

The Vicar's Vibe

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

(Matthew 10:40–42 NRSV)

The parish council, myself, and Archdeacon Neil met Bishop Philip Huggins last week. I shall let Parish Council fully report on the meeting, but let it suffice for now to say that the meeting was cordial, and the Bishop was very supportive of the parish and our sense of renewed spirit that the Parish Council reported experiencing since the consultation meeting. He affirmed our desire to progress this parish by supporting all three worshipping centres within the one parish.

We need to recognise and celebrate that each of those centres, in fact, each of the four congregations has its own characteristics, just as different branches of a family can be similar and yet distinctive. However, no matter how distinct we are, we need to agree on our mission in this small part of God's Kingdom, and each find our own ways of expressing that same message.

I hope that part of our parish message will be a way of offering a welcome to the communities of Newcomb, Leopold and Whittington. – which is why I have included the somewhat brief, but vital, gospel for today. How can we offer a loving and sincere welcome to each other and to those around us?

I have heard some very encouraging stories of hospitality shared over the years, and I look forward to more.

During July, I am taking some time off from the parish to attend a course run by the Iona Community which may be very useful to us on our own journey. Please pray for me, as I likewise carry the hopes of our parish with me. I leave you in the safe care of Father Jim and Wayne Stewart, supported by Bishop Pete Danaher.

God bless you and those for whom you pray.

Trivia Answers: 1: Bob Dylan (Highway 61 Revisited),
2c (Acts 18:1-3), 3b (Gen 1:11-13)

Rev Elizabeth



Second of July 2017 Fourth 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

St Paul's

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

5th Wednesday.

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

And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

Matthew 10.42 ESV

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

Enid Hughes,
Cassie and family

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Readings

Today	Next Sunday
Genesis 22.1-14	Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalms 13	Psalms 45.10-17
Romans 6.12-23	Romans 7.14-25
Matthew 10.40-42	Matthew 11.15-19, 25-30

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 be. 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.**

Birthdays: Des Graham 06/07; Glad Elston 06/07

Today in History: 1643 – First meeting of the Westminster Assembly, a council of theologians ‘divines’ and members of Parliament appointed to restructure the Church of England and revise the 39 articles, at Westminster Abbey.

- Trivia:**
- 1: Which 1960’s folk singer wrote a humorous song about today’s old testament reading?
 - 2: When Paul wasn’t arguing with his congregations he a. fished, b. sold purple cloth, or c. made tents?
 - 3: On the third day of creation God created a. Sun, moon & stars, b. Fish & birds, or c. Dry land, seas & plants?



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!

- **Farewell to Bishop Paul and Robyn White:** Wed 5 July
St Paul’s (Latrobe Terrace) Wednesday 5th July at 6.30.
See 4/6 Pew Sheet for more detail (on web site).
RSVP asap to bishopphiliphuggins@melbourneanglican.org.au



- **Choral Evensong at St Paul’s Cathedral** Tue 25 July

We have received an invitation to visit the cathedral for Choral Evensong on Tuesday 25 July at 5.10pm, when prayers will be said at St Paul’s for Elizabeth and our parish.

On Sundays and throughout the week, Choral Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer — a long Anglican tradition — is sung at St Paul’s by the Cathedral Choir. Many of our regular worshippers tell us how the service provides an opportunity to listen, allow the words and music to lift their mind and soul to God in prayer.

If people are interested in attending we could travel up via train and have dinner afterwards?
Contact Marlene, (0418) 369 351, if interested.

- **July Combined Service Cancelled**

There was to be a combined service on the 30th of July. This has been cancelled and four regular worship services will be conducted as usual on that day.

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The Sermon on Mission ends by promising awards to people hospitable to Christian workers. Some Christians do not honestly feel very active in Christian missionary work... but if they can be hospitable to those who are so engaged, in the Lord’s eyes they are as valuable as those workers themselves. Those who are hospitable to Christian workers will receive Christian workers’ rewards!

Matthew: A Commentary, (Vol. 1 The Christbook), Frederick Dale Bruner