



### From the Vicar's desk: A Reflection for Pentecost 13

The reading from Proverbs this week talks of Wisdom, who built a house, which was almost a temple to learning. She cooked a feast, she invited VIPs, and then she asked the world to join her.

We are all invited to join together, to learn and grow. There isn't an entry level, quite the opposite – “you that are simple, come and join us!” she calls. Don't be offended by being called simple, instead discover an invitation that is without pretension.

How curious that this should be one of our readings as I travel back from 3 weeks of learning. I went to Drew University in Madison New Jersey for a 2 week intensive course to kick start my Doctor of Ministry training. The good thing about this style of vocational training is that it feeds back, through me to my various ministries, and therefore to you the parishioners. The theme of the 2 week session was a bit of a mouthful: “Courageous Leadership in the context of change”

I did a whole lot of reading and writing before I left Geelong, and then learnt more in the class. The one thing I learnt that was unexpected and quite confronting was the struggle that black and white Americans face, even these days, with the problem of racism. I had no real sense of the self-segregation that still goes on.

But we all learn, every day, though our experiences and mistakes. I was very aware of that as I tried to find my way around New York; where to find the maps for the subway, how to get a ticket for the train and so on. It takes a lot of concentration to travel through a city the first few times.

I managed it, and bizarrely, ended up organising a group of non-New Yorker students to go on a precisely timed trip from Madison which was about an hour outside of New York. We decided to attempt to take sunset photos of the Statue of Liberty, unfortunately it was a bit cloudy, but still fun. It was a great end to my trip and felt almost like a reward for being open to wisdom, open to learning from experience.

Here's the end of the Proverbs reading....

<sup>6</sup> *Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.*

That's a goal we can all aim for in our lives within and outside of our faith life. By the way .... it's good to be back with familiar and friendly faces again.

Go well this week, and God bless all those for whom you pray.

*Elizabeth*

**Pew Sheet:** Material for inclusion in Pew Sheets should be given to Alf. by Wednesday evening.



## ***Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula***

*Welcome  
to  
Worship in Our Parish*

**August 19th 2018**

### **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Normal Service Times**

##### **Sundays**

8:00 am St Mark's Leopold & St Paul's Whittington  
10:00 am St Mark's Leopold & St Barnabas' Newcomb

##### **Wednesday - 10:00 am**

1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ St Barnabas'  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ St Mark's  
5th Wednesday @ St Paul's

##### **Morning Prayer @ St Barnabas' - 9 am**

**Monday - Wednesday, Friday**

#### **Parish Identity**

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

#### **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to enable individuals to recognize 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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### Today's Readings

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:11-21  
John 6:51-58

### Next Week's Readings

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

### 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 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.*



**Prayers for Healing:** Please pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit of the following people who are on our hearts: Don, Matthew R, Trudy, Joel, Colin, Ray & Harrison family; Pat, Val & John, Des M, Ann, Barbara S, Pam, Barb, Cassie & family.

(We would like to keep this list current so we need to know how your loved ones are faring. Please let us know. If you have any names, please let Alf know but only after obtaining permission from the person involved.)



Both the writer of 1 Kings 2 and the Psalmist focus on wisdom. The fear of the Lord is where it all starts, says the Psalmist. But it isn't about being scared of God. The phrase means 'the convergence of awe, reverence, adoration, honour, worship, confidence, thankfulness, love, and, yes, fear' – the sort of reverence that fills the hearts of God's followers and friends.

\*\* Give thanks for all that causes you to be reverent in the presence of God.

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A: Freda's birthday is on December 31<sup>st</sup>. when she turned 18. If the statement is made on January 1<sup>st</sup>, she was 17 the day before yesterday. She will turn 19 at the end of this year and be 20 next year.



**Welcome** to our services today. 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:

Thursday 23rd	Parish Council meeting @ St Barnabas, 10.00 am
Friday August 31st	BGAP photo competition closes
Saturday Sept. 1st	All Saint's Curry Night (see below and notice board)
Sunday October 7th	Spring Fair @ St Mark's, 2-4 pm

**Welcome:** We welcome Rev'd Elizabeth back to the parish. It is hoped that her study leave, albeit at times probably challenging, was fruitful.

**Parish Council Meeting:** Last week's Parish Council meeting was postponed and will now be held this Thursday 23rd August at St Barnabas at 10.00am. If there are any Parishioners with a matter they wish Council to consider, please speak to a member of Council.

**All Saint's Curry Night:** All Saints invites the parish Community to join them at for their Parish Curry Night which is always a popular, enjoyable evening. See flier on Notice board for details of times, menu, costs and tickets.

**Spring Fair:** The Spring Fair is on Sunday October 7th, 2-4 pm at St Mark's. There will be a pet blessing, pet memorial, sausage sizzle, afternoon teas, garage sale, produce and craft stalls, family and pet fun.

(From last week)

Q: The day before yesterday, Freda was 17. Next year she will be 20. How is this possible?

(Answer opposite page)

