

## PRAYER POINTS-LET'S PRAY:

For the Church around the World: The Most Revd Zacharie

**Masimango Katanda** Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu. Bishop Alexis Bilindabagabo and Bishop Manasseh Gahima in the Gahini Diocese in Rwanda and our link parishes of Musenyi and Karangazi.

For the church in our Diocese and Parish: the Parish of Korumburra, Rev'd Fran Grimes. Our rector The Venerable Graham Knott & June, our deacon The Rev'd Dr. Graham Toohill & Sue, and our lay minister Ms Belinda Seabrook.

For organisations helping people and others: The poor and needy-the hungry and famine-stricken, all organisations engaged in overseas aid, asylum seekers, refugees and displaced persons. NHMF-National Home Mission Fund.

For our missionaries: Ingrid ten Hoopen serving in India with Mukti Mission currently on leave in Australia. **For Jon, Deborah, Ollie & Simeon in Indonesia** - Thank you for your prayers for our health. We are slowly on the mend. Please especially pray for Jon this Friday (9th March) as he has a minor operation. 'John's tutor group' at the Bible college are having camp together on 16-17<sup>th</sup> March. Please pray for a fun, relaxing time of fellowship and for Jon as he leads the devotions.

For those in need: Sally Messer, Steph, Valmai G, Shirley, Mary, Pat, Gwen T, Lachlan Everitt, Jayne, John, Carol, Lurl Lesley's mum, Alan C, Betty, Rodney & Rosalie, Ken M, Barb & Mary, Maggie and Marilyn Davis.



### **HYMNS 8AM MAR 18, 2018:**

Take this moment, sign and space..,  
428, 248[115], 508[483], 23.



### **NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICES MAR 18, 2018:**

**8am** St. Peter's Holy Communion,  
**10am** St. Peter's Contemporary worship with HC.

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS MAR 18, 2018:**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Psalm 119: 9-16,  
Hebrews 5: 5-14, John 12: 20-33.



## Anglican Parish of Leongatha News and Information Sheet

March 11, 2018, Lent 4

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**A WARM WELCOME TO VISITORS**  
**PLEASE STAY FOR LUNCH AFTER THE 10AM SERVICE**

**Sentence:** The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.  
**John 3.14-15**

### **Collect:**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



**Hymns 8am:** Take this moment, sign and space.., **351** Lift high the cross, **771 [462]** Now to him who loved us, gave us, **513** Bread of heaven, **147** To God be the glory

**Readings:** Numbers 21: 4-9a (pg 162), Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22(APBA pg 337), Acts 2: 14-28 (pg. 1140), John 3: 14-21 (pg. 1112).

### **PARISH VISION**

**Preparing the way for the love of God to reach all people by**

- \* Being shaped into the character of Jesus**
- \* Maturing in the expression of each individual's spiritual ministry**
- \* Fulfilling our God-given purpose in the world.**

## GRAHAM'S GEMS: March 11, 2018, Lent 4.

There is little doubt that we live in a very complex society today where making decisions that have integrity is difficult. The Federal Department of Home Affairs refuses to issue a visa for a well-known and respected Anglican bishop. How should we respond? Decisions made by the government about end of life issues and same sex marriage are not what many Christians longed and prayed for. How should we react? Christians

# WHAT DO THEY REALLY THINK ABOUT US?

often feel that they are marginalised and that everybody has a voice except us. In an age of apparent tolerance where every other voice save

Christianity is heard and respected the voice for traditional Christianity is described as intolerant and repressive whether the conversation takes place in the public arena or around the table in the café. In such a situation how should we respond?

In Acts 2 the apostle Peter provides us with four pointers when he responds to the derision and scorn of others. He is not affronted by apparently being on the margins while being taunted by others. (Acts 2:13) He listens to what is being said and makes a very coherent and unemotional response. He cares deeply about the issue under consideration but he has walked with Jesus long enough to know that Jesus is a boundary person who works best when people try to marginalise the voice of love and life. Jesus does his best work at his most marginalised and scorned on a cross where he prayed forgiveness for his deriders. Peter has that deep awareness as he stands to respond with strong, unoffended love.

Then Peter is aware of his culture. Throughout his sermon he applies the bible with deep personal knowledge but he also knows where the people are at and identifies with them. He begins by addressing his 'fellows' (2:14, 22) in an accessible language that shows that he understands. Our challenge in many issues lies in showing that we understand in ways more than words. I remember a period when I was concerned about two issues - youth homelessness and the care of the terminally ill. In both cases we spoke out. In both cases we built projects of excellence - one housing and

## EVENTS THROUGH THE WEEK:

Monday 12 (Public Holiday-Labour Day):

Tuesday 13: 10.30am-12 noon Mainly Music, 1.30pm Meeniyana fellowship.

