

Parish of Moe-Newborough
St Aidan's, Newborough
Sunday 1st February 2026, 10.00am

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Sung Eucharist



Celebrant:

Rev'd Giles Motisi

Welcome to our service today. For those who are able, please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service

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Sentence

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6.8

Collect

Righteous God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart: give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading

Micah 6.1-8

¹ Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³ 'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

⁶ 'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm 15

¹ Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle: or who may dwell upon your holy hill?

² **Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing which is right: who speaks the truth from the heart, and has not slandered with the tongue;**

³ Who has done no evil to a friend: nor vented abuse against a neighbour;

⁴ **In whose eyes the worthless have no honour: but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;**

⁵ Whoever has sworn to a neighbour: and will not go back on that oath;

⁶ **Who has not put money to usury: nor taken a bribe against the innocent.**

⁷ Whoever does these things: shall never be overthrown.

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,

²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

³¹ in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

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Gospel

Matthew 5.1-12

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 5, beginning at the 1st verse

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ 'Blessed are

those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Worldwide Church

- The Church of England
- The Anglican Church in Australia General Synod: The Primate: Bishop Mark Short, The General Secretary: Anne Hywood, General Synod Commission

INTERCESSION
PRAYERS
FOR THIS SUNDAY

Our Diocese:

- The Bishop: Bishop Richard & Leanne
- The Vicar General: Graham Knott
- The Dean: Keren Terpstra
- The Archdeacon: John Webster
- The Regional Deans: Lyndon Phillips, Fran Grimes, Daniel Gerbert and Sue Newcombe
- Clerical Canons: Phyllis Andy and Fran Grimes
- The Registrar: Rae Riley and Assistant Registrar: Brian Norris
- Registry Staff: Joseph Gormally, Jules Lanham, Krista Mountford, David Perryman, Tim Gibson
- Diocesan Solicitor: James Sullivan

Special Focus

- For those affected by the recent fires and floods

Our Parish:

We pray for Father Giles, Julia, Frank, Peter, Darol and Joana and their family and friends in PNG. We continue to pray for all involved in running the Modawa Institute and for the students attending.

We continue to seek renewal and growth in our parish to encourage a community focused on faith, purpose, outreach, and mission.

We pray for the health, safety and wellbeing of all parish members and think of those who have asked for our prayers: Alisha, Annabel, Anne, Brendan, Bruce, Carolyn, Dave, David, Elly, Jen & Zed, Jane, John, John, Kevin, Laila, Lina, Nancye, Narrelle, Pauline, Ray, Rita and Yvonne, along with their families and friends.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 3rd February: G4G at MVC resumes February 10th
11am Latrobe Valley Village Service

Wednesday 4th February:

10am Wednesday Holy Communion service at St Lukes
4.30pm Ministry and Pastoral Care Group meet at St Aidan's.
7pm Prayer and Mediation Group at Madge Vinnell Centre,
Anzac Street, Moe.

Friday 6th February:

10am- 12md Listening Post Drop-in Centre. Food relief available
All are welcome to join us.

Saturday 7th February:

In home prayer time (See Pews news)

Sunday 8th February: Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

9.30am Parish Prayer time in Chapel -All welcome to join.
10.00am Holy Communion at St Aidan's, Newborough
4.30pm Visioning Group

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9, Psalm 112, 1Corinthians 2: 1-13,
Matthew 5: 13-20

Pews News

- * **Time of Prayer for our Parish** Father Giles has asked for people to dedicate a short time (15-20 minutes) each Saturday evening from 7pm, in our own homes, to pray specifically for our parish, using our own words, ideas from the pew sheet or with what God lays on our hearts and minds.

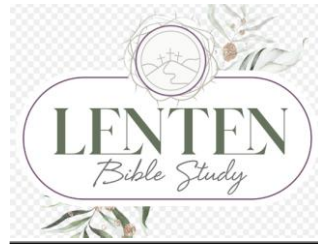
We can join collectively in spirit while praying intentionally in our own homes. Matthew 18:20 states "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them" and reminds us of the significance of joining in faith and prayer

- * **Family Services:** Initially these services will be held at 5pm, on the 4th Sunday of each month, commencing on February 22nd, at St Aidan's.

- * **Congregational Meeting:** to be held after our Sunday service on March 1st

Men's Breakfast Group

Resume Saturday 7th February at MVC, Anzac Street, at 8.30am. Please let Stephen or Graeme know if you are attending.



Our study this year is "Uncharted Territory" written by The Reverend Canon Dr Fran Grimes, published by Grassroots Resources.

This series of Lenten studies will lead participants on a journey in Uncharted Territory using the Year 'A' Readings.

A full description is available in this month's Alive & Linked.

Cost \$10.95 + postage.

There is going to be a Study group at St, Lukes on a Thursday Morning commencing at 10.30 with Fr. Giles, and perhaps another on a Friday afternoon at St Aidan's.

Please put your name on the list in the Narthex if you require a copy.

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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)

Parish Direct Banking Details:

Account Name: Moe-Newborough Parish Council

BSB: 083 773 **Account:** 915 154 737