



**From the Vicar's desk:**

This week, oh my goodness, this week has been busy for lots of people!

Today is the last day to submit your electoral roll nomination form, and I welcome our recent parishioners to make that next step of parish commitment and join our electoral roll.

The Annual Meeting is drawing close with many people praying and deciding whether to nominate for a seat on parish council this year. There are just over 90 people on our electoral roll, and 9 seats on parish council. Please look around (probably mentally if you are reading this after the service) and think, if there are between ten and twenty people sitting in this service, who are the 1 in 10<sup>th</sup> persons to represent us this year? Great age is not an excluding factor! Please pray on this, for to not have sufficient representation means that we cannot function as a self governing parish. I asked the question this week what would happen in that event, and no one in the diocese could give me a clear answer, but I suspect that we might have to hand over all executive decision making to our Melbourne based Diocese. For we would have indicated through our lack of nominations that the parish had given up. I just don't believe that is what you desire for your church, and your parish? Nominations for wardens and parish councillors close at 8am 18 Nov.

Despite that doom and gloom, there is hope and wonderful signs of life in our parish. By the time you read this, the last feather from the fascinators and chiffon scarves on the frocks will have been tidied away from Friday night's fashion show at St Barnabas.

The whole parish got behind the show and the results shone through. Thank you to the force of nature, or is she a *force of fashion*? Marlene Lacey! Thank you to the support from the op shops, admirably led by Renee Paul and Bonnie Dendle. (I personally want to thank the Pearly Gates volunteer who helped me when I found myself totally stuck - half in/out a frock whilst finding clothes to model!) The models themselves all looked amazing and very stylish! Our musicians, Homesick Joe and Bad Connection who donated their time in return for supper, were really appreciated by the audience. Thank you!

Behind the scenes are a team of stalwart helpers, making lists, pulling up zips, making the evening go smoothly, looking after the supper, selling plants, unwrapping the newly arrived and donated chairs, setting up the hall – we are blessed by all their hard work.

**Thank you** to you as well.

Finally, away from parish politics and frenetic fundraising, this Sunday is our chance to celebrate All Saints and All Souls Day. Our chance for a quiet moment of remembrance for those we love who have died and are no longer with us. For those whose memory of sitting near you in church is still so clear, we pray and give thanks for lives lived to the full and in Christ.

*The Lord be with you and those for whom you pray.*

*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*

November 4th 2018

**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

**Morning Prayer @ St Barnabas' - 9 am**

Monday - Tuesday (until 19th November)

**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.

\*\*\* Please note: There will be no 10 am Communion Service at St Mark's next week. Details inside. \*\*\*

## MINISTRY TEAM

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**Mrs Wilma Farrell** 5244 5537; Pastoral Ministry

**Parish web-site:** www.bgap.church

**Direct payments donation account:** BSB 703 122 A/c #0500 4734 (identify recipient)

### Today's Readings

Ruth 1:1-18  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
Mark 12:13-17, 28-34

### Next Week's Readings

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:3-17  
Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9:(19-22) 23-28  
Mark 12:38-44

### 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: Jack & Ria Humphrey, Alan, Matthew R, Trudy, Joel, Colin, 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 Alf know but only after obtaining permission from the person involved.)

**Church calendars:** Orders are now being taken for church calendars @ \$14 each. An order form is available at each centre, together with a copy of the churches depicted in the 2019 calendar.

**Monday Crafternoon Tea @ St Barnabas':** What gets you out the house on a MONDAY afternoon? Is it the chance to meet new and old friends over afternoon tea? Perhaps it is the chance to learn a new skill, teach someone else, or continue with a craft project of your own? Bellarine Gateway has a solution to the question...

Join a group of folk each week for a relaxed friendly session. Paint, sew, crochet, whatever, or simply come for a spot of company. Dozens of studies have shown that people who have satisfying relationships with family, friends and their community are happier, have fewer health problems, and **live longer**. So come along; Mondays 2-4 pm

**Compassion builds trust:** It is compassion that creates the sense of trust that allows us to open to others and reveal our problems, doubts and uncertainties.



**Welcome** to our services today, during which we celebrate All Saints' Day. 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.



### For your diary:

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| November 4th  | Heaven Cent Committee nominations close                |
| November 4th  | Electoral Roll applications close                      |
| November 8th  | Heaven Cent AGM @ The Hub                              |
| November 11th | Pearly Gates Committee nominations close               |
| November 11th | Remembrance Day Services @ St Mark's (details below)   |
| November 15th | Pearly Gates AGM @ St Mark's                           |
| November 18th | Nominations for Parish Council close 7.59 am           |
| November 25th | Combined Service @ St Mark's, 9.30 am                  |
| November 25th | Parish Annual Meeting @ St Mark's, 11ish after service |
| December 1st  | Men's Breakfast @ Leopold U.C. - details tba           |

**Closing date for Parish Council nominations:** Please note that an incorrect closing date was originally published. *Nominations have to be received before the start of the first service on the Sunday immediately preceding the annual meeting.* All nominations must be received by the wardens or Rev'd Elizabeth by 7.59 am on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

*Volunteers  
Wanted*

### Annual Meetings:

Volunteers are wanted and will be most welcome to fill positions on the Op Shop Management Committees and Parish Council. Please give the matter serious and prayerful thought and consider nominating for a position.

