

# Weekly News

## 10 February 2019

The weekly newsletter for the South East Bendigo Anglican Parish

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### Reflection

## Let your light shine



The other week at Family church, we sang a song called “Let your light shine”, and that got me thinking about the steps I take when we have a power outage at night time. When the power goes off and it becomes dark, I try to find a torch or matches and a candle.

Once I have stumbled around in the darkness (and normally tripped on a few things), I put the light in a place where it lights up the room. One thing that I don't do is to put a bucket

over the light to hide it.

If I did that, then the house would be in darkness again and that could be dangerous. Someone might trip, fall or even get hurt!

A torch or candle can light your way during a power outage and Jesus says that Christians are the light of the world.

In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus says, “Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all”.

Jesus wants us to be a shining light to the world and we can do this as we live for Him.

Some ways in which we can be a shining light is by showing God's love to those that we meet and we can do this by helping others, being kind and including others in what you are doing, by not going along with the crowd, by praying for those you meet and by making the most of opportunities to explain your light!

Jesus doesn't want us to keep our Christianity a secret. He wants us to tell others about Him so that they can be led out of darkness and sin and so they can also become lights to the world.

Just like we let our lights shine during a power outage, may we continue to shine as bright lights to all that we meet!

God Bless.



*Rob Edwards  
Children  
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## Bible readings

**This Sunday** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (p.1161) Luke 15:11-32 (p.1049) **Next Sunday** Ephesians 2:1-10 (p.1174) Matthew 18:21-35 (p.985)

## News

### Ministry Team update for 2019

There are a number of exciting developments in store for the Ministry Team in 2019. There is too much to put into just a few words in the Weekly News, so make sure you look at the booklet that will be emailed this weekend or pick up a printed copy in the church foyer.

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be 3rd March 2019 at 1 pm. AGM Reports will be available mid-February.

### Mission boxes

If you have any mission boxes at home (ABM, CMS, BCA) could you bring them to church in February for counting.

### Cycling community

At the start of March 2019 Eddie Barkla will be starting an 8 day, 1200 km ride as the cycling chaplain, supporting the "Make a Wish" Park ride in memory of Bailey Fuller who

disappeared in 2012 from his family home at the age of 8 and was found drowned in a dam the next day. Eddie has been involved with the family since this day and will appreciate your prayers and interest in this ministry. He has been riding around 350 to 450 kms a week in training in preparation.

### Reception into the Anglican Church

If you were previously members of other denominations but would now like to be received into the Anglican Church – then please see Greg. Bishop Matt Brain will visit the parish on Sunday morning 14<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday – and will receive people in the morning services.

### University Chaplaincy Blessing

All are invited to attend this blessing service on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11 am to mark the beginning of the academic year. It will be held in the Circular Lecture Theatre. This year's theme is 'Finding peace ~ amidst the chaos.'

### Lent study

Our Lent studies will start on the week of Shrove Tuesday which is March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will

be looking at a series called Modern Parables. This series will also be basis for the sermons each Sunday during Lent.

### Children's registration forms

All parents are required to register their children for children's and youth ministries for 2019. Please see Rob Edwards for forms or collect them from the foyer.

### Weekend away

May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>

We are planning a weekend away for the church at Camp Currumbene in Corop at the end of May.



This is open to the whole church and not just one congregation. More information will come out in the next month, but please, put it in your diary now and plan to take the weekend off sport and other things and spend it with your church family. Talk to Robyn Geldart or Trev if you want to know more.

# Parish Fair update #3

The parish fair is just 2 weeks away - Friday 22nd of February at 5 pm.

Thanks to those who have already volunteered to help on the stalls. The sheet will be out on Sunday as we still have a few gaps to fill.

## Parking

Last year our side carpark and the back paddock were both full fairly early on in the evening.

It would be good to have a small team of parking attendants to oversee this, especially down the paddock. We may need to put out a "Parking Full" sign and be providing directions to visitors.

## Donations

Please consider baking for the cake stall, cakes, slices and biscuits are welcome.

We're also looking for produce – relishes and chutneys, jams and preserves, fruit and vegetables.

Also consider other donations you can make – plants, books, craft and fancy goods.

If you need donations picked up please contact the office. Someone will contact you to arrange a time to do the pick-up.

## Set up and pack-up

The main working-bee to set up stalls for the fair will now be on Thursday 21st of Feb from



4 pm. There will also be some set-up done during the day on the Friday.

Some pack-up will be done on Friday night after the Fair, and but most will be done on Saturday morning from 8:30 am. Please book that in if you are able to help.

## Entertainment

We are inviting people and groups to provide entertainment through the course of the evening.

We already have a couple of community groups filling slots, and are in discussion with a couple more. We can have a few items on at the same time in varied locations so don't be afraid to nominate yourself, your group, or someone you know.

Please contact David Bruce to discuss your contribution.  
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# Prayer

## Church and mission

### Parish

Pray for the our Thrive youth group as they begin the year.

Pray for the ministry preparation that is occurring for the year ahead.

We give thanks for the opportunity for our church to be involved with providing shelter this coming winter.

Pray that every member of our church will continue to be good witness in their community.

### Diocese

Pray for the Bishop in Council.

### Mission

Pray for the upcoming big ride that Eddie Barkla is doing and his role as chaplain.

### Persecuted Church - Yemen

Pray for God's provision in the famine, and for the church to be a light for Christ.

Pray that new believers will remain bold in sharing their faith.

Pray for God's hand upon Yemen, for healing and for an end to civil war.

## World

### Syria

Pray that this region may be able to be made safe and that other nations will assist as needed

### Yemen

Pray that their under resourced hospitals will find a way to cope with the Swine Flu outbreak.

### Central African Republic

Pray that a peace deal will be brokered with the various armed groups

### Brazil



Pray for those families mourning after the recent tailings dam collapse.

### Greece/Turkey

Pray that the two nations will be able to settle their disputes.

## Australia and local community

Pray for all levels of government to lead with wisdom, integrity and fairness, for the good of all. This week we focus on the federal level, and pray for the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison and our local member Lisa Chesters, as well as all members of federal parliament.

Pray for our state as we remember the 10th year anniversary of Black Saturday.

Pray that lasting change will come out of the Royal commission into the finance industry.

Pray for all the people in the mechanic industry, that God will help them flourish and be passionate in their industry, as they keep us going and safe in our cars.

## Sick and in need

David Stewart, Evelyn Wood, Keith Thompson, Eric and Muriel Jencke, Geoff Sault and any others known to us.

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