

Parish of Moe-Newborough
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
7th September 2025 – 10am



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.

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Sentence: Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple. Luke 14.27

Collect: God of the ages, you call the Church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times: grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows, so that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work you have set before us; through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

18 The LORD said to me, ²“Go down to the potter's house, where I will give you my message.” ³So I went there and saw the potter working at his wheel. ⁴Whenever a piece of pottery turned out imperfect, he would take the clay and make it into something else.

⁵Then the LORD said to me, ⁶“Don't I have the right to do with you people of Israel what the potter did with the clay? You are in my hands just like clay in the potter's hands. ⁷If at any time I say that I am going to uproot, break down, or destroy any nation or kingdom, ⁸but then that nation turns from its evil, I will not do what I said I would. ⁹On the other hand, if I say that I am going to plant or build up any nation or kingdom, ¹⁰but then that nation disobeys me and does evil, I will not do what I said I would. ¹¹Now then, tell the people of Judah and of Jerusalem that I am making plans against them and getting ready to punish them. Tell them to stop living sinful lives—to change their ways and the things they are doing.

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

Psalm 139:1–5, 139:12–18

¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me: me out and known me: you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.

² **You discern my path and the places where I rest: you are acquainted with all my ways.**

³ For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether.

⁴ **You have encompassed me behind and before: and have laid your hand upon me.**

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot endure it.

¹² **For you have created my inward parts: you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

¹³ I will praise you, for you are to be feared: fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.

¹⁴ **You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you: when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth.**

¹⁵ Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect: and in your book were all my members written;

¹⁶ **Day by day they were fashioned: and not one was late in growing.**

¹⁷ How deep are your thoughts to me, O God: and how great is the sum of them!

¹⁸ **Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand: were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.**

Second Reading

Philemon 1.1–25

¹From Paul, a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy—

To our friend and fellow worker Philemon, ²and the church that meets in your house, and our sister Apphia, and our fellow soldier Archippus:

³May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

⁴Brother Philemon, every time I pray, I mention you and give thanks to my God. ⁵For I hear of your love for all of God's people and the faith you have in the Lord Jesus. ⁶My prayer is that our fellowship with you as believers will

bring about a deeper understanding of every blessing which we have in our life in union with Christ. ⁷Your love, dear brother, has brought me great joy and much encouragement! You have cheered the hearts of all of God's people.

⁸For this reason I could be bold enough, as your brother in Christ, to order you to do what should be done. ⁹But because I love you, I make a request instead. I do this even though I am Paul, the ambassador of Christ Jesus, and at present also a prisoner for his sake. ^[a] ¹⁰So I make a request to you on behalf of Onesimus, who is my own son in Christ; for while in prison I have become his spiritual father. ¹¹At one time he was of no use to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me.

¹²I am sending him back to you now, and with him goes my heart. ¹³I would like to keep him here with me, while I am in prison for the gospel's sake, so that he could help me in your place. ¹⁴However, I do not want to force you to help me; rather, I would like for you to do it of your own free will. So I will not do anything unless you agree.

¹⁵It may be that Onesimus was away from you for a short time so that you might have him back for all time. ¹⁶And now he is not just a slave, but much more than a slave: he is a dear brother in Christ. How much he means to me! And how much more he will mean to you, both as a slave and as a brother in the Lord!

¹⁷So, if you think of me as your partner, welcome him back just as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to my account. ¹⁹Here, I will write this with my own hand: *I, Paul, will pay you back* (I should not have to remind you, of course, that you owe your very self to me.) ²⁰So, my brother, please do me this favour for the Lord's sake; as a brother in Christ, cheer me up!

²¹I am sure, as I write this, that you will do what I ask—in fact I know that you will do even more. ²²At the same time, get a room ready for me, because I hope that God will answer the prayers of all of you and give me back to you.

²³Epaphras, who is in prison with me for the sake of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings, ²⁴and so do my co-workers Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke.

²⁵May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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

You are before me, Lord.

- 1. You are before me, Lord. you are behind,
and over me you have spread out your hand:
such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too high to grasp, too great to understand.***
- 2 Then where, Lord, from your presence shall I go,
and from your Spirit where, Lord, shall I fly?
If I ascend to heaven you are there,
and still are with me if in hell I lie:***
- 3 and if I take my flight into the dawn.
or if I dwell on ocean's farthest shore,
your mighty hand will rest upon me still,
and your right hand will guard me evermore.***
- 4 Search me, O God, search me and know my ways:
try me, O God. my mind and spirit try:
keep me from any path that gives you pain
and lead me in the everlasting way. (TIS 87)***

Gospel: Luke 14.25–35

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 14,
beginning at the 25th verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁵Once when large crowds of people were going along with Jesus, he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Those who come to me cannot be my disciples unless they love me more than they love father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and themselves as well. ²⁷Those who do not carry their own cross and come after me cannot be my disciples. ²⁸If one of you is planning to build a tower, you sit down first and figure out what it will cost, to see if you have enough money to finish the job. ²⁹If you don't, you will not be able to finish the tower after laying the foundation; and all who see what happened will make fun of you. ³⁰“You began to build but can't finish the job!”

they will say. ³¹If a king goes out with ten thousand men to fight another king who comes against him with twenty thousand men, he will sit down first and decide if he is strong enough to face that other king. ³²If he isn't, he will send messengers to meet the other king to ask for terms of peace while he is still a long way off. ³³In the same way," concluded Jesus, "none of you can be my disciple unless you give up everything you have.

