

Something more to think about:

This was something I found last week while researching Pentecost, I thought you might find it interesting. (Wayne)

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 ourselves 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

**Twenty Second of May 2016
Trinity Sunday**

Sunday

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

Monday - Saturday

9:15 AM	St Barnabas'	Morning Prayer
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Wednesday

10:00 AM	St Barnabas' St Mark's	1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
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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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Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:17-20

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, Barlo 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

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31 Kings 18.20-39

Psalms 8

Romans 5.1-5

John 16.12-15

Next Sunday

Psalms 96

Galatians 1.1-12

Luke 7.1-10

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: No idea, Alf has the list

Birthdays: No idea, Alf has the list

Today in History: 334 BC – Alexander defeats Persia in the Battle of the Granicus.
Prophesied in Daniel 8

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

Thoughts of Father Jim

Hi there, BGAP folk, brothers and sisters of Jesus. Please join me and picture our life as a series of dances! Just briefly, let's put aside all the other perspectives and activities we do and must have. Let's take our body beyond words and routines into the realm of the Spirit.

Sometimes we dance alone. It takes two to tango, the ultimate dance of intimacy and lust. But for community dance, we need three or more: ballet, folk, jazz, whatever.

We can dance for joy or sorrow, with exuberance or restraint, in fun and/or competition, to move closer to or further from a tribe, its achievements or failures.

If we dance for and with friends and dear ones, and specially if we dance for and with God – privately or publicly, solo or in team – we will be caught up in every kind of rhythm, harmony and tune, coming from out there or in our own head!

Never too late to learn, but easier if you start young, like my little grandson did when he turned one, off his own bat. You will quickly

grow from being unsure, having to mimic others or dredge up from your DNA your own way of moving.

God calls us into the Trinitarian dance of life: each dancer unique, each respectful of the other dancers while wanting to be one with them, conjuring with the heights of heaven and depths of hell but wherever possible in willing harness with our divine Creator, who is also our Parent, Sibling and Carer, premier Danseur and Servant of the common good.

Jim Minchin Trinity Sunday 2016



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.

Current Status

Rev Elizabeth Breakey is on three months carer's leave.

†Philip met with Jack, Jim & me on Tuesday.

For the period of Elizabeth's absence, Jack & Jim will jointly oversee the parish.

Please contact either of these lovely gentlemen during this period by phone or email as above.

Coming up & before it's too late!

Wed 25 May Australia's Biggest Morning Tea: Leopold UC (Uniting Church)

Wed 25 May Evening Fellowship, 1:30 PM Van Loon's, garden walk and tea.

Thu 26 May Bystander Intervention Workshop, St. Paul's, LaTrobe Terrace, 7-10 PM

Sat 4 Jun Men's Breakfast Leopold UC

Sun 5 Jun St Mark's Patronal Festival (combined service at St Mark's)

Mon 20 Jun Shop Network Meeting, 10:00 St Andrew's, Corio



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, BGAP has been invited to celebrate with all proceeds to go to the Cancer Council. Kathleen Cummings, ABMT Organiser

Garden Walk and Afternoon Tea, the evening fellowship is becoming an afternoon fellowship and meeting at Van Loon's at 1:30 on 25/5

Bystander Intervention Workshop, Thursday 26th May at St. Paul's, LaTrobe Terrace, Geelong from 7pm to 10pm. Jill Graham 5250 1938 or 0412 156 278 asap
Bystander Intervention refers to a person deciding to voice their opinions about someone else's language and/or behaviour, thereby working to prevent violence or abuse.

Objectives:

1. Identify unhealthy and potentially abusive behaviour of others.
2. Learn and practice strategies for interrupting or objecting to unhealthy and abusive behaviour of others.