

Something to think about:

On the day of Pentecost the disciples found themselves to be in a highly flammable condition. They had been obedient to Jesus' command to wait for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and they had gathered together in continual prayer—a dangerous mix. On the day that the Holy Fire fell, their eyes, ears, tongues, hearts and minds were ignited by flames that continued to spread through 3,000 parched souls like a raging bush fire.

That fire remains, to this day, uncontained.

In his poem Pentecost, William Blake's repetition of the word, "unless" might be received by the reader as an onerous, guilty-inducing, commission. Unless his repetition of the word "catch" is given equal time, we might tend to turn our soggy pockets inside out and offer up a defeated shrug in lieu of prayer. But, we cannot set our selves on fire any more than Simon the sorcerer could buy rights to the Holy Spirit.

So how do we catch fire? We catch a cold because our resistance is down and in a similar way this is how we catch fire. We ask God to search our hearts and to reveal any areas of resistance to the Holy Spirit: Lord, in what ways have I saturated my eyes, ears, tongue, heart and mind in a fire-retardant? By works? Addictions? Busy-ness? How might I be trying to ignite my own fire by rubbing together the sticks of moralism and performance? Maybe I've just resigned myself to a dark, dank climate of the soul.

Once these areas of resistance are revealed, we confess them as sin and to the degree that we are able, we place ourselves downwind of God's all consuming fire. In a posture of receptivity, we receive God's grace and forgiveness. We ask for the Holy Spirit to make us kindling, to set our hearts on fire for God and his Kingdom. And when the rainy seasons come we ask each other to help us stoke the flames. May the Spirit who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

<http://myholyltrinitychurch.com/a-poem-for-pentecost/>

Trivia Answer: Simon the magician (Acts 8:18)

Pentecost

*Unless the eye catch fire,
The God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire
The God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire
The God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
The God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
The God will not be known.*

William Blake (1757-1827)



Welcome to Worship in our Parish

Fifteenth of May 2016 Pentecost

Sunday

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.bgap.church/>

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

Please pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit of:

Heather, Rita, Hooper-Travers families, Peter I, Vi, David, Gwen, Cassie & family, Pam, Ivy, Meryl, Barb G & Pete, Russell and Jayde.

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

Genesis 11.1-9
Psalm 104.26-36
Romans 8.14-17
John 14.8-17, 25-27

Next Sunday

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5.1-5
John 16.12-15

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:	Pat & Robyn Evans 18th, Pyhl & Barry Serpell 19th
Birthdays:	Thomas McKenzie 17th
Today in History:	1928 – Walt Disney character Mickey Mouse premieres in his first cartoon, Plane Crazy. 1978 – Robert Menzies, 12th PM of Australia dies. (b. 1894)

A note from the editor:

Sorry for the brevity this week, not much notice given. Alf will be back next week I think.

Special note from our vicar, Elizabeth Breakey:

I spoke to †Philip today. I have been signed off for carers leave for 3 months and Jim Minchin and Jack will lead the parish. This is still all in flux.

Please respect Elizabeth's request for privacy.



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.



Coming up & before it's too late!

- **Celtic Prayers for the Australian Landscape**
A writing workshop with Judy Kennedy, a member of the International Community of Aidan and Hilda
Discover the joy of Celtic prayer writing and its dimensions for your daily life
Saturday, 21st May 2016 9.00 — 1.00pm
St. Paul's Anglican Church, 175 LaTrobe Terrace, \$15
Telephone Sue Hicks – 0416 173 618 Email: sehicks52@gmail.com
- **Australia's Longest morning tea:** Leopold UC.
Wednesday 25 May
- **Shop Network Meeting:** St Andrew's Corio 10:00

Trivia Quiz: Who offered to pay money for the power to give the Holy Spirit?

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ASSIGNMENT

Because of sin, "There is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one" (Rom. 3:11–12). We cannot know and understand spiritual truth apart from the activity of God in our lives. Spiritual truths can be revealed only by God:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God ... no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given us. (1 Cor. 2:9–12)

The Holy Spirit has the assignment of revealing spiritual truth to believers. The Holy Spirit is called the "Spirit of truth" (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13). Jesus said the Holy Spirit would "teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you" (John 14:26). "He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you" (John 16:13–14).

*Henry T. Blackaby and Claude V. King,
Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God.*