

# Bellarine Gateway

ANGLICAN PARISH



*Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula*

First of October 2017

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (St Francis' day)

## 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
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## Wednesday

10:00 AM	St Barnabas'	1st & 3rd Wednesdays
	St Mark's	2nd & 4th Wednesdays
	St Paul's	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.*

*Therefore do not be anxious, saying,*

*"What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?"*

*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

**Matthew 6:31, 33 ESV**

# Ministry Team

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## Readings

### Today

Genesis 2:15, 18-20

Psalms 8

Revelation 22:1-5

Matthew 6:25-34

### Next Sunday (Faith Alone)

Romans 3:9-26

Psalms 14

Romans 1:16-17; 5:1-9

Matthew 21:33-46

### Replacement October Readings (Reformation Celebration)

15/10/2017 *Grace Alone*

Titus 2:11-14; Psalms 106.1-6, 20-24;  
Ephesians 2:1-10; Matthew 22.1-14

22/10/2017 *Bible Alone*

Hebrews 1:1-4; Psalm 19;  
2 Timothy 3:14-17; Matthew 22.15-33

29/10/2017 *Christ Alone*

Hebrews 9:1-15; Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17;  
1 Tim 2:1-6 & Heb 4:14-16; Matt 22.34-46

## 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.

## Solus Christus (Christ alone)

Christ alone (*Solus Christus* in Latin), means that salvation is obtained through the atoning work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, alone, apart from individual works, and that Christ is the only mediator between God and man.

*Solus Christus* holds that salvation cannot be obtained without Christ.



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

**BCA boxes:** please return Sun. 15th Oct, to be blessed the next week.

**Annual Reports:** Parishioners are reminded that the end of the church's year is soon and those responsible for writing reports should begin preparation.

**Men's Breakfast:** Sat Oct 7th. Leopold Uniting, 7.30am donation \$3  
The speaker is Dr Allan Harman, Newington Presbyterian Church (Wallington). Dr Harman is an Australian theologian and Old Testament scholar and a former professor at Geelong's RTC.

**Remembering the Reformation,** Tues. 10, 17 & 24 Oct; 7:00 PM  
A 3 week course covering the reformation is being held at the Reformed Theological College, 125 Pigdons Road, Waurnd Ponds.  
\$30 with supper included.

**Leprosy Around the World.** Tues 10th Oct., 2.30pm at Waurnd Ponds Community Church, 48 Waurndvale Road, Belmont. Donations to *Defeat Leprosy around the World*. Enquiries to: Barry Edwards, 5241 7073.

**Antarctica and Patagonia:** Wed, 11th Oct. at 1pm, St. Mark's Hall  
Jill and Des Graham will show us two different worlds.  
Donation entry, afternoon tea included, there will also be a stall.  
Proceeds to School Chaplaincy. RSVP: Phyll: 5250 1461, by 4th Oct.

**Leopold Seniors 45th Birthday:** 11th Oct, 11:00 for 11:30,  
Italian Social Club, RSVP 4 Oct to Marjorie (03) 5252 1514

**Music at the Basilica — Venice:** 29 Oct 3 PM, 136 Yarra St  
Featuring music you might hear at the Basilica San Marco in Venice.  
Adult/Senior \$35, concession \$30, children free. [www.auschoir.org](http://www.auschoir.org)

## Do you have any spare cash?

Hey brother, spare a dime...

Seriously, the ADF offers very good rates on both investment & transaction accounts. The more BGAP parishioners invest with them, the more money we can borrow for development of the parish.



Let us put your money to work...

<http://www.adfmelbourne.org.au>

## A Sincere Thank You

Brian Dowsett would like to thank all those who sent cards and expressed their sympathy to him on the passing of Margaret; with a special thanks to Bonnie and the ladies who presented such a great spread after the funeral, it was greatly appreciated by all the family.

## The Vicar's Vibe

Did you know, however, that during his lifetime Francesco Bernardone was considered to be completely crazy?

Surely only a crazy man, even a 20 year old one, would strip naked in the town square to renounce his inheritance in front of his parents, the bishop and the entire population of Assisi? Their suspicions were confirmed when he was spotted kissing and hugging lepers. Then there were the times when he preached to the birds, calling them his "little sisters" and remarking that they paid better attention to the gospel than people did.

And later, the church thought he was crazy when he founded an order grounded in the belief that Jesus Christ's disciples could live as their Lord had, owning nothing, begging for what they needed and trusting God to provide for them as he did for the birds, the fish and the lilies of the fields.

People who had more possessions than they needed thought Francis was crazy because he refused to distinguish between the "deserving" and the "undeserving" poor. He gave to everyone who begged from him -- money or food if he had any, or a smile and a kind word if he had nothing else to offer.

People who resented the rich couldn't understand why Francis wouldn't condemn their selfishness; instead, he asked his wealthy sisters and brothers simply to open their hearts to the Holy Spirit's call and respond as their consciences commanded.

Even though many of his contemporaries already venerated him as a saint, almost everything Francis did was interpreted by someone as a sign that he had lost his mind. Francis didn't argue with them. He openly admitted that he was a fool, but not just any kind of fool. He was fool enough to believe that Jesus actually meant his disciples to live as he had instructed.

*"Sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." and "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you."*

Having lived his life in that way, on his deathbed Francis offered his friends a final prayer: "I have done what is mine. May Christ teach you what is yours to do."

May Christ teach us what crazy gospel acts may be ours to do. And may God give us the grace to accomplish those things as wholeheartedly, and as single-mindedly, as Francis did.

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

*Elizabeth*