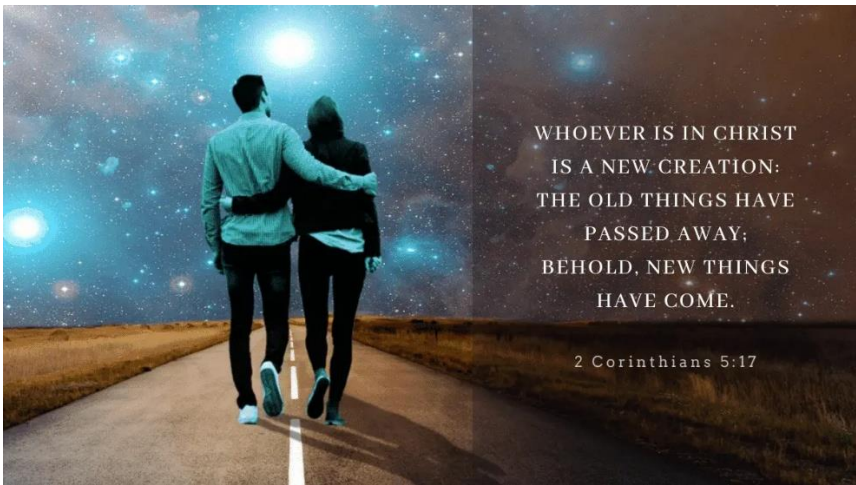


**Parish of Moe-Newborough**  
**St Aidan's, Newborough**  
**30th March – 10am**  
**4th Sunday of Lent**  
**Mothering Sunday**



**Celebrant: Rev'd Bruce Charles**

**Welcome to our service today!**

Please join us for our special “Thank You” morning tea  
following the service.

## Recessional Hymn

God of Eve and God of Mary,  
God of love and mother-earth,  
thank you for the ones who with us  
shared their life and gave us birth.

As you came to earth in Jesus,  
so you come to us today;  
you are present in the caring  
that prepares us for life's way.

Thank you that the Church, our Mother,  
gives us bread and fills our cup,  
and the comfort of the Spirit  
warms our hearts and lifts us up.

Thank you for belonging, shelter,  
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,  
and for those who have no children,  
yet are parents under God.

God of Eve and God of Mary,  
Christ our brother, human Son,  
Spirit, caring like a Mother,  
take our love and make us one!

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

The “God of Eve and God of Mary” is a hymn that expresses gratitude and reverence for motherhood and the divine presence in caring relationships. Fred Kaan wrote it especially for Mothering Sunday and aims to broaden the understanding of parenthood. The hymn emphasizes the themes of love and nurturing, reflecting on the roles of Eve and Mary in the context of faith and motherhood.

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>AHB 122</b>	<b>AHB 56</b>	<b>AHB 173</b>	<b>As Printed P2</b>
--------------	--------------------	-------------------	--------------------	--------------------------

**Sentence:** God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5.18

**Collect:** God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you, and seat them at your bountiful table, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

### **First Reading                      Joshua 5.2-12**

<sup>2</sup> At that time the Lord said to Joshua, ‘Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.’ <sup>3</sup> So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. <sup>4</sup> This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. <sup>6</sup> For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord. To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>7</sup> So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. <sup>8</sup> When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. <sup>9</sup> The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have rolled away from you

the disgrace of Egypt.’ And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho.

<sup>11</sup> On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

## **Psalms 32**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven: whose iniquity is put away.

<sup>2</sup> **Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame: and in whose spirit there is no guile.**

<sup>3</sup> For whilst I held my tongue: my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.

<sup>4</sup> **Your hand was heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you: and my iniquity I did not hide;

<sup>6</sup> **I said ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord’: and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**

<sup>7</sup> For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble: and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.

<sup>8</sup> **You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble: you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**

<sup>9</sup> ‘I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go: I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

<sup>10</sup> **‘Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding: whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.’**

<sup>11</sup> Great tribulations remain for the ungodly: but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.

<sup>12</sup> **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad: and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.**

**Second Reading:      2 Corinthians 5.16-21**

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

**Gospel:                      Luke 15.11-32**

The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 15, beginning at the 11th verse.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I

am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ” <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



### **Intercessions for today:**

#### **Worldwide Church**

- Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo

#### **Our Diocese:**

- Bishop Richard – Leanne.
- Parish of Yarram: Tony Wicking and Jenny Wicking
- Clergy widows living within the Diocese

#### **Special Focus**

- Childcare Facilities in our parish
- Kindergartens and schools in our communities
- All Trade Training Centres
- Tertiary Education Centres
- Gippsland TAFE and Federation University



#### **Our Parish:**

- We give thanks for the safe arrival of Father Giles, Julia, Darol and Joanna and pray for their other sons who have remained in PNG.
- We give thanks to all who have made this move possible.
- We pray for our Study Groups, G4G group, Meditation Group, Listening Post, Men's Breakfast Group, Mothers Union and the volunteers in our Op Shops and Community Garden.
- We pray for all in leadership roles within our parish and for Parish Council members.



We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Alisha, Anton, Anne, Beth, Carolyn, Elsie, Helen, Jennifer, Jessica, John, John.Vr, Kevin, Kym, Lina, Mick, Pauline, Robin, Sam and Yvonn, along with those others known to us.

Please let Jan (0475 067 145) know if you would like to have the anniversary of someone special acknowledged in the prayers.

