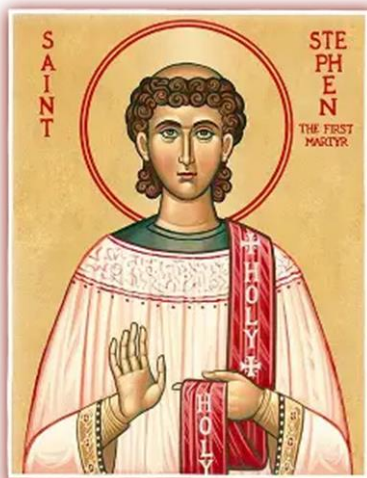


**Parish of Moe-Newborough
St Aidan's, Newborough**

3rd August 2025 – 10am

**Feast of St Stephen
Deacon and Martyr**



Celebrant: Rev'd Giles Motisi

Greetings to our service today and please feel free to join us in fellowship over a cuppa after the service.

Hymns	AHB 191	AHB 447	AHB 423	Attached
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Sentence: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. Acts 7.55, 58

Collect: We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of Stephen, the first martyr, who prayed for his persecutors, and looked to him who was crucified, your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 24: 17-22

¹⁷ But once Jehoiada was dead, the leaders of Judah persuaded King Joash to listen to them instead. ¹⁸ And so the people stopped worshiping in the Temple of the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and began to worship idols and the images of the goddess Asherah. Their guilt for these sins brought the LORD's anger on Judah and Jerusalem. ¹⁹ The LORD sent prophets to warn them to return to him, but the people refused to listen. ²⁰ Then the spirit of God took control of Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest. He stood where the people could see him and called out, "The LORD God asks why you have disobeyed his commands and are bringing disaster on yourselves! You abandoned him, so he has abandoned you!" ²¹ King Joash joined in a conspiracy against Zechariah, and on the king's orders the people stoned Zechariah in the Temple courtyard. ²² The king forgot about the loyal service that Zechariah's father Jehoiada had given him, and he had Zechariah killed. As Zechariah was dying, he called out, "May the LORD see what you are doing and punish you!"

For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalms 31

1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.

2 O deliver me in your righteousness:

incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.

3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:

for you are my high rock and my stronghold.

4 Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:

bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me,

for you are my strength.

5 Into your hands I commit my spirit:

you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.

6 I hate those that clutch vain idols:

but my trust is in the Lord.

7 I will rejoice and be glad in your loving-kindness:

for you have looked on my distress

and known me in adversity.

8 You have not given me over to the power of the enemy:

you have set my feet where I may walk at liberty.

Second Reading Acts 6:8-10, 7.54–60

⁸Stephen, a man richly blessed by God and full of power, performed great miracles and wonders among the people. ⁹ But he was opposed by some men who were members of the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), which had Jews from Cyrene and Alexandria. They and other Jews from the provinces of Cilicia and Asia started arguing with Stephen. ¹⁰ But the Spirit gave Stephen such wisdom that when he spoke, they could not refute him.

7.54–60

⁵⁴ As the members of the Council listened to Stephen, they became furious and ground their teeth at him in anger. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the

Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw God's glory and Jesus standing at the right side of God. ⁵⁶ “Look!” he said. “I see heaven opened and the Son of Man standing at the right side of God!”

⁵⁷ With a loud cry the Council members covered their ears with their hands. Then they all rushed at him at once, ⁵⁸ threw him out of the city, and stoned him. The witnesses left their cloaks in the care of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ They kept on stoning Stephen as he called out to the Lord, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!” ⁶⁰ He knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord! Do not remember this sin against them!” He said this and died.

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

Gospel: Matthew 10: 17-22

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 10, beginning at the 17th verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Watch out, for there will be those who will arrest you and take you to court, and they will whip you in the synagogues. ¹⁸ For my sake you will be brought to trial before rulers and kings, to tell the Good News to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they bring you to trial, do not worry about what you are going to say or how you will say it; when the time comes, you will be given what you will say. ²⁰ For the words you will speak will not be yours; they will come from the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹ “People will hand over their own brothers to be put to death, and fathers will do the same to their children; children will turn against their parents and have them put to death. ²² Everyone will hate you because of me. But whoever holds out to the end will be saved.

