



The ANGLICAN PARISH of
Leongatha

June 13th 2021 – Third Sunday after Pentecost



PARISH VISION

Preparing the way for the love of Jesus Christ to reach all people.

A YEAR OF FULFILLING POTENTIAL

On Vision Sunday the Rector designated 2021 to be a Year of fulfilling your Holy Spirit shape and potential.

Sentence

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.
2 Corinthians 5.19

Prayer of the Week

Lord, we beseech you to keep your family, the Church, in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve you in good works, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Care

For pastoral care needs please contact Rector of Leongatha- Graham Knott
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Weekly Services of Holy Communion – St Peter’s Leongatha

Sunday

Holy Communion - 8am, 10:30am

Wednesday

Holy Communion - 11am followed by a Community Lunch

Service of Holy Communion- St David’s Meeniyan

Friday 7:30pm – 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month

Service of Holy Communion -St Andrew’s Tarwin lower

2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month 10:30am

There is **no need to pre-register or “book in”** for a service. It is still a government requirement however that we keep, for a temporary period of time, the name and a contact number of every person that attends a service. This can be provided at the door on the day you attend.

Financial Stewardship

Leongatha Anglican Church

Electronic banking details **BSB Number** 083 735 **Account Number** 515883623.

Cheques may be posted to PO Box 271, Leongatha, Vic 3953. Payable to ‘Leongatha Anglican Church Parish Council Parish Account’.

Readings – Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34- 16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Nehemiah 1:5-11 (Mark 4:26-34)

Hymns – To be advised on the day

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS- MINISTRY UPDATE

Wild Weather

It’s been a tough week for a lot of families in our parish and community, with many affected by power cuts, storm damage and interruption to water supplies. Please continue to encourage one another, check in on your friends and pray for all those affected. For urgent needs or assistance please contact Graham or Belinda. Even if you just need to talk that is ok too. We are in this together.

June- July Rosters

Rosters are now available in hard copy in the Narthex, they have also been distributed via email.

Covid Update

Recent government announcements have allowed face to face ministry to return at St Peter's with a maximum of 75 people per service. **Masks are currently required indoors so please bring one along when you attend.** Due to relaxing of restriction we are now back to our **2 regular services, 8am and 10:30am.** There is no need to prebook your attendance at a service, please just come as normal. If you have any questions, please be in touch with a staff member. At the moment households are only able to receive 2 visitors a day and this regulation may have an affect on small groups.

Nehemiah Series

Over the coming months parishioners at St Peter's will be exploring a sermon series on the book of Nehemiah. This is to prepare us for fresh vision for the future, incorporating the parish council's discernment of our parish vision, the new Diocesan vision, as well as, future building developments.

Songs & Stories- Episode 7- Barry

Songs & Stories is an outreach ministry of St Peter's Anglican Church Leongatha. An opportunity to get to know Christians in the local community and hear about their faith and the songs that have touched their lives. To view click on the link below or search the St Peter's YouTube channel.



<https://youtu.be/LN3W-IKf6Qc>

Kids and Youth Band

Expressions of interest are encouraged as planning has started on a St Peter's Kids and Youth band! Hooray! There will be a 'come and try' session at 1230pm on Sunday June 20th June in St Peter's. If you would like more information please contact Leanne Langkopf on 0410007979

Stay Informed- Are you on the mailing list?

Please keep reading your emails and newsletters to keep up to date with the changing and evolving Covid-19 situation in the state, as well as, the Leongatha Community. If you know of anyone who would appreciate being on our email mailing list, please encourage them to forward their contact to 0438 622721 or ministryleongatha@gmail.com

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June Join In- Mother's Union

Wednesday June 16th at: St Aidan's CNR Torres and Williams Street Newborough. 10.00 Morning Tea
10.30am service followed by BYO lunch. 1pm: Guest Speaker Gerard Mansour – Commissioner for Senior Victorians. - Ambassador for Elder Abuse Prevention
Cost: Gold coin donation. All are welcome to attend subject to Government covid guidelines.

