

Reflection for Ascension Sunday ~ Pray : Thy Kingdom Come

Our on-going theme these past weeks has been around discovering how to be apostles to our friends and families, and the Thy Kingdom Come Project - 10 Days of Prayer seem to have landed at just the right moment in our parish.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

The hope is that:

- * people will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family;
- * churches will hold prayer events;
- * people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

So we in the Bellarine Gateway Parish are joining in the fun, of actively praying for folk – known or otherwise – it's your choice. I want to give this project a good shot, so there are multiple chances to be involved: We have incorporated some of the worship resources into today's service; the Wednesday 10 am Eucharist service at St B's will focus on the Lord's prayer as a means to pray for the world; and we are all invited to join the Beacon culminating event at Wesley Centre, 100 Yarra St, on 20 July @ 7pm.

Please give it a try. Who will you pray for , I wonder?

In the gospel today, Jesus – just before he departed to the Garden of Olives – prayed to God for his disciples, and for those who would come to faith through them. That's us! Jesus prays for us constantly, as part of the eternal love that he shows us, and where better to do that praying than whilst sitting at the right hand of God, the preferred place of honour?

*Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.Amen*

God bless you and all for whom you pray over these next 10 days.

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 13th 2018

Ascension Sunday

Normal 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.

Next Sunday:
Red Breakfast @ St Mark's 8.30 am
Combined Pentecost Service @ St Mark's
9.30 am

MINISTRY TEAM

Vicar: Rev'd Elizabeth Breakey 5250 1401; 0404 165 096
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Father Jim Minchin on leave

Mr Wayne Stewart Child Safety Officer, 0414 503 300, wayne@bgap.church

Mrs Wilma Farrell 5244 5537 Pastoral Ministry

Parish web-site: www.bgap.church

Today's Readings

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 67
Ephesians 1:15-23
John 17:6-19

Next Week's Readings

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:26-36
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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: Eril Holmes 13th

(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,

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 30th, 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).

Launch of the Biography of the Reverend Andrew Love:

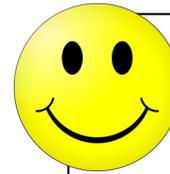
Refer last week's Pew Sheet for more information on Rev'd Andrew Love.

Where: St. Andrew's Uniting Church, corner Sydney Avenue & Sydney Parade, Geelong, Sunday June 3rd

Program:

Worship 10.00 am; Presentation on Reverend Andrew Love & book launch 11.15 am; Morning tea 11.30 am; Eastern Cemetery Tour 1.00 pm (See flier for details and How to get there)

RSVP 28.05.18 for catering purposes: standrewsgeelong@bigpond.com



Welcome to our services today - Ascension Sunday. 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:

Sunday May 20th
May 10th - May 20th
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Wednesday 23rd
Wednesday May 30th
Saturday June 2nd
Sunday June 3rd

Hymn Singing @ Christ Church Geelong @ 2 pm
Thy Kingdom Come
Red Breakfast @ St Mark's, 8.30 am
Pentecost Service @ St Mark's 9.30 am
Beacon event at Wesley Church, 7 pm
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 2 Leopold U.C.
Red Cross film night @ St Mary's, 7.30 pm
Men's Breakfast @ Leopold UC
Rev. Andrew Love Book launch @ St Andrews UC, 10 am



Have you signed up for Red Breakfast May 20th @ St Mark's: Breakfast is at 8.30am; followed by Pentecost Service at 9.30am. Volunteers for setting up, cooking and tidying up are always welcomed!

*** Sign-up sheets are in each centre to help with catering.

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. Web-site: thykingdomcome.global

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.

175th Anniversary Christ Church, Geelong: 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. More information in last week's Pew Sheet.

Renovation Work at St Barnabas':

The hall has now received its first coat of paint. Later this month, the hall floor will be replaced. Part of the replacement process will be to treat and polish the floor. 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. 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.