Nomination forms for the Op Shops and Parish Council are now available.

\*\* Each Op Shop needs a secretary, treasurer and five other members

\*\* Parish Council needs three Wardens and six other members

**Heaven Cent:** AGM Thursday 8th, 12.30 pm at The Hub, General Meeting to follow, Nominations close Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

**Pearly Gates:** AGM Thursday 15th, 2.00 pm in the Moller Room, Nominations close Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>



### BGAP Remembrance Day Services:

St Paul's and St Barnabas' - normal services and times

St Mark's: 8 am Communion Service as usual; No 10 am service. Instead, parishioners are invited to join the Leopold community for the 10.30 am Community Memorial Service at Leopold War Memorial, Melaluka Road, Leopold.

**"Pot Luck" Lunch:** Please bring something to share for lunch at St Mark's after the Annual Meeting on Sunday 25th November.

## Summary of Ad clerum October 2018

Dear Friends

Thank you to all who attended Synod this year and for making this Synod a positive and productive meeting. In particular I wish to thank Synod representatives from parishes for their engagement and commitment to discussion and debate.

### **Consecration of Bishop Kate Prowd, Bishop of The Oodthenong Episcopate**

On Saturday 6 October at St Paul's Cathedral, Kate Prowd was consecrated as Bishop of the Oodthenong Episcopate

### **Collation of Archdeacon Jill McCoy**

On Thursday 11 October during Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral, the Reverend Jill McCoy was collated as Archdeacon of Geelong. The Venerable Jill comes to the role with extensive experience in parish ministry and mission support.

### **Apology for Clergy Child Sex Abuse**

I recently, along with Prime Minister Scott Morrison, apologised to those who suffered sexual abuse in institutions on behalf of the Anglican Church of Australia. At the Service of Repentance at St Paul's Cathedral, Archbishop Freier and Bishops of the Diocese of Melbourne made this apology:

*"We apologise to all survivors of child sexual abuse at the hands of those whom they trusted and upon whose care they relied, especially within the Anglican Church. We have failed you, we believe you, and we are sorry for the evil done to you and the harm and trauma you have suffered. We will continue to work to put children's safety at the heart of our ministry, as the child was at the heart of Jesus' ministry. We ask for your forgiveness."*

### **Preventing Violence Against Women Prayer Guide For 16 Days**

As Robyn Boosey, the Diocese's Preventing Violence Against Women Program Manager, mentioned when she preached at the Synod Eucharist, you are invited to join us in prayer for the United Nations 16 days of action against violence against women (25 November – 10 December 2018). "16 Days of Action against Domestic Violence" is a global campaign to challenge violence against women and girls. The campaign has been run every year since 1991 from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day. This campaign believes that prayer is vital if we are to see positive change in the area of violence against women.

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### **Smoking Ceremonies**

It has been widely reported across the media that the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney were to consider a motion banning a number of practices on church associated properties. One of these practices was Indigenous smoking ceremonies. This aspect of the motion has now been withdrawn, and the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney have apologised for any offence caused to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. A statement regarding smoking ceremonies is available on the Diocesan website.

### **Farewell to Bishop Philip Huggins**

I was very honoured to farewell both Bishop Philip and Liz at this year's Synod Service at St Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday 17 October 2018. Bishop Philip asked that the diocese raise money for the National Council of Churches in Australia specifically aimed at the area for modern slavery and human trafficking as his farewell gesture. The amount raised topped \$11,000. Thank you to all of you who generously donated towards this. I wish Bishop Philip and Liz every blessing for their future.

### **Cultural Service 2018**

In recognition of our cultural diversity in mission, I will preside at the Cultural Service on 25 November at St Paul's Cathedral. This service is open to the whole diocese and seeks to encourage us all to be united under God. I encourage clergy to support this and bring members of congregations to join together in harmony and celebration. The program is:

4.30pm The Fellowship starts for attendees in the Barbara Darling room...cultural food offerings, drinks, tea coffee.

6.00pm Evensong starts at 6.00pm-7.00pm.

7.00pm Depart

Further information is available from my Executive Officer Mr Ken Hutton at [khutton@melbourneanglican.org.au](mailto:khutton@melbourneanglican.org.au).

Yours sincerely

The Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier  
Archbishop of Melbourne