

the candle

12 June 2022 [Trinity]

"One God in Three Persons!"

TODAY'S Bible readings:

Prov 8.1-4, 22-31; Ps 8; Rom 5.1-5;
John 16.12-15

Sentence: Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. [Proverbs 8.1, 22]

Prayer of the day: Father, we praise you, that through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things; you reveal your salvation in all the world through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh; through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love: fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

If you are a communicant member of another Christian church, you are invited to share in the Eucharist in today's 9.30AM service. We pray that God will minister to you through the Word, Sacrament and fellowship today.

Please use the **CONNECT Card** if you have questions about the Christian faith & join us for refreshments (see below) in the church hall after today's worship service.

COVID update: Anyone can now attend church services, activities and premises regardless of vaccine status. Food and drink are also available to anyone and those serving are not required to wear masks. QR code check in no longer applies for any activity in church. Unvaccinated people can now work in and on church premises. However, we continue to echo the health advice to maintain good hygiene and care, use sanitiser, and not to attend if you have any symptoms.

calendar!

- **Today-12 June—Trinity** Holy Communion with Children's Church @ 9.30AM
- **19 June—Pentecost 2 & John the Baptist & What is God Doing Sunday** Holy Communion with Children's Church @ 9.30AM
- **26 June-Pentecost 3, Peter & Paul, Apostles and Martyrs** Holy Communion with Children's Church @ 9.30AM

What is the connection between wisdom and joy?

In the text appointed for today, Wisdom is personified as female, and in her humanity finds all knowledge, insight, and truth. Wisdom is also portrayed as delighting God and in human beings. How we are to interpret this portrayal, often referred to as "Lady Wisdom" or "Woman Wisdom," is among the most hotly contested issues of interpretation in the book of Proverbs.

In particular, the question of the relationship between Yahweh and Woman Wisdom is significant here: is Wisdom God's labourer, an attribute of God, or God's partner in creation? As it turns out, the relationship between Wisdom and God is also about the delighted relationship between God and humanity.

The text opens with Wisdom calling out to all people from the places of human interaction. She calls from the centres of economic and juridical exchange (the "crossroads" and the "gates" in verses 2-3), as well as from the ordinary spaces of societal life ("On the height, beside the way" in verse 1). Wisdom cries out to "all that live" (verse 4), for the "simple" to receive instruction (verse 5), and for rulers to "govern rightly" (verse 16). Thus Wisdom is a prophetess, a preacher, who stands amidst the people and demands attention. She does not work quietly, behind the scenes, but she is to be the guiding force in all-human affairs.

Wisdom is all knowledge, and she is the ability and the power to discern the proper exercise of knowledge. As noted above, it is by Wisdom that

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and parish website: www.lumiachurch.org.au

Please pass this CANDLE to your friends. Thank you!

▪ **Welcome: Revd Clive Watkins!**

* Revd Clive Watkins will be our Locum Vicar from this morning until and including 26th. June.

▪ **Santa's Commissioning service**

* at St John's Benteigh on 21 June at **7.00PM**. Those intending to be at this service should have informed Cleoni already.

▪ **Volunteer Roster being prepared**

* Cleoni is now preparing the Roster for the three months after 3 July. Please advise her if you are unavailable for any Sunday during this period. Thank-you for your service!

church notices:



Reading the Bible together

13 Jun	1 Kgs 12; 2 Chro 10, 11; 2 Cor 11
14 Jun	1 Kgs 15; 2 Chro 13, 14; 2 Cor 12
15 Jun	1 Kgs 16; 2 Chro 15, 16; 2 Cor 13
16 Jun	1 Kgs 17-19; Heb 1
17 Jun	1 Kgs 20, 21; 2 Chro 17; Heb 2
18 Jun	1 Kgs 22; 2 Chro 18, 19; Heb 3
19 Jun	1 Kgs 19.1-7; Ps 42; Gal 3.21-29; Luke 8.26-39

THANKS for your participating in the mission of this parish! Please continue to...

• **PRAY FOR PARISH RENEWAL!**

• **SET ASIDE** time to share and use your talents here - **give, serve, & grow!**

• **SHARE** your financial treasure. To all who are able, please:

♦ transfer donations or offerings directly to:
"St Michael and St Luke Anglican Church: BSB 063249 a/c 10044425."

♦ You may also place your offerings on the offertory tray during worship services and/or marking them for **Parish utilities** or **Parish Maintenance**.



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rulers govern (verses 15-16).

