

**Wanted:** Blankets, quilts, coats and warm clothes (for all ages); A request has been received from the GASON Refugee Ministry for these items to assist our 'newest arrivals, who are finding our Victorian winter very difficult. Please leave them at any of the centres or contact Wilma .

**St Mark's Vicarage:** There are now private tenants in the vicarage. Please respect their privacy.

The parish council has decided we will not participate in the 40 Hour Famine, due to a lack of volunteers and insufficient time. As an alternative, a retiring offer will be collected for the remainder of August with the proceeds going to World Vision.



### Spring: A time of renewal and rebirth

For our next combined service (30/8) the theme will be **Spring: A time of renewal and rebirth**, the service will be at St Barnabas on the 30th of August at 9:30, as usual this will be the only service in the parish on that day.

Please bring a plate (of food) to share!

This fits in nicely with both the new season about to start Spring and a time of rebirth and new growth in our parish.

### Coming up & before it's too late!

- **Trivia Night:** We need people to make a table. This will be a fun night and for a worthy cause — Access Ministries.  
Saturday August 22nd, 7 pm, Masonic Hall Belmont.  
BYO drinks, nibbles & glasses; supper provided.  
Tickets are \$16 from Hilary 042 7 419 944.
- **Film Night:** St Mark's WEF is holding a film night:  
**Magic in the Moonlight** starring Colin Firth and Emma Stone.  
Wednesday 26; 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start, at St Mary's Hall  
Supper provided.  
Tickets are \$12.50 from: Phyll 5250 1461, Gloria 5250 1647, or Clare 5250 2380



**Trivia Quiz:** Who was Jesus' cousin?  
Name two people who never died but went straight to heaven?

**Last Week:** What was Saul looking for when Samuel first met him? Saul was looking for his father's donkeys.  
Who was taller King Saul or King David? It's not stated, but Saul offered David the chance to wear his armour (1Sam. 17:38) before confronting Goliath, so it's reasonable to assume they were about the same size.



## Welcome to Worship in our Parish

### 16th of August Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Sunday

8:00 AM  
10:00 AM

St Mark's Leopold  
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St Paul's Whittington  
St Barnabas' Newcomb

#### Tuesday - Friday

9:15 AM

St Barnabas'

(School terms only)  
Morning Prayer

#### Wednesday

10:00 AM

St Barnabas'  
St Mark's

1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays  
2nd & 4th

Wednesdays



#### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to enable individuals to recognise and carry out their ministries as Christians. Through this, we strive to become a model company of faithful people who both honour their varied traditions and actively share in building the family of Christ.

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You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Please pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit of:**  
Eril, May, Cassie & family,  
Heather, Peter Lowthian,  
Joyce Rowe, Tom & Denny,  
Alan Loney, Pam, Ivy, Meryl,  
Lois Ferguson, Barbara  
Wilkinson, Joy and  
Gwen Philipson.

If you have any more names, please let the pew sheet editor know **but only after** getting permission from the person involved.

## Ministry Team

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## Readings

<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14	1 Kings 8.22-30, 41-43
Psalms 111	Psalms 84
Ephesians 5.11-21	Ephesians 6.10-20
John 6.51-58	John 6.56-69

### PARISH PRAYER

Lord you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Guide us in our worship and life together: transform us into whatever you would have us do. Help us to be deeply connected with the world around us and strengthen us to proclaim the good news in word and deed in this community, for the glory and for the growth of your kingdom. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

**Anniversaries:** Nope, August weddings are obviously unpopular!  
**Birthdays:** Lindsay Curtis 17/8

**Today in History:** 1930 – The first British Empire (Commonwealth) Games in Canada.

**Sacristan:** Eril Holmes regularly prepared the altar for Holy Communion at St Mark's. Eril is on leave for a few weeks. We are calling for a volunteer(s) who would be able to take on this ministry while Eril is on leave. If there is more than one person able to do it, a roster could be drawn up. Speak to Elizabeth if you are able to help.



**OHS Reports:** The powers that be at the diocese have directed that the parish must conduct an OHS audit to be completed (for the three worship centres and the two op-shops) by the 30/3/2016. Each OHS report contains seventeen categories and these will be performed at a rate of three per month. The initial categories are 4, 5, 6 – asbestos, ladder safety and first aid kits.

**Morning Prayer:** Morning prayer will now be held every Tuesday - Friday (school terms only) at St Barnabas' at 9:15 AM. The service should last approximately twenty minutes.



Welcome to our services this morning. It is hoped you find your time worshipping God enjoyable and enriching. Please stay for a cuppa and fellowship.

### From the Vic':

This week, we are launching the 2015 Stewardship Campaign. As we approach the end of the financial year, the Parish Council has agreed to give the Parish a challenge. What if, instead of taking a box of envelopes for the next year, you decide to sign on to our Automatic Worship Offering system? This is a method of organising your sacrificial giving to the Church to enable the works of ministry and mission both in the parish, and in the Diocese as a whole. Automatic Worship Offering is the thanksgiving offering that we make, similar to King Solomon's offering to God all those thousands of years ago, and similar to the widow's mite that Jesus talks about.

It may seem very early in my ministry in this parish to be talking about money and asking you to renew your commitment to this parish, but it is a fact of modern life that we have to follow the timing of the financial year, and need to plan for the coming year.

Some folk contribute to the parish in different ways: through service in the op shop; in pastoral care ministry; in administration of the parish, and in caring for the upkeep of the church properties — many in addition to contributing financially. What you are able to do is between yourself and the Lord to prayerfully contemplate.

We have set a goal of ten people signing up to the Automatic Worship Offering program, which uses Direct Debit to pay your sacrificial giving regularly in the parish account at the Anglican Development Fund (ADF). I have been praying for those ten people to be inspired to change their method of contributing to the parish, and then I realised that we only need nine, as I am about to transfer my regular payment from All Saints to the Bellarine Gateway parish account — God answers our prayers in curious ways! I recognise that some folk are nervous about changing to this form of payment which can have an effect of passing the plate without seeming to make any visible contribution, or that it is a payment that could slip from your mind. How about putting one of the provided slips into plate each week? Or how about recording the date that your payment is made, and offering up a prayer each week or month to accompany that money?

If you want to talk to someone about this the Parish Council members and I are happy to explore the options with you. Go well and gently as you consider this sometimes tricky subject, and I shall continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire you.

God bless you and yours this week!

Rev'd Elizabeth (0404 165 096)