# Pews News

**The Motisi family have arrived safely in Moe and are acclimatizing and settling well into the Rectory.**

***Father Gile's Induction as our Priest in Charge to take place on WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at St Aidan's. Arrangements are in hand and various church members will be asked to take part in the service. Please join us in this evening of celebration for both Father Giles, his family and our church family!***

***(Please note the day is WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup>, not Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, as written in last week's pew sheet! ) Supper will be provided for everyone afterwards, so please advise Julie, Jan or Marizel if you are able to assist.***

There will be a pre-service dinner at 5.30pm at the Moe Hotel located at 45 Lloyd St, Moe. If you would like to attend the dinner, would you please let Rev'd David Perman (0401 035 379) know by Friday 4 April.

## ***From Bishop Richard:***

With the arrival of Fr Giles Motisi and members of his family, our connection with the Modawa Institute in Popondetta deepens.

The newsletter from +Jeffrey relays some of the joys and challenges the Institute has been experiencing of late. (The latest newsletter is on the notice board in the Narthex.)

As +Jeffrey writes:

Our students live poor. Most of them come from a subsistence background. Their diocese provides no financial support for their studies (most of the dioceses in PNG are also very poor). At Modawa we provide a small area of land for gardens, and they depend on what they grow for food. Should you choose to assist, your contribution will help meet their course fees and we also provide a small living allowance of 150 kina per month for families. This equates to about \$55.00 a month, and for many of the students this will be the only cash they receive. It enables them to buy a little rice or soap, and some basics for their children. Prices in Popondetta are higher than Australia!



**Get Out for Good (G4G)** Meet on Tuesday's at Madge Vinnell Centre from 10am.

**Lenten Study Group:** 1.30pm on Friday's.

**Listening Post Drop In Centre** is open on Fridays 10am – 12md at Madge Vinnell Centre. Please join us – we make a good brew and conversation! More volunteers appreciated.



**Men's Breakfast group now** meets at 8.30 am on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at Madge Vinnlll Centre, Anzac Street, Moe. Cost \$15

**Mothers Union: Meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 12.30pm at St Aidan's. BYO lunch**  
Contact Gwyneth 0421 501 024

**Prayer and Meditation group** meet on Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm at Madge Vinnell Centre. Contact Rev'd Bruce Charles 0429 045 132

**Blessing of the new altar-table in the Chapel of St Barnabas, The Abbey, 23 April, 11am.**

The gift of Archdeacon Emeritus and former Abbey Priest, Edie Ashley, beautifully constructed from fallen red gum wood on site, the new altar-table will be dedicated during the 11am Eucharist in the Octave of Easter, on 23 April. All are welcome to attend this special service, followed by festive refreshments.

**Remember:**

- ***the Safe Ministry awareness workshop in Sale on 5th April***  
***Details on Noticeboard***
- **Gippsland Camino :** 1-4 May  
See the Notice Board for details
- Take a look at the Parish website and give feedback to Bruce on it's ease of use and content  
(moenewboroughanglican.org.au)
- **Parish Council: Next meet on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 4.30pm, St Aidan's.**

**Parish Direct Banking Details:**

Account: Moe-Newborough Parish Council  
BSB: 083 773  
Account: 915 154 737

## The Week Ahead

<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	G4G at MVC, Anzac Street, from 10am. 10.30am Latrobe Village Aged Care
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	10.00am Holy Communion at St Luke's, Moe 7.30pm Meditation Group meets at MVC, Anzac St
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10-12md Join us at the Listening Post today. Food relief available or call 51271119 1.30pm Lenten Study
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.30am Men's Breakfast at MVC  <i>Remember to turn clocks back an hour and enjoy an extra hour's sleep as Daylight Saving ends.</i>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>  5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	9.30am Prayer time in the Chapel All welcome to join in. 10.00am Holy Communion at St Aidan's, Newborough Celebrant: Canon John Morgan  <b><u>Readings:</u></b> Isaiah 43: 16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3: 3-14, John 12: 1-8

# Lent —a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others



Fast from ***criticism***, and feast on ***praise***;

Fast from ***self-pity***, and feast on ***joy***;

Fast from ***ill-temper***, and feast on ***peace***;

Fast from ***resentment*** , and feast on ***contentment***;

Fast from ***jealousy***, and feast on ***humility***;

Fast from ***pride***, and feast on ***love***;

Fast from ***selfishness***, and feast on ***service***;

Fast from ***fear***, and feast on ***faith***.

(Author Unknown)

**Pastoral Care and Contacts:**

**Priest in Charge Elect: Father Giles Motisi (to be inducted  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm)**

**Canon John Morgan: 5127 3091**

**Rev'd Bruce Charles 0429 045 132 (on call)**

**Jeanette Ringin (Pastoral Assistant) 5127 7718**

**Parish Secretary: Julie Bruce: 0407 073 148**

**Acting Parish Treasurer: (Rev'd) Bruce Charles 0429 045 132**

**Safe Ministry Officer: Stephen Heath 0438913572**

**Wardens: Susan Lendon, Marizel Gatica-Charles and Helen  
Davis**

**Parish Phone: 5127 1119 is re-directed and a message can be left  
if unanswered.**

**Parish Email: moenewboroughanglican @gmail.com**

**Parish Website: moenewboroughanglican.org.au**

**Services:**

**Wednesday 10.00am St Luke's, 47 South Street, Moe**

**Sunday 10.00am St Aidan's, 111 Torres Street, Newborough**



**Gippsland Anglicans  
Committed in Christ – Connecting in Service – Creative  
in Spirit**