

Bellarine Gateway

ANGLICAN PARISH



Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula

Seventh of October 2018

20th Sunday after Pentecost — Ordinary Sunday 27

Sunday

8:00 AM

St Mark's Leopold

St Paul's Whittington

10:00 AM

St Mark's Leopold

St Barnabas' Newcomb

Monday - Tuesday

9:00 AM

St Barnabas'

Note reduced services until the 19th of November

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.

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

BGAP: A community that loves God and everyone else.

"Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

Mark 10:15 ESV

Ministry Team

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Readings

Today

Job 1.1; 2.1–10

Psalms 26

Hebrews 1.1–4; 2.5–12

Mark 10.2–16

Next Sunday

Job 23.1–9, 16–17

Psalms 22.1–15

Hebrews 4.12–16

Mark 10.17–31

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: Don, Matthew R, Trudy, Joel, Colin, Ray & Harrison family; Pat, Val & John, Des M, Ann, Jack & Ria Humphrey, Barbara S, Pam, Barb, Cassie & family.

(We would like to keep this list current so please let us know of any changes. Always obtain permission from the person(s) involved.)

Anglican Overseas Aid Appeal to Assist Indonesia

Donations will help bring immediate relief to the people suffering from this disaster, providing health services, food and clean water, items like blankets and tarpaulins to make sure that people's needs are met.

During October please consider a retiring offering for this appeal.

Alternatively you can donate directly at the website:
<https://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au/indonesia-tsunami/>

Or donate via our anonymous donation account:

BSB: 703 122 Account No: 0500 4734 (please mark as *Indonesia*)



Welcome to our services this morning. We trust you will find your time worshipping God enjoyable and enriching. Please stay for a cuppa and fellowship.

Notices

Parish Council

The next BGAP council meeting will be held on Thursday 11th October at St. Barnabas at 10.00. If there are any Parishioners with a matter they wish Council to consider, please speak to a member of Council.

Bush Church Aid boxes

Please return all boxes by Sunday 14th October, so that the money can be blessed on Sunday 21st 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.

15 October: Treasurer's report and books to G. Dendle for auditing

21 October: all reports and treasurer's statements to D. Kanen for preparation of books of reports.

11 November: the book of reports released

Fashion Parade

A beautiful quilt has been made, and donated by, Carleen Hutchings to raffle for our Fashion Show, and will be drawn on the night. Raffle books will be available next week. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5!

St Barnabas' Friday 2nd Nov at 7pm.

Christ the King Combined Service and AGM

The Annual General Meeting will follow our next combined service (a **service** we need to **survive?**) at St Mark's at 9:30 (11ish for the meeting).

Please prayerfully consider servicing (there's that word again, the parish needs your service to survive) as a parish councillor, or warden next year.

If anyone understands MYOB, we desperately need a new treasurer.



The Vicar's Vibe

We are going to spend some time with Job this October. I have a warning for you, for those who promote a theology of doing good things so that God will abundantly reward you, there may be some uncomfortable listening ahead.

For there are two questions that arise from this book; primarily “Why do bad things happen to good people?” and “Can we truly understand the nature of God?”. Those are mighty big questions to handle on an A5 piece of paper, so please don't get your hopes up for a neat answer!

I would really encourage you to do some homework these next few weeks, check out the whole story, for the lectionary only brings the highlights to us.

We think the book was written during the period when many people from Israel were taken as captives of war to Babylon. You can imagine, so far from family, temple and freedom that they would indeed be asking themselves “How did this happen?”, “What did we do wrong to God?” and miserably, “Is there any hope?”

I think that there is absolutely hope to be found in this tragic story, but you need to stick with it.

Job loses everything, his family, his income, his home and even his health, but for a while he remains strong to his idea of God, for whom he tried to do the right thing – behaving and saying the right thing, being righteous – for this strategy had worked really well up to the point when God and Satan decided to test him out.

After many chapters of his friends telling him to admit to the bad things that he obviously must have done to deserve to be in such a dire situation, he cracks and questions the motivation of God, or at least his idea of God.

And on 21st October (mark it in your calendar!) God appears to Job in the drama of a whirlwind! God shows Job what Paul will teach us later – we are saved through God's grace and love, and not through our actions. That we believe in a powerful and creative God, who remains with us as we work through good and bad days. None of us truly finds our mettle, our understand how God stays with us though suffering until we are in the ditch with Job, scraping our own sores. In life, bad things do happen to us all - to one degree or another – they aren't sadistic tests sent by God, it's just being part of the chaotic world in which we live, and sometimes due to our free choices as humanity - climate change comes to mind... But, how we respond and learn from suffering – that is when God is with us.

The Lord be with you and those for whom you pray.

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