

Psalm 133

Behold how good and how lovely it is:
when families live together in unity.

It is fragrant as oil upon the head,
that runs down over the beard:

**fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,
that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

It is like a dew of Hermon:

like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:
which is life for evermore.

A Prayer Book for Australia, Broughton Books, 1995

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ST DAVID'S ORGAN is requiring further attention than the usual tuning maintenance we attend to every year. With our giving down over the past months, and with this required work not being a budgeted item in an already deficient budget, the Parish Council is concerned in committing to the costs of the full works cited totalling \$2,970. The possibility of fundraising for this expenditure was discussed however time is not on our side. We need to book in this work now so we can ensure the work is completed prior to Christmas.

The Parish Council is extending an request for contributions toward reaching this cost so the work can be fully completed.

Contributions can be made to the Wardens or online to

Account Name: Anglican Parish Applecross

BSB 706-001A/c # 30005050 Please note : ORGAN on your donation

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Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja.

We respectfully acknowledge Noongar People
as the original custodians of this land, and
their ongoing relationship with it.

We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

St David's, Ardross
St George's, Applecross
20 August 2023

Applecross
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Diocese of Perth



Reflection for Pentecost XII

The key to this week's Gospel is the mercy that the woman seeks for herself and her daughter. Although not an Israelite, she clearly knows a good deal about Jesus and his reputation as a healer. She knows his exorcisms in particular being spoken in messianic terms and she cries out mercy from this "Son of David".



Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy this prayer rings down through the centuries, chanted in cloisters, whispered in hospitals, screamed out in theatres of war. It is the cry of the soul in extremis, a raw witness to the depth and the misery of the human condition.

The woman's confidence has solid grounds, for mercy, which is what she craves, is, according to Matthew, absolutely central to Jesus' ministry. Twice, in previous clashes with the Pharisees over questions of ritual purity and obedience to the law of God, Jesus quotes Hosea, *I desire mercy not sacrifice*. Mercy is the cornerstone of his critique of their religion and lifestyle.

Just before the story of the Canaanite, there is a further clash with the Pharisees on these very same issues, but this time there is no quotation from Hosea. It is as if the woman herself is now making the prophetic point: mercy, not sacrifice.

The woman grasps the fundamental basis of election is God's decision to be a merciful God. I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion (Exodus 33.19; Romans 9.15)

This is the way that God has determined to be God – through mercy.

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PRAYERS Gracious God, we ask for your blessing and healing for all.

In the Diocese we pray for: Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy and Bishop Kate Wilmot, and our new to be Assistant Bishops, David Bassett and Hans Christiansen, Christopher Ruto of our partnered Diocese of Eldoret and Rev'd Josephat Bett and people of St Stephens Aturei parish.

For our Parish : for our Parish Council in their work of Mission.

For those in need at this time: Prayers of comfort, healing, and peace for Lilian, Leonie and all on our hearts.

Lorraine Grosvenor, Jack Garnett (1976), Arthur 'Terry' Price (2001),
David Squiers (2005), Bill Wieringa (2011)
May their portions in paradise be rest in peace.

20 AUGUST PENTECOST XII	ST GEORGE'S 7.45 AM	ST DAVID'S 9.30 AM
Welcomers	Ann	Jill and Ross
1st reading <i>Genesis 45.1-15</i>	Rosemary	Helen
2nd reading <i>Romans 11.13-32</i>	David	Jacque
Gospel <i>Matthew 15.21-28</i>	Meliata	Meliata
Intercessor	Rupesh	Mary
Morning Tea	Leonie	Jacque
HYMNS	611 (to 142) 459(ii) or Gospel Acclamation 207 (to 594) 224(i)	

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NOTICES

The Rev'd Peregrin Campbell-Osgood returns to be with us as our guest preacher and will celebrate at St David's this **Sunday 20 August**.

Community Forum on the The Voice to Parliament with the Rev Tim Costello, Tania Lawrence MP and Senator Sue Lines. A time to hear what the Voice to Parliament will do, how it will make a difference, and how the referendum process works. **Thursday 24 August 5.30pm-7.00pm**. Ascension Church, Midland, 8 Spring Park Road. Please RSVP via this link: <https://bit.ly/ACvoice>

FUNDRAISING for SCHOOL CHAPLAINS. Thank you every one who ensured our concert was a successful afternoon. We especially thank David for the arranging, and playing, Liz for spreading the word and tickets, and to our Wardens and Ann for overseeing the procedures especially, but not only, the afternoon tea. Our thanks for the generous donation from **Liquor Barons** in Brentwood. Thanks to many we are able to donate \$1509 to YouthCare.

CLERGY SCHOOL 21-24 August. Wendy will be attending. Please direct any concerns to the Wardens who will contact me as required. Thanking you.

COMMISSIONING James will be commissioned **1.00pm Saturday 2 September** at St Augustine's, Como by Bishop Kate Wilmot. Please rsvp for seating and catering purposes by Friday 18 August to parish@como-manning.perth.anglican.org

CCJWA seminar, What Jews wish Christians understood ... Three Jewish educators will share their approach to texts from the Hebrew scriptures that are interpreted differently in Christian traditions. **7.30pm Tuesday 22 August** at St David's. Further details on notice boards. Please rsvp Mary Marshall.

MISSION SUNDAY 2.00pm Sunday 27 August Holy Cross Anglican Church, Melville for an online service with Eldoret.

MEDITATION Thursdays 5.30pm St David's church. All welcome.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE Fund raising The Parish number is **C10681155**

BOOK WORKSHOP Thursday 12 October 2.00-3.00pm followed by High Tea. All participating in this workshop are now charged with the reading of the book.

PARISH COMMUNITY MISSION Everyone is welcome to share invites with friends, family, and neighbours to our parish. Please take and distribute.

LIVE STREAM Team link We invite you to a scheduled Team meeting, for the 9.30am service. Join the Meeting using the link: <http://bit.ly/3JydKOD>