



ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
**GISBORNE**  
MACEDON | RIDDELLS CREEK | GISBORNE



**Easter 7B**  
**Sunday after Ascension**  
**Sunday, 12th May, 2024**

St Paul's, Gisborne 9 am  
Church of the Resurrection, Macedon 10.30 am  
St John's, Riddells Creek 4 pm

*The Anglican Parish of Gisborne acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the peoples of the Kulin Nations, and we pay our respects to their elders, living, past and emerging.*

*The Parish of Gisborne is committed to being a Child Safe organisation.*

## Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for worship. Whether you are a visitor or a regular parishioner of the Anglican Church, you are invited to join us in Holy Communion. Please make yourself known to us and if you would like more information about our community and ministry, then please take a copy of our welcome brochure, visit our website or ask one of our welcomers.

Today we read of Matthias' election to stand among the apostles in the place of Judas Iscariot. It must have been daunting to stand among them, knowing that one of them had not only recently betrayed Jesus but had also ended his own life. And yet, Matthias allowed his name to go forward for election and was chosen. God gave him the grace to become a faithful apostle.

- May we always be ready to take the reins when the situation demands it, especially in our church life.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

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### This Week in Our Parish

#### **Sunday 12th May**

##### **Sunday after Ascension**

9:00 Sung Eucharist – St Paul's

10:30 Sung Eucharist – CoR

4:00 Sunday Arvo @ 4 – St John's

#### **Tuesday 14th May**

10:00 – 1:00 St Paul's Op Shop

#### **Wednesday 15th May**

10:00 Eucharist – St Paul's

10:00 – 4:00 St Paul's Op Shop

7.00 Choir Practice - CoR

#### **Thursday 16th May**

10:00 – 4:00 St Paul's Op Shop

10:00 – 4:00 Charity's Secret

10.00 Oaks

6:00 AA – Parish Centre

#### **Friday 17th May**

10:00 – 4:00 St Paul's Op Shop

10:00 – 4:00 Charity's Secret

#### **Saturday 18th May**

9.00 KYB4M - Parish Centre

9.30 EFM

10:00 – 1:00 St Paul's Op Shop

10:00 – 1:00 Charity's Secret

#### **Sunday 19th May**

##### **Pentecost**

9:00 Sung Eucharist – St Paul's

10:30 Sung Eucharist – CoR

12.30 Parish Council Meeting

4:00 Sunday Arvo @ 4 – St John's

#### **This Week's Readings:**

Easter 7

Acts 1.15-17,21-26

1 John 5.9-13

Psalms 1

John 17.6-19

#### **Next Week's Readings:**

Day of Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1 – 14

Acts 2: 1 – 21

Psalms 104: 26 – 36

John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

Gathering Hymn

**371 God is gone up on high**

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ is risen, Alleluia

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleans the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Absolution. The priest says*

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.****

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things:  
mercifully give us faith to trust  
that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth until the end of time;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bountiful God,  
give to this parish a faithful pastor  
who will faithfully speak your word  
and minister your sacraments;  
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry  
and enable us to fulfil our calling.  
Give to those who will choose, wisdom,  
discernment and patience,  
and to us give warm and generous hearts,  
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word through the scriptures,  
**open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1, beginning at verse 15

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

May your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

### Psalm 1

NPCW Blessed are they who have not walked



Response: **For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous**

Blessed are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.  
Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law day and night. *R*

Like a tree planted by streams of water  
bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither,  
whatever they do, it shall prosper.  
As for the wicked, it is not so with them'  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. *R*

Therefore the wicked shall not be able  
to stand in the judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.  
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall perish. *R*

A reading from the first letter of John, chapter 5 beginning at the ninth verse.

1 John 5:9-13

*At the conclusion the reader may say:*

May your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

*Please stand to greet the Gospel:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

“I am the first and the last,” says the Lord, “and the living one  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.”

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 17,  
beginning at the sixth verse

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 17: 6 – 19

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Breaking Open the Word

*After a time of reflection, we stand and affirm our faith.*

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Ministry of Prayer

*Please sit or kneel as a member of the Parish leads us in prayer.*

The response to “*in your mercy*” is **hear our prayer**

*At the conclusion of the prayers, as the intercessor places the prayer requests on the Altar, we pray together:*

**Hear the prayer of your Church, O God,  
and fulfil the work you have begun  
in the resurrection of your Christ;  
so that through the gospel  
your truth may be made known,  
and through the witness of your people  
the world may see your salvation.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand.*

The Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God by one body on the cross.

**We meet in his name and share his peace.**

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may share a sign of peace with those around them.*

The Offertory

**237 Hail Redeemer, King Divine**

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

*Our gifts of bread, wine and money are collected and then offered at the Altar.*

With this bread that we bring

**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring

**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,

wine for his blood,

gifts from God to his table we bring.

**God, whose name we praise,**

**let our hearts be set on Christ,**

**and our lives be lived in thanksgiving**

**for all your blessings to us.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Why we give thanks and praise:*

All glory and honour, be yours now and always,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.



