



From the Vicar's desk: A Reflection for Pentecost 14

All activities done in our parish need to have a theological basis.

For instance, our main weekly activity, our worship service, is following instructions given to us in the Psalms, all the way through the Old Testament, and then more specifically in the New Testament. We pray, we give thanks without ceasing and we celebrate the great meal of thanksgiving and remembrance, our Eucharist each week. What about our Op Shops? They have a range of theological anchors; we give a welcome to the lost and lonely, we use the proceeds to support various ministries in the parish and further afield, plus through free school uniforms and other acts of quiet generosity, we demonstrate our love for the people in our neighbourhoods.

What about other events that we host during the year? The Fashion Show might seem like a curious one to justify theologically, but in our overflowing love for God, we have a desire to share a hospitality with those around us, so hosting a spot of fun that also feeds back into our Op Shops is still part of our mission.

Another test for a church activity would be to check it against the parish prayer that we say each week.

....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,...

Sometimes, however, being thoroughly anchored in God's mission to the world, and specifically to this part of the world, is insufficient to translate a good idea into a successful event, and that is the case with the Spring Fair and Pet Blessing planned for early October. There are several St Mark's members of the parish absent that weekend, and those that will be here do not feel capable of recreating the success of last year's event. Therefore, I regret to tell all those crafters, bakers and gardeners out there, who have recently been creating produce to sell, that the wardens and I have agreed to cancel the Spring Fair.

All is not lost; we shall include a produce stall in the Op Shop Fashion Show in early November at St Barnabas, so don't stop now! Get ready to buy a ticket and to welcome your network of friends to come for a fabulous evening out. Tickets will go on sale in a month or so.

.....God bless you and all for whom you pray this week.

Elizabeth

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



Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula

*Welcome
to
Worship in Our Parish*

August 26th 2018

Fourteenth 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.

MINISTRY TEAM

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Direct payments: Bank account details: BSB 033 009 A/c #537753

Today's Readings

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

Next Week's Readings

Song of Songs 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-23

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.)

Parish Council Report:

* Parish Council met on Thursday 23 August.

* Maintenance and improvement work continues at all three centres:

+ The bees at St Paul's were removed (again) during the plumbing repairs. John Campbell, Alf Eagle and our helpful gas plumber, Colin Sharp, were particularly thanked for their help this month.

+ St Barnabas' exterior work will start in early September, with the internal "dunny" work soon after.

+ St Mark's sound system has a glitch but this is being investigated.

* Parish Council welcomed back Rev'd Elizabeth from her study holiday. They discussed arrangements for Wednesday Eucharist services when daylight saving results in her online class clashing with the service time. The parishioners that attend Wednesday Eucharist

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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:

Friday August 31st	BGAP photo competition closes
Saturday Sept. 1st	All Saint's Curry Night (notice board)
End September	Dunny Appeal closes
November tba	Fashion Parade

Spring Fair Cancellation:

The Wardens and Rev'd Elizabeth have agreed to cancel this year's Spring Fair and Pet Blessing in October. This is due to a lack of able people available to help on the day.

We are sorry to have disappointed parishioners and the pet owners of the wider community.

Thank you to all who have been planting or creating items of produce to sell. There will be a produce stall at both the November Fashion Show and the state election sausage sizzle later in the year.

I particularly apologise to Barbara and Bob Gilchrist who had organised the Lions to run a sausage sizzle for us.

Police Checks:

If you have an active role in church or one of the church ministries, it is more likely than not that you now require to apply for a police check.

Rev'd Elizabeth will be sitting with her computer at Pearly Gates Op Shop from Monday 27 to Friday 31 August, 12.30 to 13.30. The main aim is to assist Pearly Gates Op Shop volunteers to apply for police clearances, but parishioners are welcome to drop in too. A similar exercise will be repeated at Heaven Cent in the coming weeks.

You can either fill in an **online form** ahead of time, or complete the same form with Rev'd Elizabeth in the shop. Either way you will need to bring in your ID to complete the process at the shop.

Typically, it takes 10 minutes. You will be asked for ID and you will need to fill in a form with some personal information such as your addresses for the last five years, your driver's licence number, passport number or other identifying information. You'll need to produce 100 points of ID, which Rev'd Elizabeth needs to see and verify.

The process is quick and provides no detail to the parish or Op Shop – all that is shown is just a line of information on the computer screen to say that the check is okay (or not).

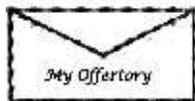
Online form available from Crim Check for VOLUNTEERS to complete:

<https://www.crimcheck.org.au/check/BGAP>

Pew Sheet: Wayne will be preparing the Pew Sheets for September/October.

For sale: red and black, 4 wheel Ablience electric scooter. Contact Carol 0408 518 324

Planned Giving



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Personally, I give through a direct debit arrangement with the ADF, which meant that while I was away on holiday, I still continued to support the parish financially. Our Treasurer, Gordon Dendle, can assist you with setting up this type of arrangement. It may seem odd that I contribute when the parish is responsible for my stipend, but I give to support the upkeep of the buildings and many ministries in the parish. Others in the parish give their time and energy, instead of money, to support our parish and that is why I often give thanks not just for the money in the plate, but also for our talents and direct debits, which are not always acknowledged in our standard thanksgiving prayers.

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