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

Intercessions

Worldwide Church

- The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Church in Australia:

- **Diocese of Adelaide:**
Archbishop: Geoffrey Smith
Bishops: Tim Harris Chris McLeod Denise Ferguson

Our Diocese:

- Bishop Richard and Leanne
- The Parish of Bairnsdale Paul Woodcock & Emma

Mission:

PNG – Bishop Jeff Driver –
Diocesan Missionary to Newton College

Special Focus:

- Thanks for the pioneering ministries of deaconesses in our Diocese.
- Pray for God to raise up a new generation of pioneers for ministry in Gippsland
- Pray for our work as we seek to engage with our communities
- Religious communities
- Community of the Holy Name - Sr Carol
- Sisters of the Church - Sr Linda-Mary



Our Parish:

We pray for Father Giles, Julia, Darol and Joana and their family and friends in PNG

We pray for our Parish Council, Study Groups, G4G group, Meditation Group, Listening Post, Men's Breakfast Group, Mothers Union and the volunteers in our Op Shops and Community Garden and give thanks for the generosity of time and donations given by our church family.

We pray for our entire church community's health and well-being and for those who have asked for our prayers: Alisha, Annabel, Anne, Carolyn, David, David, Elsie, Helen, Jen & Zed, John, Kevin, Mel and baby, Nancye, Pauline, Rita and Yvonne along with those others known to us.

We give thanks for the life of Elsie Stayches, for her faith and the love she shared with us. We pray for her family in this time of grief.

Prayer Requests

Please let Jan (0475 067 145) know if you would like to have the anniversary of someone special acknowledged in the prayers or have someone to add to the Prayer List (with their permission).

Pews News

Elsie Stayches

We are all saddened by the news



of the death of
Elsie Stayches.

She passed away

peacefully at home in the early

hours of last Wednesday

Morning, 30th of July. Our

deepest sympathy to her
husband, Roy and children:

Daryl, his wife Trisch, Bradley,

Lynne and Elsie's family

Elsie's funeral will be at St

Aidan's on Friday, 8th August at

11am..

Elsie's family have chosen to pay

for the new microphone that we

have just purchased as a

memorial for her. Fittingly, it will

be used for the first time at her

funeral.

Parish Newsletter

The Newsletter will be out next

week.

Any contributions would be

appreciated.

With the church going through a

Visioning Process at the

moment, it would be great if

people would submit a few

thoughts on any aspect of this

process that you would like to

share. Contact Bruce 0429 045

132 or through Parish email.

Food for the Madge Vinnell Centre

A reminder that donations of non

perishable food and other home

essentials for the MVC is always

appreciated.

We have a steady need for these

items.

Visioning Group

Following our meeting on the 20th July, a

group is being formed to work on a Vision

Statement for our Parish. Anyone

interested, speak to Russell Savige

MU Fundraiser

Monday, August 18th at 12md. Cost

\$10 .

Please consider joining us and support

a very good cause: a few days break on

Raymond Island for families in need of

a break, all costs covered!



Patronal Festival Dates

St James, Yallourn North Service

10am Sunday July 27th

St Aidan's, Newborough Service

10am Sunday August 31st

St Luke's, Moe Service

10am Sunday 19th October



The Week Ahead

Monday 4th August:	Father Giles Day Off
Tuesday 5th August:	10am G4G at MVC Anzac Street, Moe 11am: Service at Latrobe Village
Wednesday 6th August	10am Holy Communion at St Luke's, Moe 7.30pm Prayer and Meditation Group at Madge Vinnell Centre, Moe
Friday 8th August:	10am Listening Post and Food Distribution. Please feel free to join us for a time of fellowship and a relaxing beverage and eats! 11am: Funeral of Elsie Stayches at St Aidan's, Newborough
Sunday 10th August: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost.	9.30am Prayer time in Chapel (all welcome to attend) 10.00am Holy Communion at St Aidan's, Newborough Celebrant: Rev'd Giles Motisi Readings: Isaiah 1.1, 10-20, Psalm: 50.1-8, 23-24 Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 (17-28) Luke 12.32-40

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Services:

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

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

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