

The Vicar's Vibe

The letter to Timothy this morning says : The members of the church “ are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.”

As St Paul reminds us over and over, we are saved by faith alone, and not by good works. But those good works, although not giving us a free pass into heaven, do other things. By caring for the poor, the dying, the prison and the refugee we really do form good foundations of how to live in a way that is recognisably caring, loving, in fact in a way that is truly Christian.

By living life in a way that shows our love for our neighbour, you cannot help but change the way you live. To become more caring, to realise that money doesn't hold the secret of happiness, that the smile on a dying woman's face is worth more than gold, changes us for ever. And just as the writer to Timothy declared, we will indeed begin to live in a way that is authentic, that is really life, and not some fake “try hard” version, keeping up with the Joneses version. So try being a girl guide or boy scout this week – do good deeds, let your kindness and generosity shine ahead of you like a beacon of God's love.

God bless you and those for whom you pray.

Rev Elizabeth

Farewell Rev Jack

(I was going to say Farewell Aunty Jack but was not certain how many would get the reference.)

Jack Humphrey has decided to stop and to enjoy his retirement more fully.

This will be tough, losing a valued member from our ministry team, but Jack's wishes can't be ignored.

I know that everyone in the parish really recognises the service, no, the love that Jack and Ria have shown them all over the last 5 1/2 years, and it is fitting that we mark his retirement as best we can.

At this stage his final services will be at St Mark's on the 16th and at St Paul's & St Barnabas' on the 23rd of October.



Twenty fifth of September 2016 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Wednesday

10:00 AM

St Barnabas'

St Mark's

1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

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.

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For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11 ESV

Please pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit of:

Pat B, Cassie & family, Vi, Gwen, Pam, Meryl, Barb G, Russell, Rita, Hooper-Travers families, Jayde, Mr Di Cesare, Sandra.

If you have any more names, please let the pew sheet editor know **but only after** getting permission from the person involved.

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Readings

Today	Next Sunday
Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15	Lamentations 1.1-6
Psalms 91.1-6, 14-16	Psalms 137
1 Timothy 6.6-19	2 Timothy 1.1-14
Luke 16.19-31	Luke 17.5-10

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.**

Birthdays: Nope

Confirmation

Any parishioner interested in being confirmed, or know of someone who might be, please contact Rev. Elizabeth. Currently there are two candidates preparing for confirmation.

Vale Bev Hinkley

Unfortunately we have to report that Bev Hinkley (of St Barnabas) died in the early evening of Wednesday 21 September.
Please pray for Noel and the extended Hinkley family.
The funeral will be held at St Barnabas' on Thursday 29 September at 1:30pm followed by afternoon tea, and then a private cremation.
The family would like us to assist with catering so if you are coming to the funeral please bring along a plate to share.



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.

Coming up & before it's too late!

- **Bev Hinkley Funeral:** St B' on Thurs. 29 September at 1:30pm
- **Discover Cornwall:** Guest speaker Neil Thomas, A bard of Cornwall
St Andrew's Corio, sumptuous afternoon tea
Mon., 3 Oct. at 1PM, \$10 RSVP/Enquiries Sandra 5275 1091
- **Lazarus Centre Lunch:** 7 October — see notice board.
- **St Paul's Fellowship Group:** High tea at the Wool Exchange
44 Corio Street, Geelong, \$10 per head
7 October at 2:30, please RSVP Marlene ASAP (0418) 369 351
- **Chaplaincy Fundraiser:** Travels with Jill & Des.
St Mark's Hall — stall & afternoon tea, gold coin donation,
Tuesday 11 October, 1 for 1:30, RSVP Phyll (5250 1461) by 4/10.
- **Church Unite:** 16 October — see notice board.
- **All Saint's Day:** Combined Service, 30 October at St Paul's
- **Confirmation Service:** with Bishop Philip Huggins presiding.
Sunday 11 December 9:30 AM (NB. this is a combined service at St. B's).



BCA Boxes

Please return these to Eril by Sunday 23rd October so the money can be blessed at the combined service at St Pauls on the 30th.

Trivia Quiz:

Last Week's Answer:

The three young men in the fiery furnace were Shadrach, Meshach and the guy from Bendigo! (Abednego)

This Week's Question:

Who was up in a tree when he first met Jesus?

New Website

We are developing a new website, for a sneak peak go to

<http://wp.bgap.church>