

Reflection for Trinity Sunday:

It was fun to see the sea of red in church last week. The spirit was blazing amongst us! In particular, Wayne's Hawaiian/Scottish /Egyptian combo put a smile on many faces, although it was best viewed through sunglasses! Someone asked me what a visitor to church on Pentecost would make of all the questionable fashion choices, but I think that we run the risk of people feeling that it is all rather strange every week. What with the curious clothing of the ministers, and movements that we habitually make as we progress through our service of prayer, worship and eucharist. It is up to us all to help visitors as they venture along this journey of discovery, to know that they are welcome.

Last week, some of the parishioners and I attended the "Thy Kingdom Come" beacon event. We experienced a very different style of worship, and sometimes it felt a bit disorientating, - was this really church? We all praise God in our own way, so yes, it might not have been our style, but it really was "church".

I wonder if Nicodemus, who snuck out under cover of dark felt the same way when he met with Jesus that night? It was a brave thing to do, to try to understand what Jesus was talking about, as a first step in building bridges of trust. Instead of engaging in a deep theological conversation, Jesus seemed to challenge Nicodemus' very understanding of God and the personal transformation which was required to live in faith. Jesus tried to explain to him that God had sent his Son into the world, not to sit in judgement, but instead to enable the world to be saved from the tyranny of evil in all its forms.

"How can this be?" wondered Nicodemus , as the chasm of understanding and culture yawned between them. "How can anyone be reborn?"

Well, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, we can all be transformed, reborn, into a new life. It is up to us to acknowledge our love for God, and to accept the overwhelming love that God has for us, to receive the gift of forgiveness and to live again!

To live a life of love and service to others is the way that powers of darkness in this world will be overcome, and we who have been baptised and who transform the way we live, will indeed find a new life through water and through the Holy Spirit.

God bless you and all for whom you pray this week.

Elizabeth

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

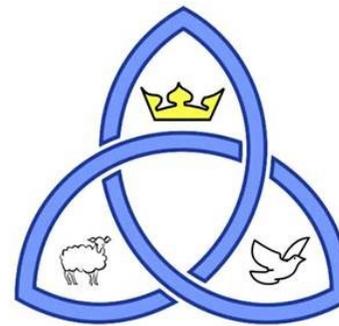


Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula

*Welcome
to
Worship in Our Parish*

May 27th 2018

Trinity 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.

MINISTRY TEAM

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Today's Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

Next Week's Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23 - 3:6

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.

Prayers for Healing: Please pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit of the following people who are on our hearts: Adrian, Sue & family, Alan, Brian, Graeme, Des M, Peter, Ann, Barb, Barbara S, Pam, Arthur, Cassie & family,

Thank You to the parishioners who joined in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday at Leopold Uniting Church. Everyone enjoyed a tasty morning tea whilst sharing in a wonderful time of fellowship together. I am pleased to advise a total of \$1,543.75 has been forwarded to Cancer Council Victoria.

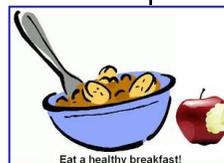
Kathleen Cummings ABMT Organiser

Men's Breakfast: Saturday June 2nd, Leopold Uniting Church; 7.30 am; Guest speaker: Shirley Grace 'Growing chicory on Phillip Island'; Any queries contact Alf 5250 2082.

Book launch: Sunday June 3rd; St Andrews UC, worship 10 am; presentation on Rev'd Andrew Love and launch of biography 11.15 am followed by morning tea.

Colour cartridges: If anyone can make use of 5 colour cartridges to suit a Canon Pixma 72 series printer, contact Graham Barker, 52 50 6598.

Smile: James, 4, was listening to a bible story. His dad read: "A man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee from the city but his wife looked back and turned to salt." Rather concerned by this, James asked: "What happened to the flea?"



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

Also, we welcome Father Jim back from his travels.

Vale: It is with much sadness we announce the death of Amy Curtis. Amy died on Thursday 24th. She was a loyal, much loved and respected worshipper at St Mark's for many years. Please remember Lindsay and his family in your prayers.

Parish Council Report:

1. St Barnabas' Hall update: painting is finished; new floor installation is ongoing; heating will be installed on 5th June; further maintenance going to schedule.
2. Dunny drive for bathroom fittings approved by Parish Council – target is \$2,000.
3. Conversations regards St Mark's car park have started with Leopold Primary School. The Parish Council supports Rev'd Elizabeth in her efforts to talk to Leopold Primary School about how we provide a safe and shared resource of car parking space for about 30 minutes at the start and close of each school day. We are talking about how to source finance through community grants for the improvement of the car park. This is an expression of our ministry of hospitality to the community.
4. St Marks' sound system - second quote is underway.
5. The implementation of the parish designed Church Safe posters was discussed.
6. We are still praying for a treasurer to be inspired to join Parish Council for 2019 to enable Gordon Dendle to have his well deserved and overdue year of sabbatical.
7. Similarly, we are praying that another member of parish will fill the casual vacancy that was created when Jan Long retired from Parish Council. This might be the same person.

Dunny Drive: The costs of renovating St Barnabas have been met within the budget for this year, and we are inviting parishioners to contribute towards updating the bathroom fittings, aka the Dunnies, in St Barnabas' that were not part of the original project costings. It is quite clear that the current toilet fittings will look very old fashioned and worn out once the toilet walls, partitions and ceilings have been updated. So, we are inviting parishioners to contribute, as they feel able, to bringing the toilets up to date. Parish Council anticipate that close to \$2000 will be needed to purchase and fit 3 toilets, 2 basins and a new urinal.

*** Some parishioners may wish to pay their donation directly into BGAP's bank account.: BSB 033 009 A/c #537753.

*** Identify the payment as St B's (and your initials if you wish)

St Barnabas' Hall: New flooring has been installed. The next step is to treat and polish the floor. The project manager has requested that during that week, NO ONE is to walk across the floor.

No go zone!!!