

Bellarine Gateway

ANGLICAN PARISH



Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula

Tenth of September 2017 Fourteenth 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.

<http://www.bgap.church/>

BGAP: A community that loves God and everyone else.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8 ESV

Ministry Team

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Readings

Today

Exodus 12.1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13.1-10
Matthew 18.10-20

Next Sunday

Exodus 14.19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14.1-14
Matthew 18.21-35

Birthdays etc

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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.**

Prayer List

Please pray for the healing of body, mind, and spirit of the following people who are on our hearts: Pam, Meryl, Barb, Barbara S., Cassie and family.

Sola fide — Faith alone

Faith alone (*sola fide* in Latin), means that good works are not required for salvation. Sola fide is the teaching that justification (being declared just by God) is received by faith alone, without any need for good works. Good works follow justification out of our faith in Jesus



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.

Notices

Change of address

Jill Giddings can no longer be contacted on her home phone. You can reach her on (0423) 218 822. She can return your call if you would incur a cost for calls to mobiles.

Bush Church Aid boxes

Please return all boxes by Sunday 15th October, so that the money can be blessed on Sunday 22nd October. Boxes can be left at St Mark's, or given to the clergy at St Paul's or St Barnabas' to bring to St Mark's the next week.

Alternatively boxes can be dropped in to Eril Holmes at home, or you can phone Eril to make some other arrangement: 5250 1166

Offertory Envelopes

These will be available in all centres next week (17/9).

St Francis Pet Blessing & Spring Fair

Volunteer sheets are now available in all centres looking for helpers for the day. Can you spare 1.5 hours manning a stall, burning sausages etc? Maybe you can help by providing some stock required for the stalls?

This is a golden opportunity to show off to the wider community our parish spirit and should be viewed as mission.

The Eagle has landed!

I received this from Alf via the interwebs: *"Arrived 12 noon today Thursday (Houston time) both well, just very tired need a early bed time tonight."*

October is the Reformation Celebration

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the protestant reformation when Martin Luther hammered the *95 theses* on the Wittenberg cathedral door (31/10/1517). Final plans are not sorted but a Reformation Celebration dinner and Bible study is planned for Sunday the 29th of October, mark that date on your calendar now!

The Vicar's Vibe

This week, we are singing a beautiful hymn by Marianne Hearn, “Just as I am.” I have included the words below for you to ponder on a little. Choosing hymns isn’t quite as simple as plucking them from the air, and this is a prime example of the behind the scenes discussions before it is finalised in the order of service. There are at least three different tunes set for it, and at least as many variants in the words, and between Wayne and I, we encountered most of them until we finally found the one that was singing in my head!

We have many dedicated volunteers in this parish; musicians, visitors to the sick & lonely, helping with nursing home services, parish councillors, those looking after our finances, cutting the grass, assisting in the op shops, but Wayne has to be thanked for the hard work and effort he uses to ensure that our worship is as good as it can be each week, whilst contending with the quirks and desires of Fr Jim and I. Luckily, he is of a reformed persuasion, or we would be applying for “living saint” status!!

Talking of Reformed Theology, this hymn is an example of the truth that Luther taught us; we come to God with nothing but ourselves, just as we are, we are saved by grace alone, inspired by God to live in love with each other as Christ would have us do.

We are working on an evening to commemorate Martin Luther and other very brave men who dared to stand up to the corruption of the Church 500 years ago. Through their actions, our denomination was formed, and their inspiration changed the way we worship God and consider our own salvation today. So watch this space for details.

*Just as I am, Thine own to be,
friend of the young, who lovest me,
to consecrate myself to Thee,
O Jesus Christ, I come.*

*I would live ever in the light,
I would work ever for the right,
I would serve Thee with all my might;
therefore, to Thee I come.*

*In the glad morning of my day,
my life to give, my vows to pay,
with no reserve and no delay,
with all my heart I come.*

*Just as I am, young, strong and free,
to be the best that I can be
for truth, and righteousness, and Thee,
Lord of my life, I come.*

May God continue to bless you and all those for whom you pray.

Elizabeth