³⁴"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again. ³⁵It is no good for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown away. Listen, then, if you have ears!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



St Paul’s Cathedral, Sale: Enjoy the musical presentation on the newly acquired Grand Piano, in part funded from the Roger Doyle Bequest to the Cathedral.

Please book in for the **piano concert on Sunday 28th September 2pm** with pianist Zachary Dunbar, (and guest organist Mitchell). Invite your friends. Zachary Dunbar writes “At its heart, this concert programme is a joyful celebration of “good fortune. The programme also speaks to the resilience of refugees, their memories of joy, their hopes for a brighter future. And to my good fortune of celebrating this beautiful piano with the Sale community. One programme by ASRC is their Foodbank which supports 1200 people per month seeking asylum and refugees to access culturally appropriate food and essential items in a warm and welcoming environment.

Book via <https://events.humanitix.com/piano-concert-btxnvjjs> , Pay cash/ card on the day. All funds raised will be donated to Asylum **Seeker Resource Centre** in Melbourne.

See Flyer in Narthex for cost and more details

**Intercessions
for today:**



Worldwide Church

- The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- Diocese of Bendigo: Bishop Matt Brain

Our Diocese:

- Bishop Richard and Leanne
- Co-operating Parish of Croajingolong:
Jude Benton, Andy
- Chancellor Roger Blythman,
Alison

Missions

Church Army

Special Focus

- Theological Colleges and Ordination Candidates, that God will raise up people for ordained ministry
- National Council of Churches
- Universities, Colleges, Schools, Teachers and Students
- Victorian Council of Churches

Our Parish:

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

We continue to pray for our parish as we work at articulating our Vision and Mission.

We pray for our Parish Council, and Parish groups. We pray for those who utilise the Madge Vinnell Centre each week.


We pray for the health, safety and wellbeing of all parish members, thinking of those who have especially asked for our prayers: Alisha, Annabel, Anne, Brian, Bruce, Cath, Carolyn, Coral, David, David, Helen, Jen & Zed, John, John, Kevin, Pauline, Rita and Yvonne along with those others known to us.

Today we give thanks for the life of Dr Harvey Miller and think of his family and friends.

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).

URGENT!

Considering nominating for a Parish Council position in November? Please remember that all nominees must have Safe Ministry Compliance, so speak to Stephen if you need to organise this, as it cannot be a last-minute thought!



Thanks to all who help in so many ways: pruning, gardening, assisting with clean ups when called, cooking, visiting and praying, and in so many other ways that do not go un-noticed!

Date for Gardening Bee at Community Garden to be advised!

We give Bruce our heartfelt thanks for his role as our temporary Treasurer.

Our parish is now trialling a new way of doing finances, aided by the Diocese. This will be reviewed at our AGM.

It entails all Parish income and payments being directed to the Diocesan Finance Officer, who will record all transactions and pay all accounts, signed off on by Parish Office bearers. Presently our Book keeper, Danielle prepares reports and this will continue until the system is reviewed.

The system requires several people to undertake jobs: collecting, banking, and transferring information.

The Parish Council has total control of what happens and how.

This trial scheme will assess how the Diocese can best aid other parishes who are finding it hard to fill positions such as Treasurer.

The Week Ahead:



Monday September 8th:

10.30am Narracan Gardens Aged Care

Tuesday September 9th:

10am G4G at MVC Anzac Street, Moe

Wednesday September 10th:

10am Holy Communion at St Luke's, Moe

11am Narracan Gardens Aged Care

7.00pm Prayer and Meditation Group at Madge Vinnell Centre, Moe

Thursday September 11th:

4.15-5.30 MVC in use

Friday September 12th :

10-12md: Listening Post Drop-in Centre and Food Relief. All are welcome to drop in for a cuppa and chat.

1.15-2.30: MVC in use

Sunday 24th August: *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9.30am Prayer time in Chapel (all welcome to attend)

10.00am Holy Communion at St Aidan's, Newborough

Readings: Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14,
1Timothy 1: 1-2, 12-19a Luke 15: 1-10

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unanswered.**

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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
(Unless advertised as otherwise)**

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