Gippsland Commissioner for Senior Victorians Gerard Mansour is a passionate advocate for the rights and needs of older Victorians, with more than 25 years' experience working in the aged and wider community service sectors. He has contributed significantly to policy development and implementation of services assisting senior Victorians. Contact Maryann: 0438 644 315 or Jan: 0475 067 145 for further details

St Peter's Garden Working Bee- Saturday 26th June

Bring your gardening gloves, shovels, trowel and secateurs for a garden makeover! Contact Brigid Kennedy for more info 0404912370

Recording of 10:30 Sunday Service

Each Sunday our 10:30 service is recorded to upload onto the St Peter's Youtube Channel. Each week this is watched by approximately 50+ people connected with the Parish. If there is something that is deeply personal you do not wish to be shared online, for example a personal testimony, please inform Doug Kelly or a member of staff on the day of recording so that the final clip can be edited before published online.

Excess Garden Produce?

The Wednesday Community Lunch Team are committed to providing highly nutritious homemade and where possible locally sourced food. If your garden is particularly abundant and you would like to donate fresh produce to this program please see a member of staff. The Community Lunch is held every Wednesday starting from 11:45am in the St Peter's Hall- All welcome.

Readings for Next Week Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:32-49 Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Nehemiah 1:5-11 (Mark 4:35-41)

LET US PRAY

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; Isaiah 43:1-2

- Pray for all those affected by major storms this week. For those left shaken and in fear, for those still struggling for basic resources. Lord bring mercy and comfort.
- Pray for local and small business as they count the cost of damage and lost business.
- Pray for children that have been displaced from their home and routines.
- Pray for emergency services, SES, police, ambulance and fire as they respond to calls for help.
- Please continue to pray for countries overseas that are overwhelmed by Covid-19. Pray for good medical resources and good governance.
- Pray for the State Government as they continue to battle outbreaks of Covid-19 in Victoria. Pray for wisdom and diligence.
- Pray for all those in the community thinking about returning to faith. Pray that the Holy Spirit will make a way. Pray for evangelism and the truth of Jesus to be revealed to every human heart.



GRAHAM GEMS

13th June 2021

Who can fail to be dazzled by the opulence, splendour and riches of many of the powerful kingdoms and palaces in the world? England features the wonders of Buckingham Palace where simply the walk to dinner is exhausting! Golden horse drawn chariots display the outstanding wealth of previous rulers of Austria. Russia boasts some

amazing palaces outside St Petersburg some of which were built deliberately to demonstrate that the wealth of the Tsars was much greater than the kings of France. Back in the days of Jesus the palaces of Rome and the emperors were beyond belief with a lifestyle that is almost beyond our comprehension. It was a totally self-indulgent context and one in which the lives of those who fell foul of the whims of the ruler could easily be sacrificed. One example is John the Baptist who was beheaded simply through the drunken ramblings in

Herod's palace. Fast forward thirty years and Christians would be used as living torches to light the way to Nero's palace in Rome. The reality is that many of the historic palaces in the world which we love to tour were born from despotic, cruel and colonising kingdoms whose wealth came from those they exploited. They were big statements by big and powerful rulers. By way of contrast the kingdom of God emerges from the hidden place. Jesus describes it as like scattered grain or a mustard seed. Both, having been sown, grow imperceptibly yet inevitably. Their growth is unnoticed on a daily basis yet after an interval of time there is a crop to be harvested or a very large tree. It really is a case of 'from little things big things grow.' The main message is that Christians should not become discouraged. We should not be discouraged when the works of the kingdom seem to take so long to be effectively released in our congregations, communities or even ourselves. What is crucially important is that we get the foundations right. The farmer prepares the soil for planting while the gardener plants the mustard seed with a vision of what will emerge. A sensible person would not plant a mustard seed within a few metres of their home's walls because they know that 'from little things big things grow.' Every work of God must likewise be based on a good foundation- initially Jesus Christ and him crucified for the salvation of all. The works of the kingdom emerge from those people who receive and walk by the Holy Spirit. In my experience these things take time to be released within a community of faith. Prayer, obedience, worship, tenacious walking by faith are all the growing pains that we experience while waiting for healing, answered prayer and the wonderful life of the kingdom to become our way of life together. Most people give up and try to force things to happen or settle for the mediocre and earthbound. Yet in this world the kingdom will never apparently rival the material wealth of the palaces we tour. The kingdom is for the broken, excluded, disadvantaged and poor. The kingdom is the community of the broken dancing with joy before their king. It may never look beautiful in this world, but it has an other worldly beauty which will far surpass that of anything this world has to offer.