

Reflection for Pentecost 5

It is easy to have faith when everything is going well, isn't it? – but how do you fare when life gets challenging?

Our gospel for today is where Jesus is found on a boat, sleeping like a baby, while a storm rages all around him. We are invited to deliberate on this very thing -when the going gets tough, where will you go? What will you do?

Will you panic, adding to the chaos? By the very act of panicking, you will be unable to think clearly, you might cast around for someone else to blame, and you will be unable to hear the calm wisdom of God. Or will you do the more challenging thing? Will you stop in that storm, move towards Jesus and be still? Will you be able to join with nature when Jesus commands the storm "Peace! Be Still!" Will you?

I am afraid that for most of us, we do not know exactly how we will respond until the moment is upon us. Although, you can practice your response, which is very helpful. After all, that's why we do fire drills and emergency evacuation practices. So that in the moment of high drama, a remembered action will kick in and you will know where to find the exit in the darkened smoke-filled room.

In my past life as an engineer in the oil industry, every couple of years I had to demonstrate a proficiency in escaping from a crashed helicopter that was underwater and upside down. And to this day, should I travel on a plane through air turbulence, a memory of that training comes naturally to mind; I tighten my seat belt and coach myself to be calm and alert.

So, having practiced turning to Christ in good and tricky times, good things will happen. The emergency in your life, the storm, will still be there, but you will no longer be on your own and with a calmer mind, there is a better chance that you will be able to find a solution, or at least a way to deal with the crisis at hand. You will find a way to survive that crisis, perhaps a bit singed or scarred, but certainly wiser, stronger and with a deeper knowledge of God's presence.

After all that's what we ask of people being baptised; "do you turn to Christ?" What does turning to Christ look like for you? More prayer, more moments of thoughtfulness towards others, more awareness of God's presence in our lives? Whatever it looks like, please do your best – Turn to Christ this week!

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 24th 2018

Fifth 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 17:32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

Next Week's Readings

1 Samuel 1:1,17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark

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 Anniversary: Wilma & Brian Farrell 25th
(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: Barrie & Pat, Val & John, Adrian, Sue & family, Alan, Brian, Graeme, Des M, Peter, Ann, Barb, Barbara S, Pam, Arthur, Cassie & family.



Christmas in July: All Saints' Parish invites you to a Christmas in July dinner on the 14th July. Refer to flier for details of menu, cost, tickets, entertainment etc

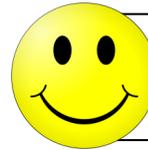
St Barnabas' Upgrade & Dunny Drive:

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 should you wish to create or grow something.

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



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:

July 14th	Garage Sale in support Kokoda Youth Program
July 27th	Trivia Night in support Kokoda Youth Program
October date tba	Spring Fair

Vale: It is with much sadness we announce the death of Rhoda Sieffert. Rhoda died on Friday evening. She was a loyal, much loved and respected worshipper at St Mark's for many years. Rhoda's funeral will be at St Mark's on July 2nd at 2 pm. Please remember her family in your prayers.



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.

Favourite hymns: Do you have a favourite hymn you would like to sing in the next few months? The liturgy team is preparing another block of readings and hymns to take us over the next few months. It would be good to know of any favourites that we have missed out singing for a while. We do try to match the hymns with the readings, but there is some leeway for old (and new) favourites.



Kokoda Youth Program fund raising events:

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.

The Joy of Giving

It's grand to have a windfall; that's sure to set you singing.
It's grand to get promotion, or see your own team winning.
It's grand when someone praises . . . sure, then you feel like living.

But, oh, there's nothing thrills you so, as does the joy of giving.
This getting., getting, getting . . . it's nothing but a snare;
It's only he who gives who is, in truth, a millionaire.