For all people, Wisdom is the most valuable of possessions, and she bestows wealth on those who love her (verses 18-19). Finally, and significantly, Wisdom walks "in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice" (verse 20), guiding human affairs in the right direction. Indeed, the very purpose of knowledge, insight, and discretion is to lead people into the right ordering of just society.

The final portion of the lectionary text, verses 22-31, is a striking passage that describes the indispensable role of Wisdom in creation, and the infusing of Wisdom throughout the created order. Wisdom, she proclaims, was created at the beginning of Yahweh's work, "the first of his acts long ago" (verse 22). The language of verses 23-29 echoes that of the creation narrative of Genesis 1. Wisdom is "set up before the beginning of the earth," "brought forth" from the depths, before God created the springs, the mountains, and the fields.

Even more significantly, Wisdom proclaims her presence at the creation: when Yahweh established the heavens, "drew a circle on the face of the deep" that separated the seas from the skies, "marked out the foundations of the earth," Wisdom was there. These echoes of Genesis 1 establish Wisdom as the ordering principle of creation, by which God proscribes the boundaries of created things (verse 29), embedding Wisdom into the very creation.

The final two verses of the passage are the most crucial for understanding not only the relationship between God and Wisdom, but also that between God and that which God creates, especially human beings. In verse 30, Wisdom describes herself as beside God at creation, either, depending on the translation, "like a master worker" or "like a little child." The former translation is in keeping with a depiction of Wisdom as God's helpmeet in creation, a craftsperson who assists God in the formation of the world. The latter translation reflects the delight that God takes in Wisdom, and that Wisdom takes in humanity in verses 30 and 31.

The ambiguity of the translation, I believe, allows both understandings to operate together, depicting Wisdom as the formative power of God's delight. As Elizabeth A. Johnson writes of this text, Wisdom "is a beneficent, right-ordering power in whom God delights and by whom God creates; her constant effort is to lure human beings into life." Wisdom is the creative power of God that is embedded in the world; each created thing, and the creation as a whole, speaks of the Wisdom of God at its foundation.

That Wisdom is God's very delight. It is by the power of delight that God brought forth the world, and Proverbs 8 tells us that God delights in particular in humanity. God's delight is the power that drives God to create, forming all that is through the ordering power of divine joy. Human life, guided by God's Wisdom in the ways of righteousness, is God's special delight; Wisdom draws human beings into delighted relationship with the divine.

(Adapted from: Elizabeth Webb, "Working Preacher", May, 2013.)

2022: “working together with one mind and purpose, with the attitude of Christ”

At the time of choosing an incumbent

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen. (from: APBA)



Birthdays: 😊

14 Jun—Akuot Mayol

16 Jun—June Earl

17 Jun—Kassie Martin,
Ellie Martin

For **URGENT PASTORAL CARE** —
call **Wardens/Locum**

PRAYER CHAINS: Brian 0403 260 645;
Vaughan & Noelle 0411 320 818

Looking ahead!

▪ **24 June & 8 July- Ladies Cuppa**
in Waverley Gardens, 10.00 am.

Praying together ...

for the Diocese & the worldwide Anglican Communion:

- ◆ The Anglican Church of South America (Abp Gregory Venables, Primate); The Diocese of WangaraWa (Bp Clarence Bester, Clergy & People); Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry Chaplaincy (Rob Ferguson, Senior Chaplain & Chaplains); St Stephen's Werribee - Karen Community; Moe Win Tun Kin, Saw Htoo; St Thomas' Moonee Ponds - Pastoral Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); The Parish of Holy Trinity, Lara w. Christ Church, Little River - Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd);

for our link missionaries Chris, Grace, Micah & Emily Adams:

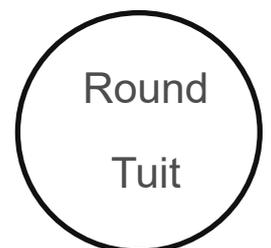
- ◆ Pray for our Young Adults Group—'Joventude' - based at Dili church and now growing to over 20 regularly meeting. Thank God for their witness during Easter to a small church community in Kaisabe. Pray for Joventude's plans to visit other small church communities. Please pray for Chris as he continues to lead, train and teach God's Word in Joventude. Pray also for the continuing blessings resulting from the 'Love Timor' Conference early in May.

for our church, community & the world:

