

Reflection for Pentecost 4

This week we hear episode three of a thirteen-part saga of the Davidic line of Kings. It covers a long story that begins with the priest Samuel the King Maker (and breaker), of his warning to the people that they would be better off staying with the leadership of sanctified priest/judges (like Samuel himself) in a theocracy rather than the default Kingly leadership of their neighbouring countries. The saga covers the reign of David and (spoiler alert) finishes with his son Solomon dedicating the temple to God.

The accounts that we read in the saga entirely miss the first King that was chosen by lot by the people. King Saul. Samuel was led to him by God and anointed him. He was obvious King material; tall, handsome and young. What wasn't entirely obvious was that he was rather neurotic. The men of Israel chose him by lot, but when his name was called, he was missing. He was found hiding behind the baggage, that should have worried them all, but still, he was made King.

To be honest, the mix of a neurotic king with a few negative personality traits combined with a somewhat grudging assistant leader was never going to go well. Samuel seemed to still call the shots and would give Saul instructions on what to do or where to meet him. I am afraid that Samuel didn't always give Saul the whole instruction, so Saul was frequently set up to fail. Saul would then be berated by Samuel as failing to obey and honour God. He was a failure in Samuel's eyes. Eventually God and Samuel secretly identified a new Crown Prince, and from then on, it was only a matter of time until Saul was removed.

This still happens when teams have different agendas, and hope for different outcomes. The result is usually the same – disappointment, chaos, and very little is achieved. No one wins when games are played. We are blessed this year with a parish council who are all focused on finding ways for each of our three churches to flourish.

Some of the plans will be slower than others to be realised, but I would encourage you to support and in turn encourage your parish councillors who have taken on this responsibility. For instance, I pray that we can all support the Dunny Drive, that focuses on the toilets at St Barnabas', shortly after it will be St Mark's that has attention given to it, and then we will all need to support St Paul's with their renewal. To grudge the present focus on St Barnabas' would be to grudge the bigger picture of the Holy Spirit working within and among us, and I am sure that is never our intention.

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*

June 17th 2018

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16.13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

Next Week's Readings

1 Samuel 17:32-49

Psalm 9::9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

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: Ray Hunter 13th, Jill Graham 14th (Apologies for these being omitted from last week's Pew Sheet) Margaret Mitchell 21st (Please contact me if I miss any important dates so that I may 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: Adrian, Sue & family, Alan, Brian, Graeme, Des M, Peter, Ann, Barb, Barbara S, Pam, Arthur, Cassie & family.



St Barnabas' Upgrade & Dunny Drive:

For parishioners who wish to pay their donation directly into BGAP's bank account, account details are: BSB 033 009 A/c #537753. Identify the payment as St B's (and your initials if you wish)

Spring Fair: It is on again, at St Mark's, early October. This is advance notice if you wish to create or grow something.

Anam Cara Geelong: Volunteers wanted!!

For details how you may be able to help, refer to June 3dr and 10th Pew Sheets

True friendship: The proper way to create friends is through a warm heart and not simple money or power. Friends of power and friends of money are something different. These are not friends.
Dalai Lama



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:

Thursday 21st

July 14th

July 27th

October date tba

Parish Council meeting,

Garage Sale in support Kokoda Youth Program

Trivia Night in support Kokoda Youth Program

Spring Fair



BGAP Photo Competition 2018:

Submission date: 31st August

Subject: Bellarine Gateway Anglican Parish. - the churches, the Op Shops, the people and the surrounding streetscapes and landscapes of the parish

Note: Permission must be sought from people featured in the photos and included with the entry form

Format: Black and white portrait-oriented digital photographs

Prize: top six photographs, as judged by popular vote, to be hung as large poster size, in St Barnabas' Hall

** Entry form to follow soon.

Thank You: Lindsay, Rhonda and Laurence and families wish to thank the wonderful ladies and gentlemen of St Mark's for preparing the Church, the Hall and catering for Amy's funeral. Thank you also to Cath Rankin for playing at the Service. You all contributed to a lovely farewell of Amy from her beloved Church. We are most appreciative of all your support of us at this time.

Lindsay Curtis

Parish Council meets this Thursday 21st June at St Barnabas at 10.00 am. If there are any parishioners with a matter they wish Council to consider, please speak to a member of Council.

Kokoda Youth Program: This is an early intervention program to provide an avenue to assist young people to re-engage with school and break the current pattern of anti-social behaviour. The Leopold community has been working with this program since its inception in 2013. Each year we have ensured the involvement of at least one deserving person by raising the necessary funds (\$6,000) necessary for their participation. Two events have been organised to raise funds to support this program. They are:

Garage Sale: July 14th Start collecting items for the sale

Trivia Night: July 27th @ Leopold Sportsmans Club

Further details for these events will be provided as they come to hand.