



### From the Vicar's desk:

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Combined Service last week at St Mark's. I recognise that it was a departure from "normal" church, but the results of the activities and the discussions truly showed the presence of God amongst us.

I promised to print and share the prayers that some groups created as part of their discussions about being apostles to their friends and families. Some conversations didn't result in a printable prayer, but connections were forged, experiences shared, and God was found in some surprising nooks and crannies of our lives. As our gospel says today, if we live in Jesus, he will live, or abide, with us. What a blessing we can be to those around us!

Help us God,  
to open our eyes to opportunities to witness  
and the courage to do so. *Amen.*

Dear God,  
Help us in our daily lives to show by example  
that we are Christians.  
By listening, loving, and encouraging  
all that we encounter with firm but loving kindness.  
*Amen*

God of all peoples, bless this day,  
all those who are in need of help –  
the sick, the maimed, the handicapped,  
the homeless, and those in trouble of any kind. Grant to us eyes to see  
the need, ears to hear the call for help,  
and hearts to respond with  
generosity and kindness. *Amen*

The Child Safe Promise Posters all looked good and I am hoping to get a couple printed for use across the parish. Watch this space, and thank you for your creativity.

God bless you and all for whom you pray.

*Elizabeth*

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



## *Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula*

*Welcome  
to  
Worship in Our Parish*

**May 6th 2018**

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

#### **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

#### **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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### *Today's Readings*

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-12  
John 15.9-17

### *Next Week's Readings*

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
John 17:6-19

### 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.*

**Known Happy Birthdays:** Cath Rankin 6th, Eric Billing 8th, Bob Smith 11th

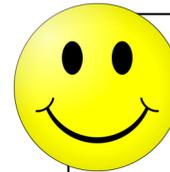
**Known Happy Anniversaries:** Des & Carleen Hutchings 10th

(Please contact me if I miss any important dates so that I can up-date my records. Alf)

**Prayers for Healing:** 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,

**Diocesan Op Shop Network Meeting:** Monday 7th May, 10 am to 2 pm; Leaving St Paul's Whittington at 9.00 am. This is a great chance to hear what's new in Op Shops, share in worship, catch up over lunch then go and compare notes with the St Eanswith Op Shop volunteers. This could be a very fruitful meeting and spaces have been booked sufficient for volunteers from both Pearly Gates and Heaven Cent to attend. There is space in Elizabeth's car for 6 passengers. So please let her know if you need a lift.

**Red Cross Film night:** Leopold Red Cross invites you to a fund raising film night at St Mary's Hall, Yarra Street, on Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 pm, to see the comedy *'Going in Style'*, starring Morgan Freeman and Michael Caine. Tickets @ \$12.50 from Phyll 5250 1461 or Maureen 5250 1228. Supper provided. All proceeds to disaster relief in Myanmar (formerly Burma).



**Welcome** to our services today. We hope you find your time worshipping God enjoyable and enriching. Please stay after the services for a cup of tea/coffee, biscuit and fellowship.



**For your diary:** (More details for these events are in the body of the Pew sheet)

Monday May 7th	Diocesan Op Shop meeting @ St Eansworth, Altona
Sunday May 13th	NB:Readers - Readings have changed, combo Easter 7 & Ascension
Sunday May 20th	Hymn Singing @ Christ Church Geelong @ 2 pm
May 10th - May 20th	Thy Kingdom Come
Sunday May 20th	Red Breakfast @ St Mark's, 8.30 am
Sunday May 20th	Pentecost Service @ St Mark's 9.30 am
Wednesday May 30th	Red Cross film night @ St Mary's, 7.30 pm
Saturday June 2nd	Men's Breakfast @ Leopold UC
Sunday June 3rd	Book launch @ St Andrews UC, 10 am

**Red Breakfast/Pentecost Service, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ St Mark's:** Due to the ongoing work at St Barnabas, Parish Council has agreed that we relocate this shared breakfast to St Mark's. Please note the change and mark it on your diary. Volunteers for setting up, cooking and tidying up are always welcomed! Breakfast at 8.30am; Pentecost Service at 9.30am. Sign-up sheets are in each centre to help with catering.



