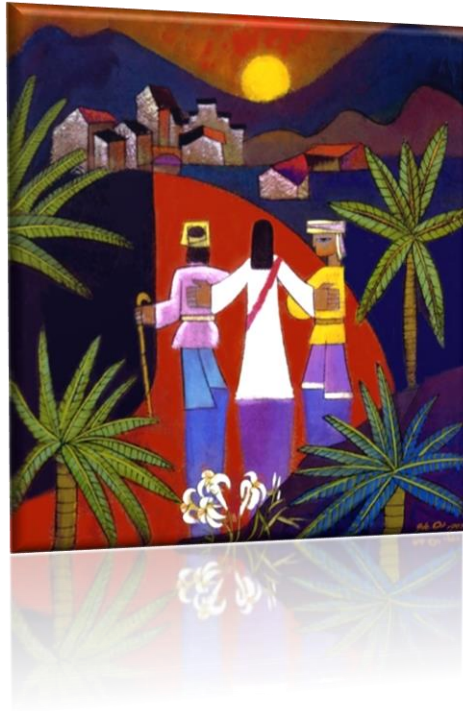


Looking to Jesus



A Journey in Faith: Seeking Renewal in Christ

Our Vision 2021–2024

Gippsland Anglicans:

COMMITTED IN CHRIST

Gippsland Anglicans are grounded in Christ. We engage with the Church's living traditions as intentional inclusive communities where all are welcome, respected, safe, and valued.

Our identity is shaped by

- **Scripture** studied with reverence and rigour
- **Worship** that unites and inspires
- **Ministry** exercised by all the baptised
- **Prayer** which opens hearts to grace
- **Diversity** received as a gift of creation
- **Growth** in belonging and believing

CONNECTING IN SERVICE

Gippsland Anglicans share in Christ's mission. We hold fast to the vision of human flourishing Jesus called 'the Kingdom of God' and we reach out in partnership with good news for all.

Our ministry is marked by

- **Listening** to people's lived experience
- **Looking** outward in meeting needs
- **Speaking** into the big questions of the day
- **Reconciling** where there is injustice or injury
- **Building** up communities of care and trust
- **Acting** for the good of earth and all creatures

CREATIVE IN SPIRIT

Gippsland Anglicans are open to Christ's leading. We seek to respond to changing needs and new understandings, to be faithful and imaginative in bearing stories of hope for our time and place.

Our calling is discovered by

- **Reflection** on what disruption teaches us
- **Readiness** to try new things and ideas
- **Engagement** with local communities
- **Collaboration** in small and large projects
- **Empowerment** of children and young people
- **Generosity** in the use of our resources

Central Themes of the Journey

- Who is God?
- Who is Jesus?
- Who am I?
- Who am I in Christ?
- How have I, am I and will I, follow God in my life
- What are my gifts of ministry?
- What do I need to develop the gifts that God has given me at this stage of life?

We reflect upon these questions through seeking to follow Jesus in the power of the Spirit by:

- Worship and Prayer
- Reflection on Scripture
- Seeking to serve God and our fellow beings

These have both a personal and communal dimension.

Four stages of the Journey in Faith

(Based on the Pamphlet on the Church Year)

Finding out about and Preparing for the Journey:

All Saints and All Souls Day to the beginning of Advent

We **choose** who we will travel with another person or several people

We **decide** to travel together, sharing the journey,

reflecting upon the weekly readings together and praying together.

We **review** the basics of our Spiritual Life, particularly in the light of the booklet 'Prayer and Meditation'.

We **encourage** others that they might like to share the journey, looking for opportunities to facilitate this.

We **share** what we think about the faith, the questions that we have; our doubts, uncertainties, and fears.

We begin a process of reflecting upon our own life story and sharing it with those we travel with.

We keep a journal of our journey.

Formation: the commitment to listen, and seek new life in Christ

From the beginning of Advent to Ash Wednesday

This begins a more the formal time of commitment.

A time of reflecting on the story of the Christian faith as revealed in the unfolding story of Jesus life and applying it to our own life;

of seeing how the story of salvation intersects with our own life

Intense Preparation: enlightenment

Lent to Easter: Jesus' death and resurrection

Beginning at the start of Lent, the whole congregation, with the whole Church of God, seeks to grow in Christ together.

We focus on how we experience in our own lives our baptismal calling of living the dying and rising life.

This culminates at Easter with renewal of Baptismal Vows.

This moment might include some who are Baptised, Confirmed or admitted into the Anglican Church.

Reflection: Living sacramentally.

Easter to Pentecost

A time to reflect upon the experience of the risen Christ in our lives in the 40 days after Easter.

This time culminates with the Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday

The Road to Emmaus

The heart of our journey

“Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ **Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?**” ²⁷ **Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.**

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” **So he went in to stay with them.** ³⁰ **When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.**

³¹ **Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.** ³² **They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”** ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24:13 – 35)

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