



TOGETHER IN FAITH

We extend a warm welcome to everyone to worship today

‘We are God’s people: unconditionally loved by God. Following our calling, we seek to reflect God’s love everywhere, in all that we are and in all that we do’

Lectionary Readings for Pentecost 6A, 2026 July 5

Theme: “Come to me. (my yoke is easy)”

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 ““Will you go with this man?” She(Rebekah) said, “I will.””(v.58)

Song of Songs 2:8-13 “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away,(with me)”(v.13)

Romans 7:15-25a “Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?”(v.24)

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 “Come to me,...For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”(v.28,30)

Let me remind you previous learnings about Mission.

Week 1 May 31 Mission - I am with you always.(Trinity Sunday)

Week 2 June 7 Mission - Being called by God to be a blessing

Week 3 June 14 Mission - Being Sent by Jesus (without extra clothes)

Week 4 June 21 Mission - Taking up the cross (Do not be afraid)

Week 5 June 28 Mission - The Lord will provide (Welcoming rewards)

Week 6 July 5 Mission - Come to me (my yoke is easy)

We have learned that Mission is not ours but Mission of God (Missio Dei), and we are invited to participate. In participation, we need to remember that “God is with us always” and want us to be a “blessing to others.” And help people to “immerse into God”. The final touch to understand the Mission of God is today’s readings “My yoke is easy.”

In Genesis 24, Rebekah answers to the father’s question, “will you go with this man?” She said “I will” without hesitation. Song of Songs also invites the loved one, “Arise, my love... come away (with me)” However, Paul writes his human limitation who unable to do what he wants, but only doing what he don’t want to do, finally crying out “Wretched person that I am, who will rescue me from this body of death” And Paul finishes his letter in verse 25 “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

Here comes our Gospel reading from Matthew 11 when Jesus invites us “come to me” who are weary and heavy burdened, “I will give you rest” and says “take my yoke...learn from me...I am gentle...my yoke is easy...my burdens is light.”

Traditionally we understood this as a spiritual burden of obedience for our ministry and mission is always a hard work. However, if we think of the style of yoke people used in ancient Israel region, these words can be better understood. Yoke they used was to connect two cows, sometimes, a mother cow and a calf, to work together. In this image Jesus was inviting us to be the other side of the yoke when Jesus is leading on one side. “ Take my yoke...learn from me...I am gentle...my yoke is easy (or fitted in greek)...my burden is light.” All these description make sense now when we work alongside with Jesus.

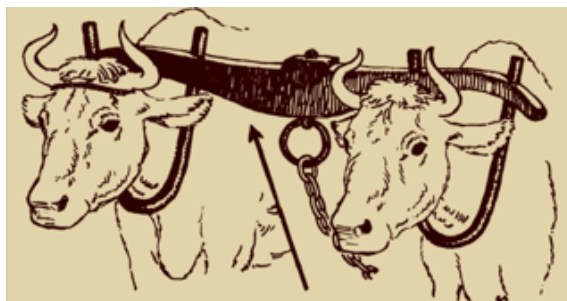
Questions:

1. When do you feel our ministry and mission is really heavy and hard to carry on?
2. How can we respond to the invitation of Jesus “come to me and take my yoke”?

Next week: Pentecost 7A, 2026 July 12

Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



Worship Services Today

Wangaratta 9.30am
Rev. Hoon You

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🏠 **Tuesday and Thursday**
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**Short Notices for the weekly
bulletin can be emailed to
Christina by 4pm Wednesday**

News

Funeral of June Vearing (previously June Nottle)

Friday, 10th July, 10.30am, at Mason Park

Funerals, Mason Street.

June celebrated her 100th birthday in May at St Catherine's Hostel. Her committal will be at the Whitefield cemetery at 1.30pm.

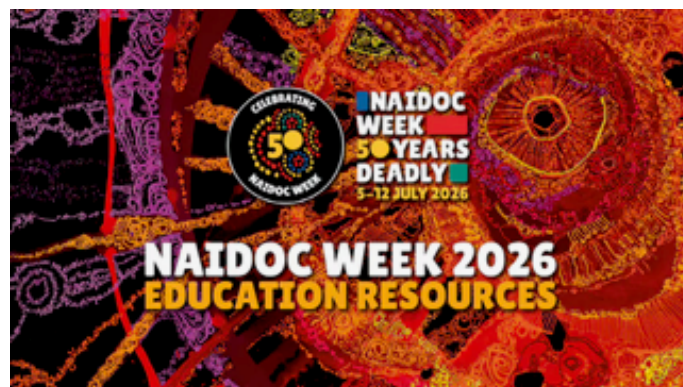
Loaves and Fishes Christians Caring are in need of the following items:

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Sweet biscuits
- Large tins of tuna
- Tinned vegetables

Thank you, Myra

St John's Respect service will be on Wednesday 8th July at 10am (changed from 11am)

NAIDOC week starts this Sunday until next Sunday, 12th July. This year's theme is "50 yers of Deadly" as a marker, not just of time passed, but of the momentum still building.



Wangaratta Cluster Calendar

Wednesday 8th July
Rangeview Service HC - 11am

Wednesday 15th July
St Johns Service - 10am

Thursay 16th July
Illoura Service - 11am

Monday 20th July
SALT - Rowan St - 6pm

Tuesday 23rd July
Pastoral Care Meeting - 4pm

Tuesday 23rd July
Church Council Meeting - 5.3pm



Rosters for Sunday Worship

Wangaratta 9.30am	5 th July Pentecost 6	12 th July Pentecost 7	19 th July Pentecost 8
Worship Leader	Rev. Hoon You HC	Rev. Hoon You	Rev. Hoon You
Musician	R McLay	L Johnson	H Miles
Vestry	E Dinning	H James	E Dinning
Welcome and Offering	S Bishop	B Sheppard & J Poole	A & H Twitt
Bible Reader	S don Leonard	R Diffey	F Smith
Morning Tea	P Ritchie & E Yelland	H Twitt & H Wickham	L Bertuch & J Johnston
5 pm	Rev. Hoon You	Glen Miles	John van Riet
Eldorado 10am	L Johnson & Congregation	No Service	Rev. Hoon You 2pm
Greta/Moyhu 10am	No Service	Colin Thomson	No Service

*Also helps with Vestry for HC

If you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty, please arrange to swap with someone else. A heartfelt thanks to you all - our priceless volunteers!