

### Week 3 Environmental Challenge – Shopping Thoughtfully

#### Challenge yourself:

One of the advantages of living in a free economy is that we have choices about what we buy and how we buy it. What we often lack is information about how things are produced and a full understanding of the implications of a particular product choice. (materials used, expected working life of the product, practicality of repair, environmental impact of its manufacture). By exercising informed choice, we put pressure on producers to work in more environmentally conscious ways.

Choose 2 or 3 of these actions, or discover your own challenge.

- Repair and reuse before replacing.
- Go op shopping!
- Cook from primary ingredients rather than using processed foods.
- Check the country of origin, buy locally if possible.
- Buy Fairtrade Easter eggs!
- Bring your own bags.

#### Refresh yourself and reflect

Bless our choices  
God bless this food,  
locally grown,  
produced in season.  
God bless this food,  
fairly traded,  
giving new chances,  
bringing new life.

Forgive our demands  
For cheap food that costs the earth,  
For cash crops from subsistence land,  
For strawberries in July.  
Forgive our ignorance  
leading to hidden slaves,  
dangerous conditions,  
Child labour.

God bless our choices  
that, like lights in the open,  
they may reveal your will,  
your kin-dom. *Chris Polhill*

#### Inform yourself:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-05-19/what-stops-you-buying-environmental-and-ethical-products/7428252>

<http://www.ethicalsuperstore.com/ethical-gifts/easter/>

<http://fairtrade.com.au/en-au/fairtrade-products/coffee/fairtrade-climate-neutral-coffee>

**Please note:** Material for inclusion in Pew Sheets should be given to Alf by Wednesday even-



*Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula*

*Welcome  
to  
Worship in Our Parish*

**March 19th 2017**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

#### Service Times

##### Sundays

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**  
Morning Prayer @ St Barnabas'

**Wednesday - 10:00 am**  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ St Barnabas'  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ St Mark's  
5th Wednesday @ St Paul's

#### Parish Identity

*BGAP : A community who loves God and everyone else.*

Today's afternoon tea and Lenten discussion is at St Mark's  
3.30 to 5.00 pm. Theme: Three J's—see inside for full title

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### Today's Readings

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

### Next Week's Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

### A Continuing Prayer For The Parish

*'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*

**Known Happy Birthdays:** Pat Hunter 12th, Wilma Farrell 19th

**Known Happy Anniversaries:** Rosemary & Murray Hooper 19th

**Prayers for Healing:** After discussion with Rev'd Elizabeth, it has been decided to make this available for parishioners. If you have loved ones for whom you would like prayers, let Alf know, but only after getting permission from the person involved.

**Wanted – Room to rent:** We have been asked whether we in the parish might have a spare room to cheaply rent to Andrew (young, committed Christian) for one or two nights a week whilst he works part time as a personal carer at Bupa Bellarine Lakes. If you can help speak to Rev'd Elizabeth.

**Afternoon tea March 19th:** Full title of Jim's discussion is 'Jacob, Jeremiah & Jesus: dealing with God's grace and wrath'.

**Off with their heads:** Most of the agapanthus have lost their heads. There's about one hours work (one person, or half and hour for two) at St Mark's. Thank you again for work already done. As mentioned before, please cut the stalks close to the base. Stalks left long dry out and become dangerous spikes. Please leave the spent flowers in heaps for somebody with a trailer to pick them up.



**Welcome** to our services today - the third Sunday in Lent.  
*We hope you find your time worshipping God enjoyable and enriching. Please stay after the service for a cup of tea/ coffee, biscuit and fellowship.*

### For your diary:

Sunday March 19th	Last day for The Grapevine contributions
Wednesday March 22nd	Trip on the High Seas
Sunday March 26th	Archdeacon Crombie preaching - St Paul's & St Mark's
Saturday April 1st	Pastoral Listening Workshop @ All Saints
Sunday June 18th	Parish Consultation - more details later

**Meet the Facilitator:** Archdeacon Jan Crombie, the facilitator for the Parish consultation, has been invited to preach on March 26<sup>th</sup>. She will first of all be at St Paul's for 8 am and then St Marks for 10 am. This will give parishioners the chance to see/meet the Parish Consultation facilitator, and vice versa, in advance of the June meeting.

**Trip on the High Seas:** Whittington-Newcomb Fellowship invite you to a trip on the high seas on **Wednesday 22nd March**. Leave St Paul's @ 9.45 am to catch the 11 am ferry to Sorrento. Return on the 4 pm ferry. Price: \$20 return. All welcome but **Beware of the pirates**.

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**Vision & Direction Workshop Report:** Thank to everyone who provided some feed-back to Parish Council members. Archdeacon Jan Crombie led the workshop. Outcomes were:

- \* To replace the Parish's Mission statement with a Parish Identity statement (see Pew Sheet).
- \* To affirm the identity of this Christian faith community and to address with some urgency the good stewardship of parish resources – property, plant and people.
- \* To hold a parish consultation on June 18<sup>th</sup> to discern parish structure i.e. one or two parishes; how many centres. Archdeacon Jan agreed to be the facilitator for this meeting.

**Pastoral Listening Workshop:** Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> @ All Saints Newtown. Partnering in community is about listening, to help notice need, and to feel confident to make a positive difference. The Partnerships Ministry seeks to develop resources to equip parishioners in this. The aim is to equip us as Christians in 'holy listening' ... to take responsibility in listening, and how to discern shift of life. It is a very practical workshop, with a pattern of input and then 'triad' practice times. See flier for more details. This has been a very popular workshop in other areas, so please contact Elizabeth if you wish to attend.

