



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.

20th September 2026

Pentecost 17

Sentence from Scripture

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. *Ephesians 2.8-9*

Prayer of the Day

Loving and righteous God,
your boundless generosity exceeds all that
we can desire or deserve,
and you give to the last worker
all you promised to the first:
liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
that we may be free to love and serve others,
and in your service may find our true
reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord
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

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

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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 Prophet Jonah

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. **4** But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD ! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD , please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Jonah 3.10-4.11

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

Psalm 145.1-8

I will exalt you, O God my king:

I will bless your name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you:

and praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and wonderfully worthy to be praised:

his greatness is past searching out.

One generation shall praise your works to another:

and declare your mighty acts.

As for me, I will be talking of the glorious splendour of your majesty:

I will tell the story of your marvellous works.

All people shall speak of the power of your terrible deeds:

and I will proclaim your greatness.

Their lips shall flow with the remembrance
of your abundant goodness:

they shall shout for joy at your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and compassionate:

slow to anger and of great goodness.

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1.21-30

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five

o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.' *Matthew 20.1-16*

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

Reflection

This is the third week of celebration for the Season of Creation. So, I wonder, what has this Season of Creation meant to you so far? In my reflection a fortnight ago I made reference that this was a time for us to renew our relationship with God, creation and our connectedness to our church and local community. Also, this was a time to be open to God's leading to see how God works through creation to reveal God to us and to others. This is a continual call for all of us as we journey with Jesus in his ministry for us.

One way to view this Season of Creation is to focus a little deeper into the creation of the new community of God. Instead of a being part of an exclusive people, we are encouraged to look beyond ourselves and see how we include those "not like us". If we are to build/create a new community, what would it look like? Today's readings tell us a little about that. It certainly means being inclusive of all people and being non-judgemental. It may well mean that we too need to count the cost of putting aside some of our wants and desires and, as in the case of Paul and the landowner, be prepared to suffer physically and financially for the sake of the gospel. How prepared are we to do that?

This is the last week we shall be with you. Dean Keren will be back with you next Sunday. We have enjoyed our time here and wish you all well as you journey deeper with Jesus into creating a new community with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings Rev Tony.

Sale **CWCI** Committee invites ladies to hear Heather Packett speaking on Forgiveness and Reconciliation. Sat 3rd October 1.30 - 4pm Sale Baptist Church Refreshments provided, entry by donation. Contact Elaine 51497114 or see Trish B

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 for Creation' 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*.

PS, Anglican Earthcare Gippsland *was mentioned by mistake last week – and not receiving any more donations.*

'Called to Care' study groups: September online, October Cathedral

The last online fortnightly book discussion based around *Called to Care*, by Jo Knight, will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday the 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

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. We are still selling books on ebay, receiving over \$800 in the last three months. Interestingly, very popular ones are locally made cookbooks from schools etc. People like the 'tried and tested' favourite recipes from home cooks it seems. Also books on the history of buildings and schools and specific families are very popular on line. Bibles full of notes also are loved at the actual fair. So please raid your drawers and bookcases for such items - *Christine*

'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

Bishop Manasseh - Bishop of Gahini - elected as Archbishop and Primate of Rwanda

Bishop of our Companion Diocese of Gahini in Rwanda has been elected to succeed The Most Revd Dr Laurent Mbanda as Archbishop of Rwanda and Primate of its 13 dioceses, comprising one of 42 autonomous and interdependent Provinces in the Anglican Communion.

+Manasseh has been a dear friend to Gippsland Anglicans over many years, as Bishop of Gahini since May 2019 and will be installed as Archbishop and Primate in his new See of Gasabo on 25 October.

Gippsland will be represented at his farewell service from Gahini and at his Installation by The Revd Sarah Gover, Commissary for the Covenant of Companionship with Gahini that was inaugurated under +Jeffrey Driver with +Alexis Bilindabagabo (+Manasseh's predecessor in Gahini) in 2003.

Please pray for Sarah as she prepares to travel to Rwanda with our prayerful greetings, and for +Manasseh, Rose, and their family as they take up new responsibilities there.

Some pressing needs at the Modawa Institute PNG

With Fr Giles Motisi recently spending some time at the Modawa Institute in PNG, and Bishop Jeffrey returning there for a brief visit in September, some of the practical needs of the community there have been highlighted.

There is a real need for mechanical tools (spanners, sockets, wrenches, and the like of various sizes, both metric and imperial). If it is time for you to clean out the workshop, or sort out the toolbox, then you can ensure that your donated tools are put to good use with maintenance at the Modawa Institute. Likewise, there is a need for lawnmowers, preferably reputable brands with spares available. We mow about five acres every week and literally wear our mowers out on the rapidly growing tropical grass. We have one ride-on mower, but could really benefit from having another. These items can be shipped through to PNG, thanks to the good work of Rotary Victoria. From time to time, we do buy equipment such as mowers in Popondetta, but they cost two or three times what the same items cost in Australia.

For further information, email +Jeffrey at: jeffrey.william.driver@gmail.com

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

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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Living Water

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning,
we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace.

We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home,
that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city.

We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands
and our fellow creatures.

We give thanks that in your well-watered garden,
every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity.
We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in
judgment.

We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the
climate refugee.

Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live.

Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the
rights of water, and honor the dignity of the thirsty.

May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert.

May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration.

And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like
waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. **Amen.**



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12