

## PRAYER POINTS-LET'S PRAY:

For the Church around the World: The Most Revd Paul Kwong Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island. 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 Co-operating Parish of Neerim South, Rev. John & Penny Batt. 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: Anglican Earthcare Gippsland President: Ann Miller, all conservationists-our careful use of the Earth and its resources and sailors and fishermen.

For our missionaries: Ingrid ten Hoopen serving in India with Mukti Mission currently on leave in Australia. **For Tavis, Kate, Beka & Fin Beer on home leave from Darwin, N. T** - Please pray that their visits to churches and small groups continue to be times of mutual encouragement, and that enough prayer and financial support is raised for their return to the Territory. Pray for the Katherine Christian Convention organising committee as they plan and get things ready for the Convention in early May. Please pray for enough times of rest, and for their kids to make friends and cope in their new temporary schools.

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, Christine A, Ken M, Barb & Mary, Maggie and Marilyn Davis.

### **HYMNS 8AM MAR 25, 2018:**

333, 244, 279 348.

### **NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICES MAR 25, 2018:**

8am St. Peter's Holy Communion,

10am St. Peter's All Age Worship.

10.30am Union Church, Tarwin Lower HC.

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS MAR 25, 2018:**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 31: 9-18,

Philippians 2: 5-11, Mark 14: 1-15: 27 or 15: 1-39 (40-47).



**Anglican Parish of Leongatha**

**News and Information Sheet**

**March 18, 2018, Lent 5**

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## **A WARM WELCOME TO VISITORS**

**Sentence:** 'This is the covenant I will make with them,' says the Lord God: 'I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.' **Jeremiah 31.33**

### **Collect:**

O God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope:  
renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Hymns 8am:** Take this moment, sign and space., **158** God has spoken,  
**129** Amazing grace, **210** O for a thousand tongues to sing,  
**209** And can it be.

**Readings:** Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (pg 828), Psalm 119: 9-16(APBA pg 350), Hebrews 5: 5-14 (pg. 1257), John 12: 20-33 (pg. 1126).

### **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 ministr**

**\* Fulfilling our God-given purpose in the world.**

## GRAHAM'S GEMS: March 18, 2018, Lent 5.

Every life has its significant days and moments. They can come on us quickly when events for which we are unprepared totally overtake us. Unexpected significant moments can be good or bad. The bad ones include news of tragedy, the results of an accident or serious sudden illness. The good ones may include a sudden cash windfall or the surprise visit of a dear friend who lives a long way away. However there are significant days which we have anticipated for a long time. The birth of a baby. The final results we have longed for. Getting the all clear at the end of a long period of treatment. Significant expected days can also be negative.



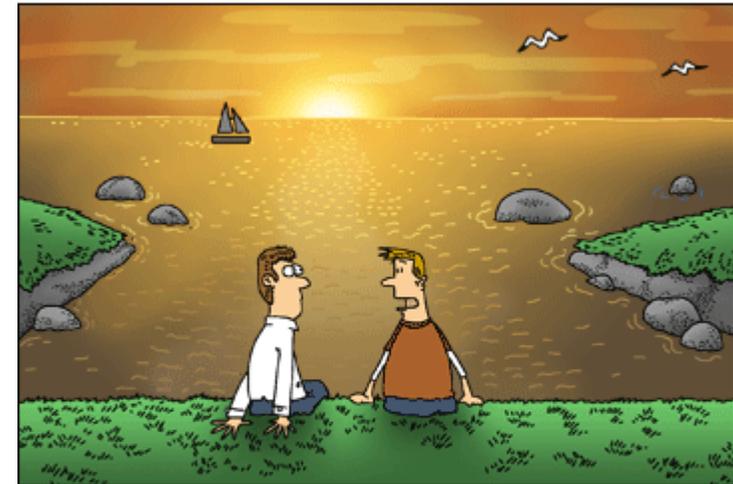
There are, however, moments which we know are really important. Sometimes we understand the moment. Other times we look back and go, 'Oh no! If I had listened more closely to what was happening at that point, things would have turned out so differently.' Jesus was always able to discern the moment. All days were full and active for him but he didn't treat everything with equal significance. Nor was his life boring and predictable. His was a life of excitement, journeying and sharing the love and transformation of God. But from time to time things happened that he knew really mattered. Some Greeks appear and ask to meet with him. You would expect Jesus to say, 'yes' or 'no' and then the Bible would follow with a record of the encounter. But things go in a very different direction. In fact we never know what happens to the Greeks at all! Were they left simply standing for ages waiting for an answer and possibly an audience for this person who 'the whole world has gone after?' (John 12:19) because Jesus receives their request and says, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." (John 12:23) Jesus was saying that this moment - this question - means that the time is right to move forward now to the greatest significant day in history - the salvation and new life he would win for all people on the cross. What an amazing thought. Something that we think God had planned long ago and stitched up was hanging on this one brief question. It meant, of course, that the good news of Jesus was already going global and spreading like wildfire.

## EVENTS THROUGH THE WEEK:

**Sunday 18:** Parish camp, 7pm Service of prayer for healing St. Peter's.  
**Monday 19:** 10.30am-12noon Pray and Play at St Peter's, 7.30pm Time for God at St. Peter's.  
**Tuesday 20:** 10.30am-12 noon Mainly Music.  
**Wednesday 21:** 9.30am Woorayl Lodge HC, 10.15am Koorooman House HC, 10.30am cuppa, 11am HC Service at St. Peter's, 1.30pm St. Peter's Ladies Guild meeting.  
**Thursday 22:** 7.30pm Parish Council monthly meeting-prayer at 7pm.  
**Friday 23:** 7am Parish Prayer in the church.

