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"Keep doing what you're doing"

*O wad some Pow'r
the giftie gie us,
to see oursels
as ithers see us!*

ROBERT BURNS

Thanks to the Diocesan Parish Review Team, we did have the 'giftie' of seeing ourselves with an outsider's view. Mark, Susan and Gareth all had positive things to say about the warmth of our welcome, and the quality of ministry offered by us all. And while there were some recommendations for tweaks, the underlying messages were 1. Keep praying, and 2. Keep doing what you are doing.

We are seeing some exciting 'green shoots' as Mark would say (signs of growth). As we look around our congregations there are one or two new faces. In general newcomers are made to feel welcome - and indeed you are all very welcome. A Friday lunch group has been reinstated with St Mary's Soup Kitchen meeting fortnightly on the days St Andrew's Rest Awhile does not meet. We now have a group of high school students meeting weekly in the Upper Room to think about Jesus, God and the Bible. Our recent Lenten Studies on Lectio Divina were well received and many of you are adding the Lectio 365 app to your phones as an addition to your devotional lives. I believe these growth points are the direct result of the fervent prayer of so many of you for revival in our churches.

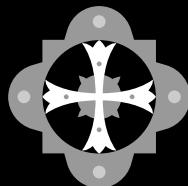
It would seem that around the Western world there is a quiet revival going on. With Pentecost coming up, there is a worldwide move to pray for it to continue. The 24-7 Prayer movement has proposed 10 days

of round-the-clock prayer to prepare for Pentecost. I don't think we are quite brave enough to take that on, but we are taking part in a day of prayer organised by the Reverend Tim Handley (Westland), on behalf of the Diocese. It runs from 9am to 5pm, Saturday, 7 June 2025, with parishes round the diocese taking a turn. I've put us down for the 9am-10am slot. So come along to St Mary's at that time and be part of a diocesan wide prayer day. We can go and grab a coffee afterwards.

To my knowledge there are, or have recently been, three home groups in our parish. I believe that we would be strengthened if more of us belonged to such a group. I am not sure what the next step is, but I do believe that is where we are being led. I am welcome to suggestions. If any of you feel to host a group in your home, let me know and we can think and pray about it together.

By the time you read this the new vestry will have met. Please pray for my warden Paul Sagar who has agreed to serve another year, for Jan Hill, re-elected People's Warden, for members of vestry - Ann Armstrong, Barbara Cassidy, Mary Holmes, Cecil Hood, Chris Longson, and Gerald Pemberton - and for our synod representatives Barbara Cassidy and Cecil Hood (appointed in 2024 for a three-year term).

Rev Hugh McCafferty
VICAR, PARISH OF GERALDINE



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rosters

the big list of who does what, where and when

EVERY SUNDAY

St Mary's Church, Geraldine | 10.30AM

DATE	CLERGY	LAY LEADER	EUCARISTIC MINISTER	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	PRAYERS	FLOWERS	WELCOME	MUSIC
1 JUNE W	Vicar Hugh	Ann	Barbara	Fi	Belinda	Rev Bob	Denise	Robert	The Band
PENTECOST 8 JUNE R	Vicar Hugh	Vicar Hugh	Chris	John	Alison L	Vicar Hugh	Denise	Janet S	The Band
TRINITY 15 JUNE W	Vicar Hugh	Barbara	Peter	Alma	Susanne	Susanne	Deanne	Susanne	The Band
22 JUNE W	Vicar Hugh	Paul	Fi	Peter	Fi	Joy	Deanne	Robert	Ngaire
29 JUNE G	Vicar Hugh	Jan	Ann	Janet S	Ann	Rev Bob	Robert	Noeline	Anya
6 JULY G	Vicar Hugh	Ann	Barbara	Cecil	Belinda	Vicar Hugh	Janet S	Janet S	The Band
13 JULY G	Vicar Hugh	Vicar Hugh	Chris	Susanne	Alison L	Susanne	Janet S	Susanne	The Band
20 JULY G	Vicar Hugh	Victoria	Peter	Alma	Noeline	Vicar Hugh	Jeanette	Robert	The Band
27 JULY G	Vicar Hugh	Paul	Barbara	Fi	Robert	Joy	Jeanette	Noeline	Anya

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**St Mary's music team
says, "Welcome back,"
to Lorina Harding**

Well-known local identity Lorina Harding has joined Fi and Anya in the St Mary's music team. Lorina was a member of Some Disquiet, a music team put together by Rev Tom Innes back in the early 2000s.

Lorina brings with her a number of instruments, including an African djembe (drum), and, of course, her signature harmonies.

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

St Thomas' Church, Woodbury | 9AM

DATE	CLERGY	LAY LEADER	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	PRAYERS	MUSIC
1 JUNE W	Vicar Hugh	Fi	TBC	TBC	Vicar Hugh	Val
6 JULY G	Vicar Hugh	Fi	TBC	TBC	Vicar Hugh	Val

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2ND & 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

St Stephen's Church, Peel Forest | 9AM

DATE	CLERGY	LAY LEADER	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	PRAYERS	MUSIC
PENTECOST 8 JUNE R	Vicar Hugh	Brent	Jan T	Jan T	Judith	Val
22 JUNE W	Brent	–	McGregor	McGregor	Judith	Val
13 JULY G	Vicar Hugh	Brent	Cecil	Cecil	Croft Family	Val
27 JULY G	Victoria	–	Jan T	Jan T	Judith	Val

CONTACT | Victoria on 03 693 6085 or 027 304 8577

3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

St Anne's Church, Pleasant Valley | 9AM

DATE	CLERGY	LAY LEADER	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	PRAYERS	WELCOME	MUSIC
TRINITY 15 JUNE W	Hugh	Paul	Adrienne	Helen	Joy	Mary	Joanne
20 JULY G	Rev Bob	Jan	Joy	Paul	Ann	Paul	Joanne

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SUNDAY 8 JUNE
SUNDAY 13 JULY
4pm @ St Mary's

Families exploring faith through
science, craft, play, music, and food



readings

1 June | Easter 7 | R

Acts 16:16-34
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

8 June | Pentecost | R

Genesis 11:1-9
Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-27

15 June | Trinity | W

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

22 June | Ordinary 12 | G

1 Kings 19:1-15(a)
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

29 June | Ordinary 13 | G

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

6 July | Ordinary 14 | G

2 Kings 5:1-14
Galatians 6:1-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

13 July | Ordinary 15 | G

Amos 7:7-17
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

20 July | Ordinary 16 | G

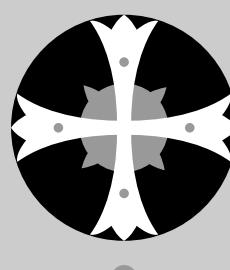
Amos 8:1-12
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

27 July | Ordinary 17 | G

Hosea 1:2-10
Colossians 2:6-19
Luke 11:1-13

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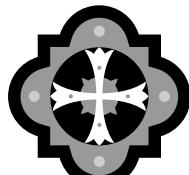




PRAYER OF RENEWAL

*God of Mission who alone
brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.



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