- ◆ Praise God for all who are joining us today (either face-to-face or online).
- ◆ Strengthen & encourage us all, as we “**work together with one mind and purpose, with the attitude of Christ**” and for the completion of safe ministry training by all parish volunteers.
- ◆ For the financial & other pressures faced by this parish & other Christian communities.
- ◆ For God's wisdom, patience and compassion on leaders at all levels of government & in society, for all medical staff as they care for the sick & dying due to COVID19 & other illnesses.
- ◆ At this time of Jubilee, we thank God for the faithful service of Elizabeth II, our Queen and Sovereign over the 70 years of her reign.
- ◆ For all who need God's special touch of healing, comfort and peace, remembering *Audrey, Brendon, Carmen, Claudette, David, Doris, Grenville, Gunara, Hemathi, Harrison, Jeeva, Leela, Mary, Mohona, Oscar, Rayhaan, Seelan, Wilma, Yvonne*, for those facing mental challenges & all who we remember privately in our hearts.
- ◆ Praise & thank God for all who are recovering from illness and/or all who have recovered and for God's comfort, love and peace on all who mourn.
- ◆ For God's mercy, grace and peace upon all communities in Australia and in the world affected by the COVID19 pandemic, wars in the Ukraine (due to Russian invasion of Ukraine), Yemen, Syria, of civil unrest (Sri Lanka), for people affected by natural disasters, all who have been displaced, injured or tragically killed (and their loved ones) due to these & other circumstances.

Round Tuits Now Available for Use by Church Members

For years our church has needed a supply of *round tuits* to distribute among the membership. So we're making these available by printing a facsimile of a *round tuit* with this week's 'Candle'. The need for this item is obvious when you hear church members make the following statements: “I'll come to Church just as soon as I get around to it.” I'll help in Sunday Club just as soon as I can get around to it.” I believe in tithing. I plan to do it just as soon as I can get around to it.” Be sure to clip and save this *round tuit* so you won't have any reason to say no the next time you are challenged to do something important for Your church. Now that everyone has a *round tuit*, our church should really move forward in the name Of Christ.



Praying for the mission of Anglican Parish of St Michael & St Luke:

Living God, you have called us to be the Body of Christ. As we “renew, revive, reach out,” may we be a sign of hope in our respective communities. May all we do, and all we are becoming, bring praise to your name and draw others to your love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, who came to serve and bring us the fullness of life. **Amen**

connect

Name:

Prayer need/request/feedback:

Address:

Telephone No:

Email:

If you would like prayer for any reason, please come to the front immediately after Communion.

Regular Services:

Sunday @ 9.30AM - Holy Communion & Children's Church

3rd Sunday @ 9.30AM - “What is God doing?” service with Holy Communion & Children's Church

who we are!

The Anglican Parish of St Michael & St Luke is a part of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. Our Vision is to encourage one another to **RENEW** our relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, to partner with the LORD to **REVIVE** God's church and to **REACH OUT** to others as the Holy Spirit reveals.

Our Mission is: **“to bring the gospel of Christ to the community and the world”**

Our Values are: **Scripture, Worship, Prayer, Fellowship & Mission**

how to contact us

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acknowledgment of traditional owners of the land:

We gather on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri and Boonerwung (or Bunurong) tribes of the Kulin Nation, and we acknowledge them as the Traditional Owners. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

✦ Every Sunday except 3rd Sunday

▪ **SUNDAY CLUB**

▪ **YOUTH GROUP — on hold**

✦ **CARE GROUPS — see page 1.**

✦ **PLAYGROUP is closed indefinitely.**

If you wish to help/participate in any of these activities or have questions, please contact the church office. We would love to hear from you!

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parish contacts ...

Ministers: All Parishioners!

Locum Vicar: Revd. Clive Watkins [0416 023 844]

Vicar: Santa Packianathan [on leave]

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R U OK Team Coordinator: **VACANT - Please call the Wardens**

Children's Ministry: Ellie Martin [0430 416 256]

Youth Ministry and Parish Crim-Check Administrator:
Vaughan Smith [0402 751 275]

Honorary Licensed Lay Ministers:

Brian Bird, Garry Martin, Theo Rutgers

Church Wardens: Larry Loos [9795 7371];

Theo Rutgers [0401 886 674]; Cleoni Loos [0413 763 315]

Parish COVID-Safe Officer: Prasantha Illesinghe [0425 702 587]

Council Secretary & Parish Child Safe Officer: Cleoni Loos [0413 763 315]

Treasurer: TBA

Stewardship: Garry Martin [0433 933 679]

Church Office: **VACANT - Please call the Wardens**

Hall Hire: Anand Raj [0404 043 536]