



St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

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: *"People of Christian faith –
Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday."*

**30th April 2023
Easter 4**

Sentence of 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**



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**

Outcentre Services:

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month

St Alban's Kilmany 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month

St Mark's Loch Sport 10.30am 4th Sunday of the month

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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Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Trish Broadbear 0418 104 840

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

Please pray for our supported student at Newton College PNG.

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:

Sheep and stones. Selling everything you have and holding all things in common. Today’s readings share a thread of the communal, of collectivity, of connection. They are reminders that we are more than individuals, that we are each precious and part of a larger whole at the same time. There is not one stone in the temple that isn’t important, but its importance lies in being part of the whole structure. One stone is not a cathedral. One sheep is not a flock. Together we make up the whole, and we make the whole by sharing. Like sheep, like bricks, we are made for being with each other.

- Pray that we can allow ourselves to be shepherded, so that we might feel supported and tended. Pray that we can allow ourselves to be hewn, so that we can better support others.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong.

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Congratulations to Lorraine who is being confirmation during the 10am service. Please pray for Lorraine and all recently baptised.

Meetings:

Monday 1st May 5pm - Art Show meeting

Monday 8th May 4:30pm - Property Team meeting

Wednesday 10th May 3pm - Ministry Team meeting

Thursday 11th May 7:30pm - Chapter

Saturday 13th May 3:30pm - Children's Ministry meeting

Wednesday 17th May 1pm - Pastoral Care Team meeting

Monday 22nd May 1:30pm - Mission Helpers

If you have not looked on our **Facebook** page recently, please do. Lots of photos!

Around 30 people have been viewing the weekly livestream services recently.

We are also collecting already for the next bookfair!

Ministry with Children and Families

The team who are looking at starting one ministry to children and families this year met on Friday. Consensus is building around two areas: playgroup, and Messy Church. We're seeking the support of the broader congregation as we discern which of these directions to take. Please join us in praying the following prayer every day, and let Keren know what God whispers in your heart:

Loving God,

We come to you seeking your guidance and wisdom as we embark in the children's ministry. Please grant us clarity of purpose and direction and help us to discern the right path to take. Bless our efforts and may our work be a source of joy and inspiration to the families we seek to serve.

Amen

Vision Day 22nd April

Thanks to those who came to consider the NCLS results and to dream for the coming year. Here's what emerged as concrete steps we want to take in response to the NCLS results:

- a morning tea for mothers, potentially in conjunction with the Maternal Child Health unit (and connected with what the children's ministry discernment team are looking at). (next 3 months)
- starting some small groups so that people's faith can be nurtured as we gather around scripture in fellowship. (6-8 weeks)
- introducing "Hymnlovers": inviting members of the cathedral community to contribute their favourite hymns to be scheduled to be sung in church between June and September. (June-September)
- with the greater Chapter and Trustees, developing a strategic plan for the Music Foundation, with an eye to training and equipping musicians to participate in worship. (June)
- engaging through worship, encouraging others to come: through a "Back to Church" Sunday (before the end of the year); through telling the "good news" stories about what we find exciting and uplifting about worship services; participating in Thy Kingdom Come in May 2024.
- encouraging those who preach to delve into the complex readings, especially those other than the gospel reading.

Please pray for Chapter and for the groups who were present yesterday as the energy and momentum builds with these exciting possibilities.

Gippsland Grammar are happy to report that the students and teachers on their inaugural ANZAC Music and Languages Tour have arrived safely home. Also see their Facebook page for more information.

A Grand Piano Concert at Bairnsdale Uniting Church at 2pm on Sunday 30th April, Melbourne based pianist and composer William Schmidt will play a program of piano favourites, including works by Mozart, Chopin, Schumann, Grieg and Schmidt. Tickets at the door \$30. School students free

Anglican Hospital Chaplaincy – Central Gippsland Hospital Sale

If you would like to have the Hospital Chaplain visit you, a family member or a friend please contact the Revd Heather Toms, Hospital Chaplain on 0400 512 217’.

The (10am) service each week is live streamed. (Search *St Paul’s Cathedral Sale when in* YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLG94vHT28kEG4Ghd80PhQ/videos?view=57>

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

Internet Bank Transfer: St Paul’s Building Fund (‘Fill the gap’)

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Farewell, Thank You and Happy Retirement Rev Edie!

And thank you Jan Blake for the cake!





Psalm 23:1

The life abundant, Lord, is not in the sheep pen.
The life abundant is in the hills:
in the dark valleys and against the craggy rock faces
echoing between cliffs and climbing mountaintops
rolling down gentle, grassy slopes,
following well-worn paths that wind, cut, dip
climb, falter, struggle, reach.

The life abundant is in the rock-strewn gully
and the lap of a mountain stream, tumbling.
The life abundant isn't security, Lord,
but being safe with You, as You walk ahead of us
and behind, flank us and guide us and carry us,
as your presence chases away
whatever would chase us.

Make us brave, Lord, to follow you
from the sheep pens of our religion
from our comfort zones, our prejudices
and our biases, our loneliness and our apathy,
our faithlessness and our sins,
our sorrows and our grief.

Lead us to the mountaintops
and retrieve us when we wander, lost,
on untrodden paths.
Come find us, again and again, Lord,
even when – especially when – we do not realise
that we are lost.

Amen.