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

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SO AS AN ATHEIST YOU CAN STILL APPRECIATE THIS, RIGHT? IT'S LIKE, PRETTY OR SOMETHING, YEAH?

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Wendy Nyhuis 18/03, Heather Scott 20/03, Phil Graley 21/03.

**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**

**Thank you letter re the Christmas boxes on the noticeboard.**



# PALM SUNDAY

**Palm Sunday Walk of Witness  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Churches of Leongatha are coming together again to celebrate the greatest event in human history. The crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ are pivotal in the destiny of all people. These events declare God's love and his willingness to enable us to enjoy his presence for ever.

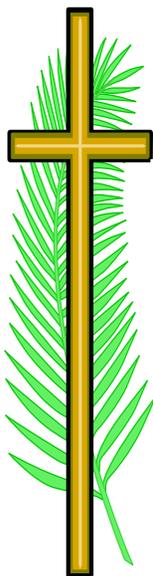
This year we will all walk as one commencing at the Salvation Army, walking through the Leongatha township and arriving at the Town Hall.

After which we will gather at the Anglican Church Hall for refreshments.

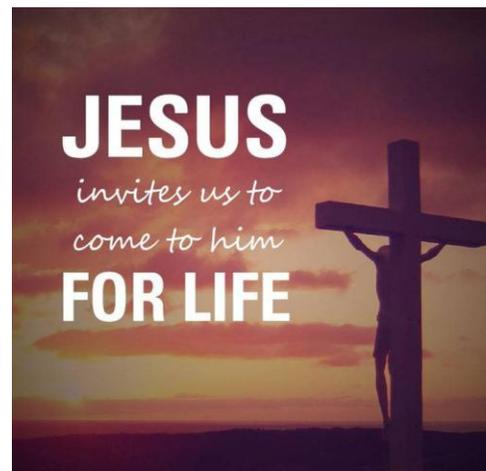
Join us in witness and in prayer.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018, starting our walk at 12.15pm (Salvation Army)**

(please arrive a little early so we leave on time!)\* *You are encouraged to bring a banner(s) from your church.*



His message was beginning to become cross cultural. He would die for the sins of all people not simply the Israelites. So from this moment the movement is inevitably towards the cross: Jesus walking with dignity and purpose secure in the knowledge that this is the significant time for which he has long prepared. After hearing this request Jesus speaks of



the way that true and lasting effectiveness is to be found through surrendering to death - in other words surrendering our own control and ensuring we follow Jesus because that is the way to life with a purpose and eternal life. Jesus says we will walk with him. (12:26) That means that we will understand the significant moments and days. We will be able to sort out the things that really matter.

Many people get preoccupied with living a successful life. Their measures of evaluation are almost invariably worldly. Jesus calls us to a life of significance which will have much longer term impact than success. Jesus calls us to discern well the things to pour our time into knowing that the hands of God is on them for eternity. Not missing the significant can only be done through the presence of the Holy Spirit and the unshakeable commitment to follow Jesus come what may.

## **NEW NOTICES:**

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING:**

**Bishop Manasseh.** The following is a message from Cathrine Muston: "We learnt at the weekend that the Australian Government has now apologised to Manasseh and has assured him of a Visa. While the apology and visa are welcome, that means that we are now in the position of organising Manasseh's itinerary all over again. So, at this stage he is planning to come in the **last two weeks of April.**" We will let you know in due course whether Manasseh is able to manage a visit to Leongatha.



**Refreshment Area** The Guild has kindly provided a refreshment area in the narthex to encourage us to be able to sit and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in comfort. We are very grateful for their generosity. After the 8.00am Service we are encouraging everyone to move forward and exit by the narthex door where the ministers will be standing. Books are now kept in the pews for the ease of all.

**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.

**ECUMENICAL PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON:**

**2pm, March 25, Scots Pioneer Church, 1230**

**Mardan Rd, Mardan South.** A presentation by Dr. Chris Perry from his experience in the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Musical items and afternoon tea.



**REPEAT NOTICES:**



**SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR HEALING: 7.00, 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.**

**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.



# **EASTER SERVICES 2018**

**Maundy Thursday, March 29:**

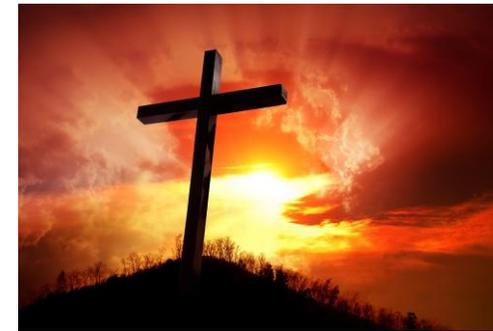
**6.30-9.00pm St. Peter's, Leongatha-Messianic Passover Banquet**

**Good Friday, March 30:**

**9am St. Andrew's-Dumbalk-Good Friday Worship Service**

**10.30am St. Peter's, Leongatha-Good Friday Worship Service**

**5.00pm St. Peter's, Leongatha-'Lamb of God' a Journey to the Cross. (Particularly suited to families)**



**Easter Day, April 1:**

**8am St. Peter's, Leongatha, Resurrection Celebration with Holy Communion**

**10am St. Peter's, Leongatha, Resurrection Celebration with Holy Communion**

