

Parish of Moe-Newborough
St Aidan's, Newborough
Sunday 15th March, 10.00am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

(Also known as Mothering Sunday)



Celebrant:

Rev'd Giles Motisi

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

An Update from the Vision and Mission Working Group

Following the presentation of the Proposed Vision Statement report at our November AGM, the group has reviewed and refined some of the language as we continue to determine the key elements to include.

The process is continuing, and during our monthly meetings, we engage in extensive discussions, review research, and frequently explore new possibilities.

The italicized text below highlights the changes since November.

The Moe-Newborough Anglican Parish celebrates the love of God for all people.

The parish is a Christ centred community.

We recognise God's will that all people be drawn to faith and come to know Christ.

As an integral part of the Diocese of Gippsland, the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican communion, we worship according to the liturgy of the Anglican Church whilst endeavouring that our services are welcoming to people of all ages and traditions of worship.

We welcome and show respect to all people and recognise the indigenous people of this community acknowledging their stewardship of the land over the years.

We will ensure that our parish is a place where everyone can feel safe.

We seek to understand our local community to help us minister effectively within it.

As a parish we recognise the beauty of God's creation and our responsibility to be good stewards of our environment both locally and universally.

We will undertake to carefully use the resources we have inherited and maintain and develop them to best serve our ministry within the community.

A work in progress!

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Sentence

‘I am the light of the world,’ says the Lord; ‘those who follow me will have the light of life.’ John 8.12

Collect

Gracious God, in order that we children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world: as the light of Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in truth and goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Season

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Reading 1 Samuel 16.1-13

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’

² Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.’ And the Lord said, ‘Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord .”

³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.’ ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’ ⁵ He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the

sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.
6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord ’s anointed is now before the Lord .’ 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’ 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen any of these.’ 11 Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’ 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He will make me lie down in green pastures: and lead me beside still waters.

3 He will refresh my soul: and guide me in right pathways for his name’s sake.

4 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.

5 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.

6 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.

2nd Reading

Ephesians 5.8-14

⁸ For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—

⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;

¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

‘Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.’

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Gospel

John 9.1-41

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 9,
beginning at the 1st verse

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



¹ As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ ³ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him.

⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, ‘Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?’ ⁹ Some were saying, ‘It is he.’ Others were saying, ‘No, but it is someone like him.’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’ ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, ‘Then how

were your eyes opened?' ¹¹ He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' ¹² They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.'

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' ²⁰ His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' ²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' ²⁵ He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' ²⁶ They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?'

²⁷ He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' ³⁰ The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' ³⁴ They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' ³⁶ He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.'

³⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’
³⁸ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’ ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’ ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains.

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

<p>INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY</p> <p><u>Worldwide Church</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Anglican Church of Kenya • Diocese of Newcastle: Bishop Peter Stuart and Bishops Sonia Roulston and Charlie Murry <p><u>Our Diocese:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop Richard & Leanne • The Parish of Mirboo North: Belinda Seabrook & Damien King <p><u>Mission</u> Anglican Overseas Aid</p> <p><u>Special Focus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mothers' Union • Anglican Women Australia • International Anglican Women’s Network • Women’s groups in parishes <p><u>Our Parish:</u> We pray for Father Giles, Julia, Frank, Peter, Darol and Joana and their family and friends in PNG.</p>	<p>We continue to pray for all involved in running the Modawa Institute and for the students attending.</p> <p>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, Carolyn, Dave, David, Elly, Freya, Jane, John, John, Kevin, Laila, Lina, Nancye, Narrelle, Pauline, Ray, Rita and Yvonne, along with their families and friends.</p> <p>Recently departed: We give thanks for the life of Geoff Marshall along with Shirley Bennetts and Steven Rozvaczy, and think of those who grieve their deaths at this time.</p>
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Pews News

Palm Crosses: A group will going to get together to make up the palm crosses this year. Please speak to Mary or Jan and we will organise a suitable day.



Congratulations to Ray Jackson's granddaughter and husband, married yesterday.

Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Service Times

Palm Sunday 29th March: 10am at St Aidan's



Monday 30th March: 6pm at St Luke's

Tuesday 31st March: 6pm at St Luke's

Wednesday 1st April : 10am at St Luke's

7pm Stations of the Cross at St Luke's, followed by Prayer and Meditation Group.

Maundy Thursday 2nd April: 7pm at St Aidan's

Good Friday 3rd April: 10am at St Aidan's

Easter Vigil Saturday 4th April: 7pm at St Aidan's

*Easter Sunday 5th April:
10am at St Aidan's*





As discussed at our Congregational Meeting, it was agreed to review the 2023 plans for refurbishing and expanding St Aidan’s. Unfortunately, the previous submissions from 2023 cannot be found, so we ask that everyone resubmit their ideas or suggestions. These can be placed in the Suggestion Box or given to our Secretary, Julie. Thank you.

The Week Ahead

Monday 16th March:

12.30pm Mothers Union

Tuesday 17th March:

G4G meet at MVC from 10am

11am Latrobe Valley Village Aged Care

Wednesday 18th March:

10am Wednesday Holy Communion service at St Lukes

7pm Prayer and Meditation Group at Madge Vinnell Centre, Anzac Street, Moe.

Friday 20th March:

10-12 Listening Post today. All are welcome.
Food assistance available.

Sunday 22nd March: Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.30am Parish Prayer time in Chapel -All welcome to join.

10.00am Holy Communion at St Aidan’s, Newborough

Readings:	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	Psalm 130
	Romans 8: 6-11	John 11: 1-45



5pm at St Aidan’s

God of Eve and God of Mary

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Thank you for belonging, shelter,
Bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
And for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God.
5. 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)

Fathers and mothers

1. Fathers and mothers,
sisters and brothers,
all those who love us,
for whom we care:
help and befriend them,
keep and defend them,
Jesus our Saviour,
this is our prayer.
2. And for those others,
fathers and mothers,
children who hunger,
they must be fed:
we would be caring,
readily sharing,
one with another
our daily bread.
3. Sisters and brothers,
fathers and mothers,
we who together
offer our praise:
hear our thanksgiving,
God ever living,
may we walk with you
all of our days.

Timothy Dudley-Smith b.1926

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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