22*
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:13-16

I will praise you, for you are to be feared:
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.

You knew my soul,
and my bones were not hidden from you:
**when I was formed in secret,
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:
and in your book were all my members written;

Day by day they were fashioned:
and not one was late in growing.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”’
Acts 17:22-28

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be

born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3:1-16*

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

Reflection

Over the next four weeks we will be celebrating The Season of Creation. This is a time to renew our relationship with our creator and all creation through celebration, conversation and commitment together. Although this season is relatively new in our calendar it is nevertheless an important one on which to reflect. For me, it's a reminder that everything is reliant and dependent upon everything else. At a time when so much discussion is being had around conservation, preserving our environment and "being green" we do need to take this seriously. We have been commanded to care for all that God has given us.

Yet it goes further than just physical creation and caring for the environment. We are co-creators with God. We show God's love in all that we do; our interaction with the environment, with others, our community our activities and on a whole range of other ways. It is a fair question to ask how we might see and work with God to show how close and connected to people God really is. Who knows, we might just be the means whereby people will experience the Spirit of God in their lives, change their ways and help make the world a better place.

The Season of Creation is broken up into four different aspects according to the various readings which follow the three-year cycle. The sequence of readings for this season concentrates on those texts where the Spirit is breathing life into creation. I invite you to enter into the next four weeks with an open mind and see how God works through creation to reveal God to us and to others.

Blessings Rev Tony.

Happy Fathers' Day

to all dads and significant men in people's lives!

And to all who find this day difficult, for whatever the reason, may you experience God's comfort and peace.

Last Sunday we welcomed Dr Zachary Dunbar and around 60 people for a wonderful Grand Piano Concert. Over \$2000 was raised for ASRC. Many thanks to all who came, and everyone who helped in any way, including promoting it, inviting others, moving the piano, providing for and or serving the delicious afternoon tea, selling tickets, operating the AV/PA, and cleaning up afterwards.

Dean Kerren is away on Annual leave. Rev Heather is away until 25 September, travelling in Japan and Vietnam. During this time Rev Jenny and Tony Wicking are our locum clergy. Rev Kate Campbell and Rev David Perryman are available for any urgent matters.

Mission of the Month: ACTinG *Acting for Creation Together in Gippsland*

ACTinG is a small working group of the Diocese, aiming to encourage and equip Gippsland Anglicans to study the theology of creation; and to pray and act to safeguard, sustain and renew the life of the Earth.

We send out a monthly bulletin by email with news, ideas and reflections to inspire us all to continue to act and pray. If you would like to receive the bulletins or have any questions or comments, please email: acting@gippslandanglicans.org.au. We'd love to hear from you!

We also run occasional events, write regular articles for TGA and add resources and tips to the website – go to www.gippslandanglicans.org.au then click on the 'Acting on Climate' tab.

We don't need donations, but would value your prayers, especially for the restoration and flourishing of God's creation. Please do have a look at the display in the foyer for more info. *Thanks, Jan Down.*

Following the devastation of a **catastrophic flash flood in Nepal** leaving communities devastated, many organisations are requesting money.

One email is from Jo Knight, CEO of **Anglican Overseas Aid** – last weeks Evensong preacher. <https://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au> (Donation link on this page)

AOA's partner, International Nepal Fellowship, will deliver emergency shelter, food relief, safe drinking water, and early recovery to those who need it most.

Your gifts will allow them to reach those most in need. Those who have lost family, lost homes, lost their livelihoods.

Money can also be placed for them in a suitably marked envelope in our offering bowl.

'Called to Care' study groups: September online, October Cathedral.
Following on from this service, ACTinG is offering an online fortnightly discussion group at 7.30pm on Tuesdays in September. 1st September: Cath Connelly; 15th September: Dean Spalding; 29th September: Jack Beamish. Email acting@gippslandanglicans.org.au for more info or to register and receive the Zoom link. Or ring Jan D: 0405 812 518

Rev Heather Toms will also be running a three session study group at the Cathedral in October.

Copies of *Called to Care* (now short-listed for Australian Book of the Year) are available from: <https://calledtocare.co/products/called-to-care>

Coming up:

Sunday afternoon 4 October: St Paul's **Cathedral Musicians Concert**

Saturday 21 November **Hymnfest** with the Sale City Band –

Blessing of backpacks and briefcases on Sunday 31st January next year

'WHY KIDS MINISTRY MATTERS'

led by BCA 4 Kids Coordinator, Rachel Dirks

Saturday 26 September 9-11am St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

For many of us we know having kids in church is important, though often the question is asked, where are the children? In recent years the decline of the younger generation's attendance has been something people have shared concerns over. In this training we want to look at the data of what is actually happening and why.

Then spend some time asking the question how we can welcome kids into church well and discover ways that we can bless and love families? What would make the difference in creating a welcoming space for children today in our church.

If you would like to learn how your small part can make a big difference, please come along so we can learn together about why this ministry matters so much and how we under God can grow it for the glory of Jesus.'

RSVP via email or online: davidp@gippslandanglicans.org.au

Craft Group is whatever people who come want it to be. 10am Thursdays. Come for a cuppa and a chat, stitch, knit, crochet, colour. More information Phone Jenny 0457 455 503

BOOKS CD's and DVD's NEEDED!!!

We are collecting for the next Giant Book Fair, but need help in filling the container with **newer fiction books**. Spread the word!

We are continuing to support local state **primary schools with breakfast items**
Donations can be left in the breakfast club basket in the foyer.
Food items suitable for donation are milo, muesli bars, pancake mix, jam, fruit cups, sliced cheese and margarine. Contact Kathy J 0400 444 416

10c recycling Bottles and cans can be left at Church to raise money. Plastic lemonade etc larger bottles, even the small juice cardboard ones as well as cans are suitable - Drop them in the small bin with yellow lid in the foyer, or see Christine.

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering etc.
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Affirmations for Pentecost 2026: God loves me. God loves the people of this parish. God loves our community. God is with us; Jesus prays for me, for St Paul's, for our world; the Spirit prays in us with sighs too deep for words. We are held in the love of the Trinity. God goes before us. God give us eyes to see and hearts to respond to where you are already at work in our world.
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**Australian Floral Art Association
Convention
Celebrating 50 Years**

**FLOWERS IN
THE MIDDLE
OF EVERYWHERE**

PUBLIC VIEWING AND DISPLAYS

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPT	2 PM-5 PM
THURSDAY 10 SEPT	9 AM-5.30 PM
FRIDAY 11 SEPT	9 AM-5.30 PM
SATURDAY 12 SEPT	10 AM-2 PM

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We have been encouraged to attend this Floral display, not only to support the locals running it, but to celebrate the beauty of God's creation. Especially appropriate as it is being held during this Season of Creation.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47.9, 12



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