**Australia's Biggest Morning Tea:** Leopold Uniting Church invites parishioners to come and be part of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday 23rd May commencing at 10:15am. Your donation will help Cancer Council Victoria support those suffering from cancer.

**Thy Kingdom Come:** After the success of last year's active 10 day praying marathon, it is back again from Ascension (10th May) to Pentecost (20th May). There is a beacon event to complete the ten days on 20th May at Wesley church 7pm. It has been organised by a close knit team of Uniting Church and Anglicans, and all denominations in Geelong have been invited.

**175th Anniversary Christ Church, Geelong:** 2018 is the 175th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone in 1843. During the Heritage Festival of National Trust, Christ Church will be open every Sunday after morning services for people to view the beautiful stain glass windows and history of this church. An exhibition of Archival documents and historical memorabilia will be on view to complement the beautiful stain glass windows.

**Invitation:** On 20th May there will be Hymn Singing at 2 pm followed by afternoon tea to end our Heritage Month in this our 175th Year of laying the Christ Church Foundation Stone. Please come and enjoy the afternoon.

**Update on Renovation Work at St Barnabas’:**

Thank you to the wardens who have chased down a good deal for the renovation work at St Barnabas’. There is a lot to be done, some visible and inconvenient to hall users, others not so much. The hall has now received its first coat of paint, and already looks bigger and brighter! Later in this month, the hall floor, which has reached the end of its life after multiple sandings, will be replaced. Part of the replacement process will be to treat and polish the floor, and the project manager has very clearly requested that during that week, NO ONE is to walk, sneak, run, tiptoe or “just dash” across the floor. Therefore, unless you are an expert in levitation, please heed the barriers and signs not to enter. Obviously, this puts the toilets out of action, and the wardens will do their best to keep St Barnabas parishioners up to date with the one Sunday when access will not be available.

Further down the list of work, the scruffy and ageing toilets will be given a facelift which will make our hall renters happier and will increase the chances of our hall being fully utilised during the week. Outside, there is a long list of maintenance works to be completed to ensure that St Barnabas returns to a state of good repair. Similar projects will be carried out, in time, at all three churches.

**Launch of the Biography of the Reverend Andrew Love:**

The Congregation of St Albans-St Andrews Uniting Church most warmly invites parishioners to the launch of 'Love By Name, Love By Nature', the long awaited biography of the Reverend Andrew Love, first minister of St. Andrew's UCA (formerly Presbyterian Church), and one of the founders of the University Hospital, Geelong. Commenced by renowned author Mrs. Heather Le Griffon, and recently completed by Mr. John Angel, this long-awaited book tells the inspiring story of the Reverend Andrew Love who, among other attributes, was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Geelong Hospital from 1850 until his death in 1867. We hope you can come along to all of this celebration, or as much as you are able. Welcome!

**Where:** St. Andrew's Uniting Church, corner Sydney Avenue & Sydney Parade, Geelong.

**When:** Sunday June 3rd 10.00 am

**Program:** Worship 10.00 am; Presentation on Reverend Andrew Love & book launch 11.15 am; Morning tea 11.30am.

**RSVP** 28.05.18 for catering purposes: [standrewsgeelong@bigpond.com](mailto:standrewsgeelong@bigpond.com)

**Eastern Cemetery Tour:**

Following the book launch there will be an optional complimentary short tour of five significant graves/monuments in the Eastern Cemetery, namely those of: William Simpson, John Geddie, Francis Ormond, Andrew Love and Alexander Thomson (See flier for more details of these men and instructions on 'How to get there.'

**P.S.** Now that you and your sister are graduated, happily married and working at jobs that are challenging and financially rewarding, your father and I feel it's finally our time. Someone said, "Life doesn't begin at conception, nor at birth, but when the kids leave home and the dog dies."

We eagerly await the next chapter in our lives.  
Wagons ho!

I love you,  
