

Anglican Parish of Northern Albury
"To know Christ and make Him known"

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Monday 15th October

1pm – Women's Bible Study – St Mark's

Tuesday 16th October

9.30am – Prayer Group – St John's

10am – Quilters - St James' hall

1pm – Euchre - St John's

Wednesday 17th October

9.30am – Eucharist – St Mark

1.30pm – Guild – St James'

Thursday 18th October

10am – Eucharist – St James'

7.30pm – Parish Council – St James'

Sunday 21st October

8.30am – Eucharist – St John's

10am – Eucharist – St Mark's

Sentence: Those who have left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for Jesus' sake, will be rewarded.

Sunday Collect: Merciful God, in your Son you call not the righteous but sinners to

repentance. May we know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Weekly Collect: Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



He went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

FIRST READING: Job 23: 1-9, 16-17

A reading from the book of Job:

Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; if only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM: 90: 11-17 Page 318 in the Prayer book.

Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4: 12-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia Alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia.

+ GOSPEL St Mark 10: 17-31

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another,

"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Pew reflection:

Do I own my possessions or do my possessions own me? In responding to the young man's question of what he must do to inherit eternal life, Jesus strikes at the core of what separates this man of great wealth from experiencing fully the Kingdom of God. Not only is he unwilling to make the trade-off, he is unwilling to change his ways. What separates us from the love of God?

Pray that we may be true to ourselves and remove the things that prevent us from truly and fully living

ABM: Pray for the Amity Foundation in China, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

CMS: Daniel & Olivia Webster thank God for an enjoyable and educational trip to northern Namibia. Pray that the cultural lessons learned would enable more culturally sensitive ministry.

Our Parish: We ask God's blessing on all involved in the cleaning of the churches.

Our neighbourhood: We pray for those who live in Springdale Heights.

Thanksgiving: We give thanks that God is always willing to be close to us.

The Parish Roll: Doug Rolls; Lynn & Ted Woodbury; Ron Wyatt; Anne Mitchell; Kate & Jack Aldridge

For those in Special Need: (Names will be left on this list for a month but may be put back on when requested) Barbara & family; Charmaine; Stan; Nola; Val; Murray; Sarah; Dianne; Josh; Pauline; Kathleen; Margaret; Eileen; Bruce; Ben; Austinn; Judy; Shavaun;

For the recently departed:

For those whose anniversary of death; occurs this week: Ruby Wright;

Hymnfest at Yackandandah: Sunday 14th October at 2pm. Admission free.

Safe Church workshop will take place in Wodonga on 20 October. Registration forms from the Parish office. Please register asap as places are limited.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon: Tuesday 6th November at noon. Cost \$20. Items for the hamper please.

Invitation to attend the installation of Canons on 21st October at 6pm at the Cathedral. Details on noticeboard.

Drought Relief: A sum of \$1011.85 was sent to Bush Church Aid for distribution.

Annual General meeting will be held on Thursday 15th November at St James' at 7.30pm. All reports to be in the Office by 5th November please.

Please consider nominations for Parish Council and Wardens. Forms are available at the back of the Church. They are to be completed by the 5th November.

Next week's readings:

First Reading: Job 42: 1-6,10-17

Psalm: 126

Second Reading: Hebrews 7: 21-29

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52