



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*

13th September 2026

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

Pentecost 16

Sentence from Scripture

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. *Psalm 130.3-4*

Prayer of the Day

O God,

you call your Church to witness that in
Christ we are reconciled to you:
help us so to proclaim
the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through 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 Book of Genesis

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Genesis 50:15-21

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

Psalm 103.8-13

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **slow to anger and of great goodness.**
He will not always be chiding:

nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins:

nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth:

so great is his mercy over those that fear him;

As far as the east is from the west:

so far has he set our sins from us.

As a father is tender towards his children:

so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions.

Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.

For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another.

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. *Romans 14.1-14*

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of

his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.' *Matthew 18.21-35*

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

Reflection

Following on from last week's reading of allowing God to speak to us through creation. The God work I invited you to do was to think of something/ someone/ sometime that God was revealed to you. Creation, art, music, community or a time of reflection. I invite you now to take a moment to sit with God and see what arises for you and how your heart responds to God.

This week's readings on forgiveness can be quite a challenge for many of us. So many times, we can get caught up having to negotiate through difficult times that can cause us great hurt and find forgiving others or ourselves very difficult.

Let us look at how Joseph, David, Paul in Romans and Matthew's parable of the: The unforgiving servant responds to this difficult space of forgiveness.

Joseph's brothers are concerned that Joseph will hold a grudge. Joseph responds with: "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

David in Psalm 103: v2 says "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits who forgives all your iniquity," in V8 "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

Paul writing in Roman's knows how judging others impacts on the faith community, Paul who has known God's forgiveness as in Psalm 103 v8 understands how important it is to not to judge one another as God has welcomed them into our midst.

Matthew's account of the unforgiving servant v32 "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you."

The common thread throughout these stories is to remember the mercy and steadfast love that God has shown us when we have failed to love God with our heart and mind and our neighbour as ourselves. When we have experienced and known God's

unconditional forgiveness, we are more able to forgive others. The other reminder is that it is God who judges and will call us all to account. As Paul states in v13 “Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hinderance in the way of another.” How do we do this? May I suggest that these are the times when we need to sit with God and allow God to lead and guide us through difficult and hard times and to receive God’s grace, mercy, comfort and healing.

Blessings Rev Jenny.

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 equip and inspire Gippsland Anglicans to act on climate change. (See more information on the mission display board.)

The A in ACTinG now also has three other meanings as well as ‘acting’: accepting, advocating and adapting. (See article in this month’s TGA to find out why.)
ACTinG sends out a brief, monthly bulletin by email, which aims to keep readers up to date with climate change and related news, equip them with useful resources (including theological) and inspire us all to continue to act and pray. If you would like to receive the bulletins or find out more, please email:

acting@gippslandanglicans.org.au/.

We also run occasional events, write articles for TGA, produce printed booklets and posters, and add resources and tips to the website – go to www.gippslandanglicans.org.au then click on the ‘Acting on Climate’ tab.

Donations to ACTinG can be made either by placing funds in an envelope marked ACTinG and putting in the offertory on Sunday, or via Anglican Earthcare Gippsland, in which case they are tax deductible. Bank details: BSB 013 795 Account 206078399. NB: put ACTinG + your surname as reference, and ask Anna at The Abbey to send you a receipt: info@theabbey.org.au/.

‘Called to Care’ study groups: September online, October Cathedral

It’s not too late to join the online fortnightly book discussion based around *Called to Care*, by Jo Knight, who spoke at Evensong at the cathedral recently.

The discussions will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesdays in September. The next one is on 15th September with Dean Spalding; then 29th September with Jack Beamish.

For the Zoom link and / or more info, email acting@gippslandanglicans.org.au

Or ring Jan D: 0405 812 518.

Rev Heather Toms will also be running a three session in-person study group on the same book at the Cathedral in **October**.

Copies of *Called to Care* (short-listed for Christian 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



Book fair Update

On Saturday we received a **very** full carload of books from Upway CFA – around 55 boxes worth! They like to share leftovers from their book sale to different organisations, and this year we were the lucky recipients.

Around 11 other boxes arrived as well, so huge thanks to Wendy who worked overtime yesterday sorting and packing many of them.

The container is over half full of boxes, and with the stacks of big books, it looks like it should be another bumper year!

We do need books to arrive, preferably by the end of November, rather than the first day of the fair, so please encourage anyone thinking of giving us books to do it sooner rather than later.

'WHY KIDS MINISTRY MATTERS'

led by BCA 4 Kids Coordinator, Rachel Dirks

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

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.

ACTinG Bulletin #23 – Go local!

This month's bulletin from Ann relates to the ACTinG tab to 'Go local' – from our aim to: 'support and help create a sustainable local economy to meet basic needs'.

See <https://www.gippslandanglicans.org.au/acting/go-local>

Ann writes: *We have long been told to buy locally, but what really are the benefits?*

Economic benefits: Spending money in our own communities keeps more of that money in that community. Even multinationals employ local people – so supporting local businesses improves the chances of local people getting jobs. Local businesses often source supplies from other local businesses. Local businesses depend on the goodwill of their customers – that's us – so that good and often personal service is more likely. (source: Forbes)

Environmental benefits: We are probably all aware of the concept of food miles – that buying food from overseas, say a delicious cheese from France, comes with a bitter aftertaste of increased emissions to get it to us in the transport involved. Buying from markets and road side stalls reduces the embedded transport costs and emissions, and ensures that the food is as fresh as possible. Growing your own is the ultimate goal! Buying locally also has the potential to reduce packaging pollution as we select individual items and put them in our own bags..

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zjnxwnb>

Social benefits: Social benefits are perhaps the least obvious. Buying locally produced goods strengthens community in a number of different ways. Since the pandemic people have become less sociable, preferring to keep within their small social circle, and we now have an epidemic of loneliness. Buying locally allows more engagement with the local community in a safe way, and encourages trust. It also helps preserve local culture, heritage and traditions. Growing food in community gardens has been shown to reduce loneliness and foster inclusivity. Our current situation has shown us how vulnerable we are to events half way around the world. Forging strong links in our communities fosters resilience and makes us more able to ride out disruptions to fuel and fertiliser supplies.

Being able to feed ourselves is a major step to resilience.

<https://backyardpantry.com.au/4-reasons-why-supporting-local-businesses/>

You may feel that your contribution, say by growing some silver beet and some herbs in your back yard or in a window box is just a drop in the ocean, but the accumulation of all our drops can lead to a mighty wave of change.

If you are hungry for some good news have a look at Fix the News, which details the many good things that are happening in the world. <https://fixthenews.com/>