Wednesday 14: 10.30am cuppa, 11am HC Service at St. Peter's, 7.00pm Mothers Union Monthly meeting.

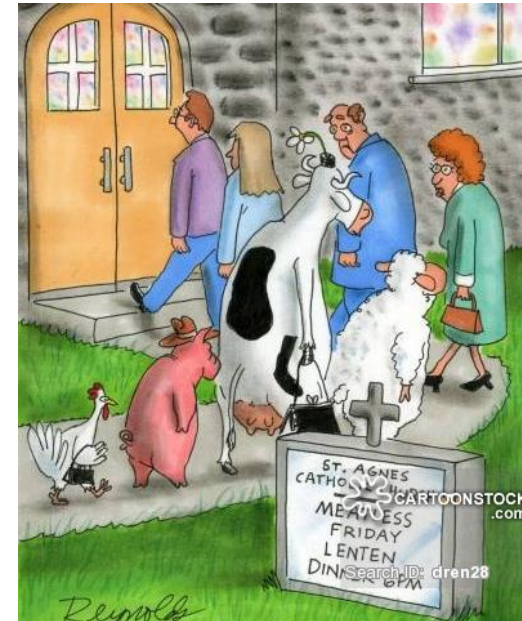
Thursday 15: 10am-2pm Greeting Card Group meeting.

Friday 16: 7am Parish Prayer in the church, From 6pm Parish Camp CYC The island, 7.30pm St. David's, Meeniyana HC.

Saturday 17: Parish camp.

Sunday 18: Parish camp, 7pm Service of Prayer for healing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: Thursday, March 29 Messianic Passover Banquet; Friday March 30, Good Friday; Sunday April 1, Easter Day.



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Cassie Zhou 11/03, Sheila Hobson 16/03, Hugh Chisholm 17/03,  
Agnes Jose 18/03, Wendy Nyhuis 18/03.

THE NEWSLETTER IS NOW SENT TO PARISHIONERS WITH  
EMAIL ADDRESSES. AN ENLARGED COPY IS AVAILABLE IN THE  
NARTHEX FOR YOUR INFO. DURING SUNDAY SERVICES. JANICE



**MU LADY DAY SERVICE: from 10.30am, Mon. March 26, St. Paul's Cathedral, Sale.** Speaker Cathrine Muston (Community Development Officer-Anglicare). BYO lunch, AMUA book stall, all are

welcome to attend.

**N.B. SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO A PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**GREETING CARD MAKING GROUP 2018: 10am-2pm, Thursday, March 15.** Making an Easter bonnet.



**REPEAT NOTICES:**



**MOTHERS' UNION MEETING: beginning with MU service @ 7pm, Meeting 7.30pm. Wed., March 14.** Introduction to 2018 theme - "In Mary Sumner's Footsteps". Making a footsteps display.

**A CELTIC QUIET DAY: 9.30am-3.30pm, Sat. March 17, 2018, (St. Patrick's Day), St. Thomas Anglican Church, 16 A'Beckett Rd, Bunyip.** Led by Carol O'Connor and Cath Connelly. Cost \$10-bring lunch to share. RSVP and details [anglicanbunyip@dcsi.net.au](mailto:anglicanbunyip@dcsi.net.au) or [jemcqueen@gmail.com](mailto:jemcqueen@gmail.com)

**PARISH CAMP 2018 At CYC Phillip Island, Friday March 16 until Sunday March 18 2018:**

The fees for the camp have been set by the wardens and rector at **\$150 for an individual; \$300 for a couple; \$400 max. for a family.**

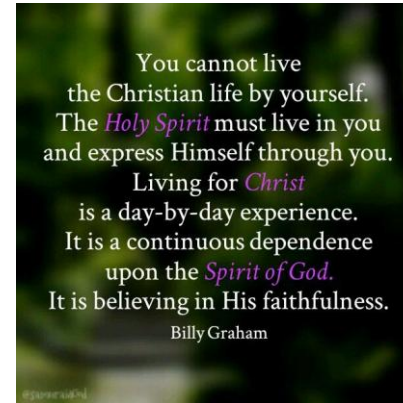


Naturally those who have difficulty meeting these costs should let the rector know. Registration forms are now available in the narthex. Please let us know a.s.a.p if you are coming so arrangements can be made.

**Speaker:** Peter MacPherson the vicar of St Alfred's, Blackburn North will be our main speaker this year. Some of us met Peter when we visited their church premises in November.

**OUTDOOR CONCERT & BBQ AFTERNOON: 2pm, Sat., March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), Scots Pioneer Church, 1230 Mardan Rd, Mardan South.** BBQ food and drinks available. Gold coin donation appreciated. Brochure on the noticeboard.

equipping young homeless people with life skills, the other with building a hospice to provide care and respite care in a homely rather than clinical environment. The right to speak out carries with it the responsibility to act.



