

Bellarine Gateway

ANGLICAN PARISH



Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula

Second of September 2018 — Martyrs of New Guinea
15th Sunday after Pentecost — Ordinary Sunday 22

Sunday

8:00 AM

St Mark's Leopold

St Paul's Whittington

10:00 AM

St Mark's Leopold

St Barnabas' Newcomb

Monday - Saturday

9:15 AM

St Barnabas'

Morning Prayer

Wednesday

10:00 AM

St Barnabas'

St Mark's

St Paul's

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

5th Wednesday.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to enable individuals to recognise 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.

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BGAP: A community that loves God and everyone else.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

*Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?*

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8.35, 37

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Readings

Today

Song of Solomon 2.8–13

Psalms 45.1–2, 6–9

James 1.17–27

Mark 7.1–8, 14–23

Next Sunday

Proverbs 22.1–2, 8–9, 22–23

Psalms 125

James 2.1–10, 14–17

Mark 7.24–37

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 be. 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.**

Prayer List

Please pray for the healing of body, mind, and spirit of the following people who are on our hearts: Don, Matthew R, Trudy, Joel, Colin, Ray & Harrison family; Pat, Val & John, Des M, Ann, Barbara S, Pam, Barb, Cassie & family.

(We would like to keep this list current so we need to know how your loved ones are faring. Please let us know. If you have any names, please let the editor know but only after obtaining permission from the person involved.)

Birthdays etc

Last week we missed Jack Butterworth's birthday, it was on Thursday 30/8, happy birthday Jack!

The Martyrs of New Guinea

For more info concerning the martyrs, please see the following websites:
http://anglicanhistory.org/aus/png/rowland_faithful1964.html

The Australian Anglican Board of Missions has an excellent 32 page booklet as a pdf: https://www.abmission.org/data/Publications/4526_Martyrs_Booklet_pp32.pdf

I can provide printed copies of these upon request.



Welcome to our services this morning. We trust you will find your time worshipping God enjoyable and enriching. Please stay for a cuppa and fellowship.

Notices

Combined Service

Our next combined service is coming up. It's at St Barnabas', 30th September at 9.30, there will be no other services on that day.

Fashion Parade

Move aside Milan, push off Paris, London's for losers! Where? New York? No, the fashion capitol is now Newcomb! At St Barnabas' Friday 2nd Nov at 7pm. It's an ideal time to buy a race day frock or suit!

The Martyrs of New Guinea

Instead of the usual vicar's vibe this week, we're going to remember the Martyrs of New Guinea. I hadn't even heard about this until I started to do the slides for today. It was too late by then to change the service but Elizabeth has kindly allowed me to write a guest vibe! (Wayne).

When the Japanese invaded Papua New Guinea in 1942, Bishop Philip Strong wrote and broadcast to his clergy (see last page for complete text) encouraging them to remain at their posts. They stayed. Almost immediately there were arrests. Eight clergymen and two laymen were executed "as an example" on September 2, 1942. In the next few years, many Papuan Christians of all Churches risked their own lives to care for the wounded.

Eleven Anglicans – Papuans, English and Australians – were martyred, as were 15 Lutherans, 24 Methodists and 188 Roman Catholics. After the war concluded, these missions were welcomed back by locals.

Lucian Tapiedi

Lucian Tapiedi, a Papuan native, was born around 1921, "the nephew of a suspected sorcerer", he was educated at mission schools. In 1939, he entered St Aidan's Teacher Training College at Dogura and in 1941 he became part of the staff at Sangara as a teacher and evangelist.

Tapiedi and ten others, evading the Japanese, came to a village inhabited by the Orokaiva people, and found themselves escorted away by men of that tribe. A man named Hivijapa killed Tapiedi with an axe and the remainder of the group perished soon after; six of them were beheaded by the Japanese on Buna beach.

His killer, taking the name Hivijapa Lucian, later converted



to Christianity. He built a church dedicated to the memory of his victim, which grew to a diocesan centre.

A statue of Tapiedi is installed among the niches with other 20th-century Christian martyrs over the west door of Westminster Abbey in London.

Bishop Strong's Exhortation

“As far as I know, you are all at your posts, and I am very glad and thankful about this. I have, from the first, felt that we must endeavour to carry on our work in all circumstances, no matter what the cost may ultimately be to any of us individually. God expects this of us. The Church at home, which sent us out, expects this of us. The Universal Church expects it. The tradition and history of missions requires it of us. Missionaries who have been faithful to the uttermost and are now at rest are surely expecting it of us. The people whom we serve expect it of us. Our own consciences expect it of us. We could never hold up our faces again if, for our own safety, we all forsook Him and fled when the shadows of the Passion began to gather round Him in His Spiritual and Mystical Body, the Church in Papua. Our life in the future would be burdened with shame and we could not come back here and face our people again; and we would be conscious always of rejected opportunities.

The history of the Church tells us that missionaries do not think of themselves in the hour of danger and crisis, but of the Master Who called them to give their all, and of the people whom He trusts them to serve and to love to the uttermost, even as He has served and loved to the uttermost. His watchword is none the less true to-day as it was when He gave it to the first disciples, ‘Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for My sake and the Gospel’s shall find it.’ No one requires us to leave. No one has required us to leave. Our people need us now more than ever before in the whole history of the Mission.

No, my brothers and sisters, fellow workers in Christ, whatever others may do, we cannot leave. We shall not leave. We shall stay by our trust. We shall stand by our vocation. We do not know what it may mean to us. Many already think us fools and mad. What does that matter? If we are fools, ‘we are fools for Christ’s sake.’

I cannot foretell the future. I cannot guarantee that all will be well--that we shall all come through unscathed. One thing only I can guarantee is that, if we do not forsake Christ here in Papua in His Body, the Church, He will not forsake us. He will uphold us; He will sustain us; He will strengthen us, and He will guide and keep us through the days that lie ahead...

Let us trust and not be afraid.”