

# Weekly News

## 9 June 2019

The weekly newsletter for the South East Bendigo Anglican Parish

### Reflection

## Holy Spirit comes

This Sunday we celebrate the world changing, pouring out of the Holy Spirit to the church of God during the feast of Pentecost (Acts 2). The Spirit brought inward transformation to the disciples (producing boldness) and outward signs to the nations (tongues spoken). Now after Pentecost, not only does God's Spirit fill believers, but profound movements of the Spirit are bound up in and around the life and worship of the early church.

When the early church met they were very distinctive, they gathered together in the name of Jesus, they read and

pondered the scriptures, they devoted themselves together to pray to the Father and gave to the poor. It was in this type of gathering that the Spirit's power continued His great work of transforming the world one soul at a time.

Some of you may be aware that last weekend about 50 of us made the trek to Corop and gathered for the Church camp. Personally, I was so moved by hearing from different people as we slowed down to listen to each other's stories. Different people shared about their favorite Bible verses and others told their God story and we spent time praying for each other. I felt that God's Spirit was truly working among us, his church. The camp reminded me afresh that the best place for Christians to grow in our spiritual lives is with each other. That somehow, when we do life

together in Jesus name, revolved around scripture and prayer, His Spirit comes and works among us. Of course, God's Spirit also encounters us outside of church and our spiritual life must have it's own personal attentiveness to it so that it can flourish. Yet, there are many parts of God's blessing that we cannot replicate without being connected with other believers.

My encouragement to us all is that we would, like the early church, devote ourselves to sharing our God stories with each other, sharing the scripture with each other, praying with each other and watching the Spirit work in each other. From these life filling moments, we can be sure that God will be equipping us to send us out to share his good news with others.

*Trev Bell, Associate Minister*

## Bible readings

**This Sunday** Acts 2:1-21 (p.1093) John 14:8-17 (p.1082)

**Next Sunday** Romans 5:1-5 (p.1132) John 16:12-15 (p.1084)

## Acting Rector



After Greg finishes at the end of June, Bishop Matt Brain will be the acting Rector of the parish ('taking up the license' is the actual terminology). Bishop Matt intends to be present at Holy Trinity on a Sunday at least once a month. He will also meet with the Ministry Team and chair the Parish Council.

Any general enquiries should still be made through the church office or through the [office@southeastbendigo.com](mailto:office@southeastbendigo.com) email address where they will be dealt with by one of the Ministry Team.

## Appointment of the next Rector

A few enquiries have been received on how the next Rector is appointed. As was outlined previously, in our system of church governance it is the responsibility of the Parish Nominators to meet and liaise with the Bishop. Ultimately the final decision rests with the Bishop who must grant a license to minister within his diocese.

The Parish Nominators are elected every 3 years and are in place ready for when a Rector of a parish leaves or retires. Our current nominators were elected in 2017. (Please note that all other Ministry Team appointments are the responsibility of the Rector in conjunction with the Bishop).

Please also note that during this appointment process it is not easy, nor beneficial, for detailed progress reports to be given on the search for a new Rector. Your understanding in this is appreciated. Your prayers in this process are appreciated.

## Greg and Karen's farewell



Will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 2 pm until late afternoon. Speeches will begin at 3 pm. You are welcome to come at 2 pm and leave after the speeches or come for the speeches and stay on. Finger food will be served.

If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift, then please place your donation into an envelope marked as 'gift for Greg & Karen' and place it in the offertory bowl. You can also make an electronic donation to the church account and mark it with similar wording.

## The Bloke's Barn

The first get together for a 'Yarn in the Barn' is Monday 17 June. We are kicking off at 9.30 for 10.00am in the 'Thrive Room' in the garage complex at the rear of HT. At this stage we will be meeting once a week on a Monday. The initial 'discussions' will focus on those present, whilst the 'hands on' will be addressing church maintenance and upgrades.

## ABM Auxiliary gathering

The Anglican Board of Missions (ABM) gathering will be held at St Luke's Parish Centre in White Hills. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 1 pm to 3 pm. The focus will be on Papua New Guinea. Afternoon tea is provided and a donation of \$5 is requested for the National Auxiliary. For more details see the notice on the foyer noticeboard or contact Barry Rainsford on 5448 3912 or [bvrains@gmail.com](mailto:bvrains@gmail.com)

## Building works at HT

Please note that over the coming weeks there will be some building works occurring around the church. The works may restrict use of the carpark and which doors we can use. It is envisaged that there will be minor inconveniences from time to time to allow these works.

## Safe Church Workshop

The next safe church workshop is here at Holy Trinity on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. To register: [bendigoanglican.org.au/safe-church-awareness-workshops](http://bendigoanglican.org.au/safe-church-awareness-workshops)

## Mission Boxes

Offerings for February and May are: ABM \$35.25, BCA \$705, CMS \$320.85

## Bible study groups

If you would like to join a bible study group chat to Karen Reid or email her at [karen@southeastbendigo.com](mailto:karen@southeastbendigo.com)

## Prayer Church and mission

### Parish

Pray for the search for a new rector, for the Bishop and parish nominators in this process. Pray also for Greg and Karen as they seek to finish well.

Pray for volunteers and guests of the Bendigo Winter Night Shelter project helping the homeless.

Give thanks for our money counters and flowers arrangers.

Pray for our young adult's group away at camp this weekend and Rob Edwards as he leads them.

### Diocese

Pray for the team at the Registry for wisdom, energy and insight for their work.

### Mission

Pray for the work of BCA as they celebrate 100 years of rural ministry.

### Persecuted Church

#### Turkey

The church in Turkey remains faithful even though the marginalisation



of Christians is increasing. Pray for God's provision for Christian refugees living in Turkey, and that the faithfulness of believers will lead their families to the love of Christ, also that the church continues to remain strong, even if persecution, extremism and nationalism increase.

## World

### Solomon Islands

Pray for a change in how society views women who are habitually mistreated, abused and neglected, and for education and opportunities for women and girls.

### China

Pray for freedom in speech, thought and religion in this highly controlled nation.

## England

Pray for wisdom in the election of a new prime minister and for a way forward in the Brexit situation.

## Myanmar



Pray for an end to violence by the military against minority ethnic groups and for humanitarian aid to reach those in need.

## National and local

Give thanks for the City of Greater Bendigo for all of its services to us, those that are public and visible and also those tasks that are never seen or noticed.

Pray for all levels of government to lead with wisdom, integrity and

fairness, for the good of all. This week we focus on the local level, and pray for the Mayor, Margaret O'Rourke and the other councillors.



Pray that as a nation we will be good stewards of our land and natural resources, ensuring the long-term health of our environment.

Pray for university and TAFE students about to do exams and then for refreshing mid-year holidays.

## Personal

### Sick and in need

Stewart family, Keith Thompson, Eric & Muriel Jencke, Lorenzo Santalucia, and any others known to us.

### Deceased

Lindsay Domaschenz, Audrey Daniels

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