

The Vicar's Vibe

In the last few days of his ministry, Luke tells us of the Pharisees scolding Jesus for allowing his disciples to loudly rejoice and praise God for all the mighty wonders they had seen.

Jesus gives them one of his trademark smart responses "If these people should keep silent, the very stones would shout out!"

The reading from Acts reflects this inability to keep quiet about the good things that God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit have worked through the apostles, who were filled with the Holy Spirit. With this new-found authority, or power, given by the Holy Spirit, Peter was achieving miracles of healing similar to those done by Jesus. When the crowd stood in amazement, he couldn't help but tell them about Jesus, his death, his resurrection and his promise to be with all of us who believe. If he had kept quiet, perhaps the very stones would have shouted out.

But today, we Christians are **SO** quiet, that we need to look to the stones to do our work- to tell of God's saving love for us. Even if the stones around us were only whispering, they would be deafening compared to us. What do our churches tell of that love? Are they loved? Do they look closed most of the time? Good questions to ponder on, eh?

What are we so scared of, I wonder, that we stay silent about our faith? When did you last take a risk and talk about what you experienced in church last week with your family, friends or passers by? I hope that now and again, you do experience something positive, something of the Holy Spirit in our worship.

Each of us, as we pass through our circles of friends, family and neighbours, whether we like it or not, we are apostles to those around us. Most of them know that you disappear to church some Sundays, but do they know what you do there, or do they only hear about complaints?

Would you come to your church based on what you share to your wider circles? I suspect not. You keep coming, so why not turn around the message, celebrate the gift that the Holy Spirit keeps giving you, and if not outright invite them, at least share the good news, with and without capital letters!

May God continue to bless you and all those for whom you pray.

Elizabeth



Fifteenth of April 2018 — Third Sunday of Easter

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

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.

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

BGAP: A community that loves God and everyone else.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

... we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him

1 John 3:1-2 NIV11

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Readings

Today

Acts 3.12–20

Psalms 4

1 John 2.15–17; 3.1–6

Luke 24.36–48

Next Sunday

Acts 4.5–12

Psalms 23

1 John 3.16–24

John 10.11–18

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.**

Anniversaries: Val & Ken White 18th
Amy & Lindsay Curtis 19th,
Val & Adrian Rawlings 22nd

Prayer List

Please pray for the healing of body, mind, and spirit of the following people who are on our hearts: Ann, Jo, Audrey Miles, Barb, Barbara S, Pam, Heather R, Arthur, Enid Hughes, Cassie & family.



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.

Notices

Parish Council

The next meeting is on 19/04/2018 @ 10:00AM @ St Barnabas'

Readers and Communion assistants

Rev. Elizabeth would like to hold a brief meeting to encourage folk to consider signing up as Sunday Readers or as Communion Assistants on any of the three church rosters.

If you wish to know more about the current procedures, the meeting will be at 12noon at St Barnabas church on Sunday 22nd April.

ANZAC Day Memorial Service

This will be held at the Leopold War Memorial, 8:00AM.

The Memorial is in Melaluka Road, just past the sports grounds.

Church Safe Combined Service

29/04/2018 @ 9:30 AM @ St Mark's

The next combined service will be used as an opportunity to update the parishioners on child safety rules and general safety within the church buildings etc.

Planning meeting: Anyone interested in helping to plan the combined service is welcome to meet on Wed 18/04/2018 after the 10am HC service at St Barnabas' (about 11.30am).

Parish Directory

An up-to-date Parish Directory was made available to parishioners on Easter Sunday.

If you did not receive one, please speak to Rev. Elizabeth.