*What Jesus has done for us:*

By his death on the cross,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
And now we give you thanks  
that you raised him to life triumphant,  
and exalted him in glory.  
By his victory over death,  
the reign of sin is ended,  
a new day has dawned,  
a broken world is restored  
and we are made whole once more.

*We join the eternal song:*

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Making Holy that which has been given:*

Holy God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,  
and we pray that we who eat and drink them  
in obedience to our Saviour Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may be partakers of his body and blood,  
and be made one with him and with each other  
in peace and love.

*With this bread that we bring:*

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

*With this wine that we bring:*

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

*The Mystery of Faith:*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*How we follow Jesus Christ*

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament,  
renew us by your Spirit  
that we may be united in the body of your Son  
and serve you as a royal priesthood  
in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion  
As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

*Agnus Dei at St Paul's*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

*Agnus Dei at Church of the Resurrection*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us your peace.**

*The invitation to communion is given in these words.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
This is the table, not of the Church but of the Lord.  
All are welcome to his table. Alleluia!

The Sending out of God's People

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord.  
'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

In your abiding love, O God,  
be present to your people,  
and as you have fed us with the gifts of heaven,  
so make us pass into newness of life.

**Most loving God,  
you send us out into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn

**520 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour**  
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God Almighty:  
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be with you all evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

J S Bach, *Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter auf Erden*, BWV 650  
(Jesus, you came down from heaven to earth)

## PETS IN THE PARK COMMUNITY APPEAL

Following on from last year's very successful Pets in the Park Community Appeal, our Parish Animal Welfare Group is once again organising pet food donations from our Macedon Ranges community to assist people who are homeless/at risk of homelessness to provide for their pets. Donation trolleys are at Riddells Creek Foodworks and Macedon IGA supermarkets for the remainder of April (from April 24 at Macedon) and throughout May.

Pets can be a vital source of companionship and emotional support for people experiencing homeless or the threat of same.

*Janine Mc Dougall & Rosemary Homewood, Co-convenors, Parish Animal Welfare Group*

## AN APPEAL TO PRESERVE THE PARISH BUS

Our beloved Parish Bus needs some body work and a repaint. The cost of the required works is \$5,000.00. Our Parish Bus is a valued asset and has dutifully served the Parish through supporting the Bus Ministry,



couriering Parishioners, and local community members on outings, to Parish events as well as moving stock and equipment between various parish sites. The Bus is carefully maintained and garaged by James Lindsay who continues to actively support the Bus Ministry program as Bus Driver, as well as supervising Bus maintenance. The Parish Bus enables outreach to community members who live alone and others who are isolated. The Parish Council wants to find a way to maintain the Parish Bus and **asks for your help in raising the required funds.**

**During this month you have an opportunity to contribute to the Bus Appeal**, you may be able to donate personally or join with others in the parish to run a fundraising event. \$2,190 has already been generously donated, so the current target is \$2810. A weekly update will be provided on the Appeals progress.

Donations to the **Bus Appeal** can be made electronically to the **Parish Special Bus Account (Bendigo Account BSB 633000 A/c No 198264707)** or by handing to a Church Warden **cash in a marked envelope – Bus Appeal.**



**An incorporated association  
promoting the Churches' Song**

**The Launch of the Association will be held  
at St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne at 4pm on  
Sunday 19 May 2024.**

Taking up the work of the Australian Hymn Book Pty Ltd, the AHA seeks to promote and develop congregational song in worship. Membership is open to all who are keen to further this mission.

Worship led by the Dean of Melbourne, the Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, the President of the Association, Ms Megan McLaughlin, noted hymn composer the Revd Dr Christopher Willcock sj, and the musicians of the Cathedral.

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE HERE**

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# Agatha in Vivaldi's Venice



**Saturday 25 May @ 3 pm**

Church of the Resurrection  
cnr Honour Ave & Mt Macedon Rd, Macedon  
Enquiries: 0452 531 750 750.452 531 750.531

Premium	\$86.50
Adults/Seniors	\$74.50
Pensioners	\$49.50
Students	\$26.50

**Bookings:**

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Hear the historic cantata *Ecce nunc* by Venetian orphan Agatha alongside the *Magnificat* by her celebrated teacher Vivaldi, and other major Venetian choral works.

## Australian Chamber Choir

with strings & continuo  
directed by Douglas Lawrence

## Book of Common Prayer Choral Evensong



**Sunday 26 May, 6pm**  
**Church of the Resurrection**

with the choirs of

**St Patrick's Catholic Church**  
and  
**Church of the Resurrection**

## MISSIONS RAFFLE | 11 Prizes to be won!

Raffle will be drawn **Sunday May 19th** all proceeds to Anglicare in support of their victims of domestic violence program. **Tickets 3 for \$5** available from Popsy, Rosemary or Margaret Poyser.

## MISSIONS LUNCH - THANK YOU!

The Missions lunch was very successful thanks to everyone who attended! So far we have raised \$800, with 2 weeks to go let's see if we can reach \$1000!! Domestic violence victims **NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GIVE THEM!** *Rosemary Homewood.*

**The ABM Easter gift is supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Anglicans as they witness the good news of Jesus Christ.**



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