Then Peter uses the bible in such a way that it leads many to ask questions. He doesn't give them all the answers but he holds before them an offer of life with Jesus which causes them to ask for more. Often we are called to make people thirsty for Jesus and then they will respond. But, above all, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit. The wind and the fire have blown through and fallen on him. He is a person with Holy Spirit fire in his belly. That is quite simply unstoppable. Our society does not need so much Christians to stand up and speak out rather it needs Christians willing to be transformed, filled up and consumed by the Spirit of God. Such people are unstoppable. The kingdom will break out in a complex society where the Spirit is given freedom to operate through God's people.

**NEW NOTICES:**

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR PARISH CAMP -At CYC Phillip Island, Friday March 16 until Sunday March 18 2018.** More details on Page 6.



**WHAT'S HAPPENING:**

**Refreshment Area** I am very grateful to members of the Guild who have provided a much more comfortable refreshment area in the narthex. We want to encourage all the members of our congregations to stay for refreshments after Services. There will be good quality refreshments served following the 8.00am Service. At the conclusion of today's Service the Rector will move to the narthex door where he will greet people as they leave church. We would encourage all to leave by this entrance and place their badge on the board provided. In future this will be the best

way to leave the church. It is so much easier than navigating the steps and leads us all straight into the refreshment area.

**Ingrid ten Hoopen** will be updating us at both Services today in regard to recent developments at Mukti Mission. It is wonderful to have Ingrid with us at this time. We also look forward to sharing fellowship informally with Ingrid during Parish Camp next week.



**Blessing of the Harvest.** I have been invited to conduct a brief ceremony of Blessing of the Harvest at the next Farmers Market on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am. The market hours are from 8.30am till 1.00pm, located in the grounds of Community College Gippsland (entrance via Howard St, Leongatha) It would be good if a number of us could be present on the day to make this successful.

**Sunday at Five** will not be happening on March 25<sup>th</sup> because there are so many other activities during Holy Week and Easter. We will be back on April 22. Watch this space.

**Bishop Manasseh** - The Administrator of the Diocese, The Venerable Philip Muston, writes: The visit to Gippsland of Bishop Manasseh Gahima from Gahini was due to start tomorrow (6 March). Sadly, the Federal Department of Home Affairs has declined -- despite several applications -- to provide a visa for Manasseh to enter Australia. Though this is apparently getting more



common for (black) Africans, it was most unexpected in the case of an established and well-connected church leader who had been to Australia twice before and whose trip was demonstrably well-costed and underwritten. It seems that church visits - in this case involving nearly 20 speaking engagements in churches and schools -- are no longer considered productive work, and that Anglican bishops no longer necessarily assumed to be bona fide visitors, at least under the current Federal Government.

During the last couple of weeks we have had help and support from MHR Russell Broadbent's office, from Archbishop Philip Freier, from the Consul-General for Rwanda, along with sympathy from officials in the Foreign Affairs Department, but all to no avail.

Manasseh is understandably disappointed and feeling a bit rejected about it all, but is accepting of it as God's will. Please pray for him and for the many who were so much looking forward to working and partnering with him again in gospel ministry here in Gippsland, and later in Melbourne. It may or may not be possible to be reimbursed for some of Manasseh's cancelled airfares - I shall be in touch with sponsors if need be.

**The Revd Brenda Burney** will be inducted as Rector of Bairnsdale on Thursday evening. Please surround Brenda with your prayers as she settles into this fresh ministry. **Graham**

**ELLEL MINISTRIES:** Training program: Steps to Freedom from Addiction -explores how addictions take root, emotionally and spiritually, offers steps to freedom found only in Jesus. **9am-6pm, Mar. 17, One Community Church, 184 Surrey Road, Blackburn. Cost \$80.** BYO lunch or café on site. More info. Ellel Ministries Vic, 0473, 562 968, email [kacranwell.ellelvic@gmail.com](mailto:kacranwell.ellelvic@gmail.com)



**SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR HEALING: 6.30pm, Sunday, March 18, St. Peter's Anglican Church.** The bible encourages us to gather, wait and seek the Lord in prayer for healing while anointing the sick in God's name. We plan for this service to last no longer than about an hour. For those able to stay we will continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to be released on all who are facing illness.

**ST. PETER'S LADIES GUILD meeting, 1.30pm, Wed. Mar. 21, in the hall.**

**TIME FOR GOD: 7.30pm, Monday, March 19, 2018, (fortnightly) St Peters.**

A time for us to come together to worship and be open to where God is leading us and to move forward and deeper in our relationship with Jesus. We hope that we will see you there even if you are unable to stay for the whole evening which will conclude around 9.00pm.

