

Bellarine Gateway

ANGLICAN PARISH



Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula

Twenty First of October 2018

22nd Sunday after Pentecost — Ordinary Sunday 29

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'

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.

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

BGAP: A community that loves God and everyone else.

Although he was a son, Jesus learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

Hebrews 5:8-9 ESV

Ministry Team

| | | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Vicar: Reverend Elizabeth Breakey | 5250 1401 0404 165 096 | vicar@bgap.church |
| Father Jim Minchin (on holiday) | 0427 056 654 | frjbminchin@gmail.com |
| Mrs Wilma Farrell | 5244 5537 | Pastoral ministry |
| Dr Wayne Stewart (Child Safety Officer) | 0414 503 300 | wayne@bgap.church |

Readings

Today

Job 38.1–7, (34–41)

Psalms 104.1–10, 26

Hebrews 5.1–10

Mark 10.(32–34) 35–45

Next Sunday

Job 42.1–6, 10–17

Psalms 34.1–8, (19–22)

Hebrews 7.21–28

Mark 10.46–52

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.

Electoral Roll

As we speed towards the end of the year, it is time to invite worshipers (old and new) to check whether your name is on the parish electoral roll. You need to be over 18 years old and have attended one or other of the parish worship centres 12 or more times this year, and particularly have attended three times in the last three months. In this parish we have carefully and sensitively maintained a roll that reflects the current numbers of worshipers at each church, and across the parish, but this isn't the case in all parishes — this week, I heard of another Geelong parish (name withheld!) who was still counting parishioners who had been deceased for several years!

Please ask for a form to add your name to the Electoral roll, so that we can display the updated list in good time for our annual meeting on 25 November.

Fashion Parade

Fashion Show tickets are now available from Bonnie Dendle, Margaret Dickson or Marlene Lacey — Adults \$15. Children free.

If anyone can help with some supper or a raffle prize on the night, it would be very much appreciated.

St Barnabas' Friday 2nd Nov at 7pm.

Remembrance Day Services at St Mark's Leopold (11 November)

8am Communion service as per usual

10.30am Community Memorial service at Leopold War Memorial, Melaluka Road, Leopold

Christ the King Combined Service and AGM — St Mark's 25/11/2018

The Annual General Meeting will follow our next combined service at St Mark's at 9:30 (11ish for the meeting).

We have many opportunities to serve in the parish this year.

We are prayerfully seeking 3 wardens, a treasurer and 2 additional parish councillors. Nomination forms are available from this Sunday.



The Vicar's Vibe (adapted from this week's Spirituality in Conflict Blog)



Where is your blind spot?
What do you miss while looking at it?

Today in our gospel, we hear Jesus telling his disciples for the third time that ‘we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.’

That sounds clear to me, but they still didn't hear or understand, or if they did hear Jesus, they blanked it out.

After all, accepting bad news that isn't quite what you want to hear perhaps losing a job, hearing about discord in your family, or a serious illness afflicting someone you love is very hard to take in.

Perhaps we shouldn't be so hard on those disciples. I think the moment in the Garden of Olives when Jesus was arrested was a big surprise for them, after all they were expecting their Messiah Jesus, (donkey riding, children loving Jesus), to suddenly reveal himself as “Freedom Fighting Jesus” and lead the revolution to push the Romans back from whence they had come.

Not so. With his humanity, he faced his death with understandable trepidation and in his divinity, with a submission to the will of his Father God, that takes our breath away every time we think about it.

Through his suffering, we are saved. Through his death, our sins are forgiven.

Surely the least we can do is accept this gift that Jesus gave to us, the gift of God's love that is so immense that we hardly know what to do with it. There is a way to deal with it, recognise the blind spot in our souls, if we care to look. God loved us before we were born, and will always be close, even if as Job discovered, we don't immediately sense God's presence. All we need to do is love God and the world around us.

When God spoke to Job in the whirlwind, it wasn't to hurt or terrify him, it was to remind him of all the good things that God has done for us, despite the trauma that Job was experiencing at that moment. When our prayers go unanswered – as we understand it – it can be hard to recall God's love. But it remains.

Do not fear, God is with us. Find your blind spot, live life as Jesus has taught us, in humility and love, with each of us trying our best to serving the other, as though your life depended upon it – because it does!

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

Elizabeth