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VISION STATEMENT - VISION 20/20

Our Vision is to be a welcoming, vibrant Christian community sharing God's love with all.

In order for us to achieve our Vision, our Mission is to:

<i>Build</i>	Christian values
<i>Encourage</i>	fellowship
<i>Nourish</i>	spiritual development
<i>Develop</i>	outreach into our community

*We acknowledge that our parish churches stand on traditional Aboriginal lands.
We pay our respects to elders past and present and affirm our commitment
to the work of reconciliation.*

CREATION SUNDAY – 2nd September

HYMNS

8:30: 111, 156, 152, 155

10:30: HYMNS ON SCREEN

Opening Sentence:

For everything created by God is good,
provided it is received with thanksgiving.
(1 Timothy 4:4)

Welcome to any who are visitors today.

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us.

THE SERVICE TODAY



GATHERING PRAYER

Come, enter into this sacred time and
space and tell of the goodness of God.

**All: We join sky and all creation in
proclaiming God's glory**

Come to fill the universe with praise for
the wonder of the Holy One's
handiwork. Come to breathe in the Spirit
and breathe out justice.

**All: We join sky and all creation in
receiving God's life-reviving word and
spirit.**

INTROIT HYMN

Come to offer thanks, to confess sin and to remember – to re-member ourselves as the Body of Christ, that we might cooperate with all creation in serving God.

All: We join sky and all creation in offering ourselves with joy for God's service.

PRAYER OF ADMISSION - said together

Christ, we come into your presence to worship in this sanctuary called Earth, a planet pulsating with your presence, a presence quivering in the forests, a presence vibrating in the land, a presence pulsating in the wilderness, a presence shimmering in the rivers.

We regret that we have become alienated from Earth, and treated this garden planet as a beast to be tamed, as a domain to be dominated and as a place to be ruled for our gain.

We remember and confess how we have violated and polluted the lands of our garden We are sorry. We have killed living soils with chemicals, we have turned fertile fields into lifeless plains, we have cleared rich lands of wildlife. We are sorry. We are sorry.

Collect for Creation

Lord of all life your care is known through the sparrow and the hairs of our head: remind us of your goodness in creation and our place within it that our voice may resound with every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea proclaiming honour and glory to the Lamb, through Jesus Christ who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

A Reading from the book of Isaiah, chapter 65, beginning at the seventeenth verse.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord — and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:1, 5-24

To be said in alternate verses

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O Lord my God, you are very great.
**You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.**

You cover it with the deep as with a
garment, the waters stood above the
mountains.

**At your rebuke they flee at the sound of
your thunder they take to flight.**

They rose up to the mountains, ran
down to the valleys to the place that you
appointed for them.

**You set a boundary that they may not
pass, so that they might not again cover
the earth.**

You make springs gush forth in the
valleys; they flow between the hills,
**giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.**

By the streams the birds of the air have
their habitation; they sing among the
branches.

**From your lofty abode you water the
mountains; the earth is satisfied with
the fruit of your work.**

You cause the grass to grow for the
cattle, and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth,
**and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine, and bread to
strengthen the human heart.**

The trees of the Lord are watered
abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that
he planted.

**In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

The high mountains are for the wild
goats, the rocks are a refuge for the
coney.

**You have made the moon to mark the
seasons, the sun knows it's time for
setting.**

You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come
creeping out.

**The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.**

When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.

**People go out to their work
and to their labour until the evening.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all
the earth is full of your creatures.

SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the
Colossians chapter 1, beginning at verse
fifteen*

He is the image of the invisible God, the
firstborn of all creation; for in him all
things in heaven and on earth were
created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers
or powers—all things have been created
through him and for him. He himself is
before all things, and in him all things
hold together. He is the head of the
body, the church; he is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead, so that he
might come to have first place in
everything. For in him all the fullness of

God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him... **Alleluia!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. John Chapter 3
beginning at the sixteenth verse*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may

have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON

CREED

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith:

We believe in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

INTERCESSIONS

The response after the pause:

O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation.

THE PEACE Page 127

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Thanksgiving Prayer is followed by the Lord's Prayer.

COMMUNION

Communicant members of other denominations are welcome to receive Communion with us. Others are invited forward to receive a blessing
(please keep a prayer book in your hand & your head bowed if you want a blessing).

