

Bellarine Gateway

ANGLICAN PARISH



Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula

**Seventeenth of September 2017
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday

8:00 AM

St Mark's Leopold

St Paul's Whittington

10:00 AM

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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.

*Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ...
standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the
faith of the gospel.*

Philippians 1:27 ESV

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Readings

Today

Exodus 16.2-15

Psalms 105.1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20.1-16

Next Sunday

Genesis 2:15, 18-20

Psalms 23

Colossians 1:15-20

Matthew 6:25-34

Birthdays etc

Happy Birthday Rhoda, 98 years young yesterday!

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., Arthur, and Cassie and family.

Sola scriptura (Bible alone)

Bible alone (*sola scriptura* in Latin), means that the Christian Bible is the infallible rule of faith and practice. Every creed, church council, papal encyclical or bull, preaching, teaching, or private revelation must be provable from the Bible to be considered valid.

Anglicans, on the other hand, uphold the doctrine of *prima scriptura*, a three legged stool where tradition, reason, and scripture are all considered.



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

Fellowship Group Movie Afternoon

Victoria and Abdul at Readings Waurn Ponds,

1:30 for afternoon tea and the film starts at 2:45, Wed., 27th Sept.

Bush Church Aid boxes

Please return all boxes by Sunday 15th October, so that the money can be blessed on Sunday 22nd October.

Annual Reports

Parishioners are reminded that the end of the church's year is fast approaching and those responsible for writing reports should begin preparation.

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? We currently need scones for afternoon tea and star pickets for the outside activity area boundary marking, we already have the mesh.

October Reformation Celebration

After St Francis' day the next four Sundays will focus on the protestant reformation. The themes looked at will be Faith alone, Grace alone, Bible alone, and Christ alone.

Note that the bible readings will change from those listed, they will be published in the pew sheet the week before.

Leprosy Around the World.

Tuesday 10th Oct., 2.30pm at Waurn Ponds' Community Church, 48 Waurnvale Road, Belmont. Donations to *Defeat Leprosy around the World*. Enquiries to: Barry Edwards, 5241 7073.

Antarctica and Patagonia:

Jill and Des Graham will show us two different worlds.

St. Mark's Hall, Wednesday, 11th Oct. at 1pm.

Donation entry, afternoon tea included, there will also be a stall.

All proceeds to School Chaplaincy.

RSVP: Phyll: 5250 1461, by October 4th.

In the gospel this week, Jesus tells a story that must have puzzled the disciples, and thrown their already confused idea of their world into turmoil. “The last will be first, and the first will be last.” taught Jesus. The rich landowner valued the unemployed latecomer to the vineyard as much as the worker who had been there since dawn. Both needed the wage equally, regardless of when they started work, but my goodness, it feels topsy-turvy! In a world that values fame and wealth beyond other human qualities, how can we live up to the challenge that Jesus sets us?

That challenge sounds like a simple one to try this week, show undeserved grace to someone you come across. It may not end up being as simple as you think, but try to live out the call of this passage in the week ahead, and seek to meet the needs of someone, whether they deserve it or not.

Also take some time to reflect on the questions that come out of the reading this week?

How can we recognise our own privilege? How can we meet with those who haven't had the start starting point or opportunities as our own? How can we show the grace that is the marker of the kingdom in this passage?

Prayer Response

*Oh Father of the upside-down kingdom
who sees us beyond the worth and value of others
teach us to recognise our own positions of privilege and power,
to know that there is no favoured few or select group,
as we seek to demonstrate your grace to all whom we come across,
may we commit to living out YOUR kingdom values,
even when they conflict with what we see around us.
For your grace and mercy bring transformation,
Amen.*

Jude Thompson (Spirituality of Conflict)

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

Elizabeth