

ROSTERS FOR WEEK of 22nd October (4th Sunday)

Cleaning: Nerolie & Kevin Owens

Flowers: Anni Gallagher

Money Counting

7.30am Lynne Murray
9.30am Nerolie Owens, Gary Marson

Welcoming/Sidespersons

7.30am Lynne Murray
9.30am Jacinda Jackson & Margo Clarke

Linen: Linda Priest (October)

Lawns: Phil Boulton

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PENTECOST 19
15th October, 2017



Welcome to the Anglican Parish of Orange East,
incorporating St Barnabas', Orange & St Philip's, March

REFLECTION

Today we consider the fourth of five simple statements or slogans which sum up the key ideas of the Protestant Reformation:

Sola scriptura — by Scripture alone

Sola fide — by faith alone

Sola gratia — by grace alone

Solo Christo — through Christ alone

Soli Deo gloria — to the glory of God alone

God has given the ultimate revelation of himself to us by sending Jesus Christ into the world (Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3). Only through this gracious self-revelation of God in the person of Jesus can we come to a saving and transforming knowledge of God. And only by the saving work of Jesus can we come to God.

To speak of salvation as being through Christ alone is to make clear that we are accepted by God only by the mediating work of Jesus: his sinless life, his death in our place, and his victory over death in his resurrection are all that is needed to make peace between us and God the Father. Not only is Jesus' work fully sufficient, it is completely unique — there is no other way to be reconciled to God (John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Acts 4:12).

Even now Christ Jesus continues to work for us, interceding for us at the right hand of God (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25) — he represents us to God, and because he does, we do not need any other representative, system or mechanism for approaching God. This means that any reliance on religious rituals, on the work of human priests, or on the interceding work of the saints was thoroughly rejected by the reformers as diminishing the glory of the sufficient and unique work of Christ.

The notion of salvation through Christ alone undergirds many of the Articles of Religion (for example, Articles IX, XIV & XVIII). But it is perhaps most clearly and forcefully articulated in the prayer of consecration in the Communion service:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there **(by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world** . . . [emphasis added].

We need to keep this doctrine before us, and continually remind ourselves of it. The temptation to add to the work of Christ is never far away, and often very

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THIS WEEK		REGULAR ACTIVITIES/EVENTS	
Mon	16th	5.00pm Prayer Meeting at the Rectory	mainly music Wednesdays 10.30am during school term Parish Council 2nd Tuesday 7.30pm LLMs Meeting 3rd Tuesday 5.30pm “LEGs” (Ladies Evening Group) 4th Tuesday 7.30pm The Diners 3rd Sunday (bi-monthly) 12.30pm Aged Care Church Services Ascott Gardens 1st & 3rd Tuesday 2pm Gosling Creek Aged Care 2nd Wednesday 2pm Wontama Aged Care 2nd Friday 10.30am Sunday Services 7.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion with children's activities Wednesday 10.15am Holy Communion Service Messy Church 3rd Friday 5.30pm–7.00pm St Philip's, March — 1st Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion Baptisms, weddings and funerals — by arrangement
Tues	17th	2.00pm Ascott Gardens Service 5.30pm LLM meeting	
Wed	18th	10.30am Communion Service at the Rectory 10.30am mainly music in the hall	
Thurs	19th		
Fri	20th	5.30pm Messy Church	
Sat	21st		
Sun	22nd	ST BARNABAS 7.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Praise, Prayer & Proclamation (Blessing of the Bears)	

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subtle. But we must resist it. Our labours for Christ's kingdom are important, as are our traditions, symbols, practices and rituals. But they contribute nothing to our acceptance with God, and the moment we start to think that they do we diminish and rob Christ of his glory.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Bob Cameron

For our Prayers (in addition to the October prayer notes)

- Pray that our ministry to children will be blessed greatly by God and will enable our church to connect with families so that they can hear the great news of Jesus; pray especially for *kids@barneys* commencing from today;
- Pray for the Diocese of Melbourne with Archbishop Phillip Freier and Bishops Genieve Blackwell, Bradley Billings, Philip Huggins, Paul White and John Harrower;
- Pray for the Parish of Cudal with Adn Frank Hetherington & Marilyn;
- Pray for All Saints' College, Bathurst, that the sale of the college will be completed smoothly, with minimal disruption to students, staff and families, and that the outcome of this significant change will be to the good of all;
- Pray for lawyers, solicitors, barristers, judges, magistrates, court officials: for truth and justice with mercy in our land;
- Pray for those in special need: Lorraine Culverson, John Polain, Betty Pinkstone, Ray & Joyce (Betty's brother & sister), Bessie Picker, Creighton (Nerolie's nephew), Alison, and others;

Readings: Today

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 20-24 (p334)
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Next Week – 22nd Oct.

