

Reflection for Pentecost 8:

We welcome Bishop Philip Huggins to the parish on what might be his "Farewell Tour" as he tries to visit as many of the parishes in the Oodthenong Episcopal area as he can over the next few months prior to his retirement. This is such a busy time for him, as is demonstrated by Bishop Phillip visiting us in Bellarine Gateway and Holy Trinity in Lara both on the same morning! Please continue to pray for him in this time of transition.

We also give thanks to God for Catherine Bruce, who will be baptised and confirmed today. This is a wonderful and joyous moment to welcome her further into the Body of Christ after getting to know her these past few years at St Marks.

At the tail end of this week, after a bundle of meetings up at the diocesan offices, I scooted up to Appin in New South Wales to collect my son and three other young people from a scout camp. It is a fantastic Christian faith-based camp combined with back to basics scouting, and I am happy to use my day off to take my share in the transport arrangements. As parents (and grandparents), we sometimes do things that surprise us for our offspring, and they are achieved with a good dollop of love. As I crossed the border into NSW, the sun was setting, turning the trees blood red that was spectacular to see. God's creation is so full of beauty, isn't it?

I am writing from a hotel room in Gundagai, which is as far as I have got today. Curiously, the managers are Hare Krishna devotees, and they have produced a sheet of insightful wisdom along with their internet password. They have also respectfully provided the Gideon's bible in drawer, which I am making use of too. Here's a wee puzzle for you... who said this? Krishna or Christ? How can you tell?

"Our inner depth should be as deep as the ocean, so we are not fazed by external praise or criticism. For that, we must truly do work that is meaningful to us, have love in our hearts for others and help people. And when we achieve inner depth, the external world's rewards won't matter to us as much."

Outwardly, to the observer the Christian believer and the Hare Krishna devotee could appear to be acting in similar ways by loving and serving others, but it is the motivation, the WHY, that is so different. I think it is the difference regarding what/who sits in the middle of the energy and focus. Our love for others is a natural out pouring of the forgiving and exuberant love that we receive from God. It is a self denying love that considers others, and doesn't focus on our own development. The work that we do gains us nothing apart from enjoyment and purpose, and it is God's gift of grace that changes us.

..... 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*

July 15th 2018

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Morning Prayer @ St Barnabas' - 9 am

Monday - Wednesday, Friday

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

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:1-14
Mark 6:14-29

Next Week's Readings

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a
Psalm 89: 21-38
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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: Margaret Dickson 15th
(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: Trudy, Joel, Colin, Brian, Ray & Harrison family; Barrie & Pat, Val & John, Adrian, Sue & family, Alan, Graeme, Des M, Peter, Ann, Barb, Barbara S, Pam, Arthur, Cassie & family.

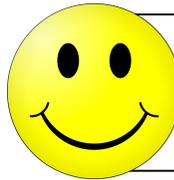
St Barnabas' Dunny Drive: BGAP's bank account details: BSB 033 009 A/c #537753. Identify the payment as St B's

BGAP Photo Competition 2018: Submission date: 31st August
Refer previous Pew Sheets (June 10, 17, 24) for details.

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

Did you know? The following quotes are attributed to Andrew Carnegie:
The man who dies thus rich dies disgraced.
Let us build a house where all are welcome.

In 1919, Andrew Carnegie gave away \$315 million as trusts. They are now enabling \$250,000 to be spent every day.



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.

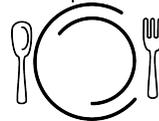
For your diary:

Wednesday 18th	Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral @ 5.10 pm
Thursday 19th	Parish Council meeting, St Mark's @ 10 am
Friday 27th	Trivia Night in support Kokoda Youth Program
Saturday August 4th	Men's Breakfast, Leopold U.C. @ 7.30 am
October date tba	Spring Fair



Welcome: We welcome Bishop Philip to the parish today. He has been able to find time in his busy schedule to make a brief visit prior to his retirement. Bishop Philip will preach, preside and confirm one of our parishioners. We wish him well in his retirement.

**Retirement
Only Means
Time
For A New
Adventure**



Cathedral Evensong @ 5.10 pm: Meet at **Geelong South Railway Station** to catch the **3.24 pm train to Southern Cross**; after the service share a meal at Southbank food court; return on the 7.47 pm train from Flinders St Station; arrive back at 9.09 pm at Geelong South Railway Station. But this could vary by 30 minutes.

Kokoda Youth Trivia Night: Friday 27th July; Leopold Sportsmans Club; 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start; auctions, raffles, lucky prizes; BYO nibbles, tea/coffee supplied; drinks at Club prices; tables of up to 8; \$20 per person; to book contact Dennis Mitchell 0428 712 321 or 5250 2120. Can BGAP make up a table and challenge the Uniting Church?

Men's Breakfast: The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday August 4th, 7.30 am at Leopold Uniting Church; Guest speaker is Russell Armstrong who will speak about palliative care; Donation \$3; Any queries contact Alf 5250 2082. All welcome!!

The NewsStand: News and views on faith from Australia and around the world:

The newest issue of [The NewsStand](http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/newsstand), TMA Online's selection of the week's news and views on faith, is out. Use the link <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/newsstand> to view its contents. Some of the articles in this week's edition are:

- * Newcastle diocese initiates disciplinary action against three former bishops after Royal Commission findings
- * Rediscovered: the Aboriginal names for 10 Melbourne suburbs
- * NAIDOC Week: The women who inspire us
- * Negotiations begin for 'amicable separation' in NZ following same-sex relationships vote
- * Domestic violence: Silence is not neutrality, it is siding with the perpetrator
- * Immigration... Resolving the root of the problem