Post Communion Prayer

Creator God, you set the tree of life at the heart of the earthly paradise and the

bread of life at the heart of your Church; grant that we, who have been nourished at this table, may ever strive to work for the good of all creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

BLESSING

Go out into the world rejoicing, and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there; savour its richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty; and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(Liturgy used with kind permission from The Rev'd Dr Rachel Mash - Season of Creation Worship Resources. Resources can also be downloaded for free from www.greenanglicans.org.za. Adapted by Gill Baker with the assistance of Clarence Bester and approved by Bishop John Parkes AM, Bishop of Wangaratta, for use during September only on a chosen Sunday)

Readings for next Sunday 9th September

First reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm: 125

Second reading: James 2:1-17

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Duties Sunday – 2nd September

8.30 am

Readers: Liz Gyles, Jeanette Smith
Intercessor: Bev Condon
Servers: B. Brewer, M. Woodyard
Euch. Assts: Bev Condon, Di Gribble
Sidespeople: Trevor Batey, Gavin Gall
Welcomers: Anita Saville, Judy Trevena
Welcome Tbl: Dorothy Cook
Tea: Gwyn Cowland

Duties Sunday – 2nd September

10.30 am

Reader: Jenny Pleming
Intercessor: Mary Pearson
Servers: Tapiwa Nhanhanga
Euch. Assts: Jenny Pleming, Joe Fernandez
Sidespeople: Irene Crawford
Welcomer: Beryl Black
Welcome Tbl: Dorothy Cook
Projector: Lynette Nhanhanga
Children: Susanne Lear

Duties Sunday – 9th September

8.30 am

Readers: G. Cowland, V. Heenan
Intercessor: Jan Phillips
Servers: B. Brewer, M. Woodyard
Euch. Assts: John Horder, Joe Pearson
Sidespeople: N. Mitchelmore, B. Ralph
Welcomers: Shirley Dean, B. Ralph
Welcome Tbl: Dorothy Cook
Tea: P & P Bullock

Duties Sunday – 9th September

10.30 am

Reader: Mary Pearson
Intercessor: Christine Jones
Servers: Comfort Nhanhanga
Euch. Assts: Robert Gilbert, Jenny Pleming
Sidespeople: John Pleming
Welcomer: Irene Crawford
Welcome Tbl: Dorothy Cook
Projector: Natalie Black
Children: Bev Condon

UPCOMING BAPTISMS 2018

16/9 Harry Robert Karacsay

21/10 Patrick James Barclay

FLOWER ROSTER – Sept

09/9 Elaine McMullin & Joyce Oxley

16/9 Ella Egan & Chris Hall

23/9 Val Rose & Kerrie Midgley

30/9 Betty Brown & Helen Dainton

LAWN MOWING ROSTER – Sept

08/9 Joe Fernandez & Robert Gilbert

22/9 John Pleming & John Wellman

CONGRATULATIONS.....

to all celebrating birthdays.

Birthdays:

02/9 Barrie Pleming

04/9 Natalie Griffin

05/9 John Ball

06/9 Ron Rose

07/9 John Price

Jeanette Berry

Wedding Anniversary:

04/9 John & Kate Horder

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

Monday

10.00 am

7:30 pm

3rd September

Reachout

St. A's prayer group

Tuesday

9:00 am

10:30 am

4th September

Murchison Bible Study

Murchison RACF

Wednesday

9.15 am

10.00 am

4.00 pm

5th September

Morning Prayer

Eucharist

Banksia

Thursday

9:30 am

10:15 am

5.30 pm

6th September

T. Hakea

T. Acacia

Choir Practice

Friday **7th September**
10:30 am Rushworth RACF and
Hospital service

Sunday **9th September**
7.45 am Morning Prayer
8.30 am Eucharist
10.30 am Family Eucharist
8.45am Dookie
9.00 am Rushworth
11.00 am Murchison

THE REQUEST FOR PRAYER LIST

is cleared at the end of each month.

ALL names need to be entered on the list
in the Narthex again and signed in.

No names are to be listed without a
person's permission.