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99 (p.325)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Duty Roster for today			Next week – 22nd Oct.		
Priest	Rev'd Bob		Priest	Rev'd Bob	
LLM	7.30am Liz Smith 9.30am Anni Gallagher		LLM	7.30am Liz Smith	
Readers	7.30am Judy Carroll Lynne Murray 9.30am Nerolie Owens		Readers	7.30am Liz Smith Bob Smith 9.30am Jacinda Jackson	
Chalice	7.30am Liz Smith Lynne Murray 9.30am Anni Gallagher Betty Pinkstone Jeannie Pearce		Chalice	7.30am Liz Smith Bob Smith	
Children	Nerolie Owens				

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is this Friday (20th) and we will be continuing the Creation theme. One activity will be making a calendar with a photo of a pet or favourite animal. Any children who are coming along should bring a photo if possible. If you can assist with food, please fill in the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Thanks!

BLESSING OF THE BEARS

Families who had children baptised at St Barnabas or St Philip's in the past year have been invited to church next Sunday for the 'Blessing of the Bears' at the 930am service. Please be ready to welcome them, and be in prayer that this service will be a great point of connection between these families and our church.

LEGs

The next gathering of the Ladies Evening Group will be at Alfio's Pizzeria on Tuesday 24th October and all ladies are welcome to attend. To confirm bookings please speak to Anni Gallagher, or call/text her on 0408 654 510.

ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR

If you would like to order a 2018 calendar please add your name and quantity to the order list at the back of the Church. Calendars are \$12.00 each and orders close first week of November.

STAMPS FOR ABM

With Christmas fast approaching this is a reminder to save the used stamps, which are eventually sold and raise quite a lot of money for missions overseas. Even stamps which are delivered unfranked can be useful. There is a stamp box at the back of the church and in the office or they can be given to Cecily Butcher.

FINANCE UPDATE

As at 30 September	Actual	Budget
Total Income *	\$ 75,543	\$ 84,420
Total Expenses	<u>-78,487</u>	<u>-87,295</u>
Net Surplus/Deficit	- 2,944	- 2,875

* Includes actual offertories and other donations of \$53,676 against budgeted offertories of \$58,700

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LIFE OF JESUS

At St Barnabas in November

4pm Sundays — 5, 12, 19, 26 November & 3 December

7:30pm Wednesdays — 8, 15, 22, 29 November & 6 December

What really happened back in the first century, in Jerusalem and around the lake of Galilee, that changed the shape of world history? Ancient historian, John Dickson, takes us on a new journey through the most significant parts of Jesus' life. Shot on location in Israel, *Life of Jesus* leads viewers through what we know of Jesus' birth, his teaching, his deeds, and his crucifixion and reported resurrection from the dead. It's a refreshing and compelling presentation of the Christian message with a strong historical emphasis.

To register please write your name on the sign up sheet at the back of the church. For more information, speak to Bob Cameron.

kids@barneys

Today marks the beginning of a new children's program at the 9:30am service on Sunday mornings. Providing adequately for children at church is vital if we are to engage with and minister to the families of our parish. Each Sunday during school term we want to provide a significant time during the service where children can learn about God in a way that suits their 'age and stage'.

If you think you could help with this new ministry, even if only occasionally, then please do talk to Bob or Fiona Cameron. You will also need to obtain a current Working With Children Check clearance (if you don't already have one) before you can start helping. Speak to Bob about this if you need to know more.

And above all, please commit to praying. Jesus said, "apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). If we do not pray then we would be wise not to start in the first place. So pray for the blessing of God's spirit and his abundant provision for this gospel undertaking.

Readings and Prayers for Sunday 15th October, 2017

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

This is our God for whom we have waited ; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Isaiah 25:9

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Saving and healing God,
you have promised
that those who have died with Christ shall live with him:
grant us grace to be continually thankful
for all you have done for us,
and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve
and live for others,
so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS IN CONTEXT

Exodus 32:1-14

Moses has been on Mt Sinai for a long time (the best part of 40 days) and the people of Israel have grown restless in the absence of their mediator between them and God. So they take matters into their own hands.

Philippians 4:1-9

Paul has concluded the main part of his letter with a passionate plea to believers to live as those whose greatest treasure is Jesus, and whose citizenship is in heaven. He now turns to some specific concerns and final exhortations to godly living.

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus has told two parables already which were a critique of the religious leaders in Israel who failed to recognise him as the Messiah. A third parable will complete the set — but its cautions reach beyond just the immediate targets.

A reading from Exodus

Chapter 32 beginning at verse 1

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered round Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

² Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." ⁶ So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterwards they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

⁷ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'

⁹ "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses sought the favour of the LORD his God. "LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance for ever.'" ¹⁴ Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 106: 1-6, 20-24 (p334 APBA)

A reading from Philippians

Chapter 4 beginning at verse 1

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Chapter 22 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴ "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

⁵ "But they paid no attention and went off – one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, ill-treated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

¹³ "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Bible readings each Sunday are taken from the 2011 edition of the New International Version of the Bible (NIV). If you don't have a copy of this version it can be found at www.biblegateway.com.