

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.



Coming up & before it's too late!

- **Nepal – aftermath and rebuild:** Afternoon tea with Sheldon Rankin CEO of the Leprosy Mission (Australia)
Sunday 6 September, 2:30 pm, Western Heights Uniting Church, 31 Douglass St, Herne Hill.
A collection will be taken, enquiries: Barry Edwards 03 5241 7073
- **Leopold UCAF 79th Birthday Celebration:** Entertainment by Gerald Hayward followed by afternoon tea. Donation requested.
Monday 21 September 1:30 PM, RSVP 7/9/15 PO Box 78, Leopold 3224



Trivia Quiz: Match the day with the task:

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| One | Dry land, seas, grass, herbs & trees. |
| Two | Fish & birds. |
| Three | God rested. |
| Four | Heavens & earth, light & darkness. |
| Five | Land animals, man woman. |
| Six | Sun, moon & stars. |
| Seven | The firmament to divide the waters. |

Last Week: Match the person with the day job:

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| Jonathan | → | Fisherman |
| Matthew | → | Military Commander |
| Moses | → | Tax Collector |
| Paul | → | Tent maker |
| Peter | → | Shepherd |

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.



*Joan couldn't believe her luck.
Her first time in church and she got the lucky numbers!!!*



Welcome to Worship in our Parish

30th of August

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday

NEXT WEEK — Combined Service 9:30 AM — only service for that day

8:00 AM	St Mark's Leopold	St Paul's Whittington
10:00 AM	St Mark's Leopold	St Barnabas' Newcomb

Tuesday - Friday

9:15 AM St Barnabas' (School terms only) Morning Prayer

Wednesday

10:00 AM St Barnabas' 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays
St Mark's 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.

<http://www.bellarinegateway.org.au>

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

Psalms 85:6

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 Phillipson.

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

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Readings

Today
Song of Songs 2.8-13

James 1.17-27
Mark 7.1-8, 14-23

Next Sunday
Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2.1-10, 14-17
Mark 7.24-37

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: Jeff & Margaret Bunney 27/8 (Oops! I missed this one last week).
Birthdays: Jack Butterworth 30/8; Margaret Pinder & Alex Archdall 31/8

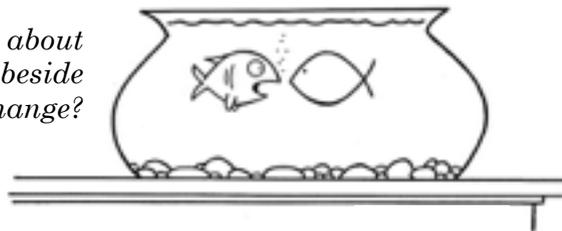
Today in History: 1835 – Melbourne is founded.



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.

Anything for your newsletter editor? I'm getting a bit desperate!!

Can't we talk about something beside religion for a change?



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.

Something to think about:

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
Song of Songs 2.10-13

Ah, Spring! It's a teasing, beguiling time of year, isn't it? One minute, we are enjoying blue skies and marvelling in the trees covered in blossom, the next, we are confined to indoors as pouring rain is dashed by gales against our windows. From experience, we know that slowly the weather will improve, and we can become more confident in leaving our raincoats at home. Not too confident though, for this IS Geelong!

As a long term resident of WA, I can imagine a year without almost no winter, but it comes at a cost: Spring is less dramatic, less exciting, and before you know it, baking summer heatwaves are upon you. Regardless, there is still a cycle of regeneration through the year.

As Christians, we understand that cycle of life in slightly different ways. At Easter, we experience 4 seasons in one weekend, really. In the 40 days of Lent, leading up to Easter, we experience Autumn, that unsettling foretaste of Winter to come, with our readings of Jesus foretelling his death to the confused disciples. On Good Friday, we suffer the gloom and darkness of Winter in the death and burial of Christ. Spring is that day of waiting and watching on Holy Saturday, when we traditionally clean churches ready for the Summer sun to burst forth at dawn on Easter Day. For that joyous light of Christ, risen from the dead in a new and mysterious bodily form, to again shine into our lives. Easter is a time at which we are encouraged to start anew, but I ask you - why wait until then?

As a community, we are facing new challenges, with a new and some freedoms to try new ideas, this is indeed our parish's own Spring time again. This week, I would encourage you to have a personal mini Easter Day - to recommit yourself to Christ, and to give thanks for his forgiving love. Then we all need to take that Easter Monday and decide, having been personally forgiven, what changes need to be made in our own lives, so that we may have the confidence to welcome others, and to share His love with the world around us.



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Elizabeth said she wanted an image of Spring — I think I misunderstood

(Wayne)

God bless you this week in all you do,

Rev'd Elizabeth. 0404 165 096