

thumbprints evident, when cups formed through moulds are turned out in their hundreds. No need at all.

And this removal of our experience makes our readings a little more removed too. Jeremiah going down to the potter's house to see him make and remake vessels is something that I and others have rarely experienced. And the poetic thought of God forming, knitting together, our intricate bodies "in utero" conjures up a less than perfect image of God labouring over a couple of needles and dropped stitches. That's not quite the image that the psalmist had in mind.

Instead, he was thinking of the beautiful and mind blowingly complicated gloves and patterns knitted by artisans, utilising silks and fine gold filaments to create exquisite garments to be worn by priests in the temple.

That's each of us too, isn't it? Beautiful and mind blowingly complicated. What a clever metaphor for the act of creation. We understand and know so much more about how a foetus develops from a fertilised egg to emerge as a tiny little person, but when you hold a new born baby, how can you fail to find yourself marvelling at this miracle that God has wrought. Over and over again.

None of us are completely perfect, each of us is a wee bit different, but on this Father's Day, think on your own children and on the children you have loved, and join with me and the psalmist.I praise you Lord, for we are most fearfully and wonderfully made.

God bless you and those whom you care for,

Rev Elizabeth



**Fourth of September 2016
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

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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*For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
Psalms 139:13 ESV*

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

Pat B, Cassie & family, Vi, Gwen, Pam, Meryl, Barb G, Russell, Rita, Hooper-Travers families, 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

Jeremiah 18.1-11
Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18
Philemon 1-25
Luke 14.25-35

Next Sunday

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19
Luke 15.1-10

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: Nope Come on guys, you're really
Birthdays: Nuffin letting the side down here!

Confirmation

Any parishioner interested in being confirmed, or know of someone who might be, please contact Rev. Elizabeth. Currently there are two candidate preparing for confirmation.

Parish Council

The AGM is approaching, please consider representing your parish as a parish councillor, talk it over with friends and family, pray about it! Nomination forms will be appearing in a few weeks' time.



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!

- **Leopold UCAF 80th Birthday:** Entertainment by Peter Perez
Donation — Birthday stall — Gentlemen welcome.
Monday 19 September 1:30 PM, RSVP 9/9/16
Phyll 5250 1461
- **Confirmation Service** with Bishop Philip Huggins presiding.
Sunday 9 October 9:30 AM (NB. this is a combined service at St. B's).
- **Discover Cornwall:** Guest speaker Neil Thomas, A bard of Cornwall
St Andrew's Corio, sumptuous afternoon tea
Mon., 3 Oct. at 1PM, \$10 RSVP/Enquiries Sandra 5275 1091



Trivia Quiz:

Last Week's Answer:

Saul was looking for his father's donkeys when he first met Samuel.
David was looking after his father's sheep when he first met Samuel.

This Week's Question:

After the death of Solomon, the Northern and Southern kingdoms were formed, what were they also known as?

I praise you, for I am most fearfully and wonderfully made.



"... For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb."

Psalm 139:13

Since the industrial revolution, it seems to me that handicrafts such as pottery and knitting have become past times, hobbies, that are somewhat dismissed and of little value. No longer were these skills vital for our warmth or sustenance. No need for warm jumpers, slowly and elaborately made, when a machine can whip one up in a jiffy. No need for pottery tumblers to drink from, each with its maker's