*Alan & Hilary Akers, Lorraine Blythe,
Brian Bradbury, Joan Hart, Jeffery &
Cheryl Keen, Ted & Joan Kitto, Joy
Markey, John & Joan Morrow, Joan
O'Reilly, Anne & Phil Podbury, Anita
Saville, Peter Swindells, Suzanne Singh,
Dorne Wilkinson.*

Year's Mind

02/9: *Marjorie Maxwell, Edna Rattray,
Mary Ivers.*

03/9: *Ian Hewlett*

04/9: *Clive Wooton, Shirley Parry*

05/9: *William Lord, Lois Oakes, Christos
Ianches, Ronald Ford*

06/9: *Bert White, Robert Tremlett,
Dorothy Baker*

07/9: *Della Proerar*

08/9: *George Stone, Jeffrey Perry*

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- **The Anglican Parish of Shepparton:**
*Rev Helen, Rev. Victor, Rev. Gunnar,
Rev Kasey and families.*

- **The Australian Church:**
*The Diocese of Adelaide: Archbishop
Geoffrey Smith, Society of the Sacred
Mission, clergy and people.*
 - **Our Diocese:**
*The Archdeacons: Clarence Bester, Peter
Macleod-Miller. The Chancellor: Clyde
Croft. The Advocate: Rachel Ellyard. The
Deputy Advocate: Stuart Bett. The Rural
Deans, the Diocesan Trustees, members
of Synod.*
 - **The World, Australia, Local Community:**
*The producers of food around the world,
a fair sharing of the world's resources.*
 - **Other – Famers and farm workers**
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Season of Stewardship: Celebrating Spring

Stewardship is the 'responsibility to care for'. In context for Christians it refers to our responsibility to care for God's creation. Today, ignorance is no excuse. We understand the science and effect of human induced climate change. We can measure the steady loss of ice and increasing acidity of the oceans as the planet warms. We can measure the effect of chemical agents on soil microbiology and understand the folly of planting crops in huge monocultures, or clearing large tracts of rainforest. We know that many species are being pushed to extinction through hunting and loss of habitat, and through mistakenly gobbling up pieces of plastic and other junk that has ended up in rivers and oceans. We also know that the 'push for economic growth' at best is unsustainable and at worst is degrading our one and only planet.

For the Human species, as always, it is the poor and the vulnerable, the very young and the very old that will suffer

the most, but we must not forget those other than human species that share the great global ecosystems with us. It is too easy to forget, in our relatively comfortable and cocooned cities, that “everything is connected...whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons and daughters of the earth”.

The ‘Season of Creation’ is set in our springtime, a joyful season full of new life and pleasant days.

It begins on the first Sunday in September, and runs through until St Francis Day. Over time we hope to develop a series of 5 themed liturgies, stories and activities that can be used by church leaders and communities in our Diocese as they wish, to endeavour to address that fifth mark of mission of the Anglican Church, ‘To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and renew the life of the earth’ with all the energy, love and hope that we can muster.

Gill Baker, Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta Social Justice Committee

THANK YOU FROM SANDRA SIMONIS’ FAMILY

We received a thank you from Sandra’s daughter: Thank you to Rev. Helen, Father Victor and the congregation for all the support they showed Sandra and her family over the years.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish AGM will be held on Wednesday 21st November. Prior to that all reports will need to be submitted to be included in the booklet for reading before the meeting. Accounts of all parish entities will also need to be submitted (preferably already audited) ready for either the appropriate

congregational meeting or the AGM. More information will follow but please note the date and start to think about who you would like to see as your wardens and parish councillors for the next three years (at Synod it was adopted that elections will only be held every three years, instead of annually).

Prior to the AGM, congregational meetings will be held at Dookie, Rushworth/Murchison and Shepparton to elect their wardens.

SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOP 17th November – Mansfield

We now have the official list from the Diocese of all those who need to attend the Safe Church workshops and have police checks and Working with Children checks – it is MUCH more extensive than anticipated and really means that anyone who does anything in the church needs to attend the workshop.

Please check the noticeboards to see if you are required to attend the workshop so that you can continue in your ministry role. I would anticipate a few carloads of people needing to go to the Mansfield workshop. Some other parishes are already asking ALL their parishioners to attend.

Please put your name on the list on the narthex table or ring the office if you are going. The proposal is that we hire a bus to take everyone.

REACH OUT

NEXT MEETING!

Our next Reachout meeting will be on September 3rd in Roz’s Room 10 am until 12 noon.
