

Anglican Parish of Northern Albury

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Monday 23rd September

Noon – Women's Bible Study- St Mark's

Tuesday 24th September

9.30am – Prayer Group – St John's

Noon – Quilters Luncheon - St James' hall

1pm – Euchre - St John's

Wednesday 25th September

9.30am – Eucharist – St Mark

Thursday 26th September

10am – Eucharist – St James'

Sunday 29th September

One service only at 10am in

St Mark's to celebrate

Environment Sunday.

SENTENCE: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

SUNDAY COLLECT: O God, you are rich in love for your people: call us back into your service and entrust us with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

WEEKLY COLLECT: Loving Father, whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all. **Amen.**

Yesterday we welcomed **Samuel Busch** into the church family through baptism at St Paul's.



I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone.



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8: 18-19: 1

A reading from the book of Jeremiah:

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor
people from far and wide in the land: "Is
the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in
her?" ("Why have they provoked me to
anger with their images, with their foreign
idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer
is ended, and we are not saved." For the
hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn,
and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there
no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician
there? Why then has the health of my poor
people not been restored? O that my head
were a spring of water, and my eyes a
fountain of tears, so that I might weep day
and night for the slain of my poor people!

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

**PSALM: Psalm 113 Page 344 of your
Prayer book.**

Response:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

SECOND READING: 1 Tim 2: 1-10

A reading from the first letter to Timothy:

First of all, then, I urge that
supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for
everyone, for kings and all who are in
high positions, so that we may lead a
quiet and peaceable life in all
godliness and dignity. This is right and
is acceptable in the sight of God our

Savior, who desires everyone to be
saved and to come to the knowledge
of the truth. For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between
God and humankind, Christ Jesus,
himself human, who gave himself a
ransom for all --this was attested at
the right time. For this I was appointed
a herald and an apostle (I am telling
the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of
the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire,
then, that in every place the men
should pray, lifting up holy hands
without anger or argument; also that
the women should dress themselves
modestly and decently in suitable
clothing, not with their hair braided, or
with gold, pearls, or expensive
clothes, but with good works, as is
proper for women who profess
reverence for God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

+ GOSPEL: St Luke 16: 1-13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according
to Luke:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have

not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Pew reflection:

Today's Gospel is somewhat mind bending, with a 'wealth' of facets – relating to wealth. The master sacked his manager because of his dishonesty but could not help admiring his ingenuity in seeking to ensure his material future. Jesus' point is that his disciples (including us) are called to practise the same kind of single-mindedness in *spiritual* matters, including generosity towards others – accumulating 'true riches' through growing in our relationship with the Lord, compared with the wealth of this world, which is 'dishonest' because it can fool us into a false security where we are depending on it as central to our lifestyle. The fact is that the wealth of this world is really only an 'add-on' to our lives – useful for this life only.

Give thanks for the wealth of resources God provides, and pray that you may serve God *with* your 'wealth'.

Text: The Rev Ross Cameron, Diocese of Brisbane. ABM

PRAYER POINTS

ABM: Pray for ABM's networking partner, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), based in the United States.

CMS: G & R pray for wise and godly leaders in Maltese churches.

Our Parish: We ask God's blessing on all involved in the prayer fellowship.

Our neighbourhood: We pray for those who live in Thurgoona.

Thanksgiving: We give thanks for the gift of prayer which enables us to bring our concerns before our generous God

The Parish Roll: Jenny & Chris Davis; Shirley David; Bob & Nerida Done; Pamela Duncan; Norma Duncan

For those in Special Need: (Names will be left on this list for a month but may be put back on when requested) Charmaine; Austinn; Diane; Joan; Evan; Les; Bev; Doreen; Robyn D; Lila; Claire; Norman; Dorothy; Bob; Rowan; Murray; Peg; Sharni; Jacqui; Betty; Carol; Barry

For the recently departed:

For those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Ross Mills; Eileen Prosser;

Each Sunday we will collect for our food bank. **Items needed this week:** coffee; shampoo; soap; peanut butter; toothpaste

Registrations are now open for the Safe Church Awareness Workshop being held in Wangaratta on Saturday 19th October. See noticeboard for details.

Charity Lunch run by our Quilter's will be held on 24th September at noon at St James'. All invited. The charity nominated is Mercy Place (in remembrance of Nola). Bookings to Karen 0408 301 154

Consultation regarding the characteristics that we are seeking in a bishop. If you would like to participate in this survey please see Glenda in the office before the 20th September.

Counselling skills for the Accidental Counsellor: See noticeboard for details.

Melbourne cup luncheon in St James' hall at noon on the 5th November. Cost \$20



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