

# Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's  
PARKES

St Stephen's  
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's  
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity  
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 28 October, 2018  
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Our **Vision** is to be a growing faith community of lives transformed by Christ.

Our **Mission**: We are followers of Christ, who, with God's help, are encouraging Spirit-filled people to share and teach God's word.

## October Birthdays

Sue McLennan (1st), Gracie-Mae Cummings (1st), Sharon Deen-Moody (2nd), B. J. Unger (6th), Allan Thompson (9th), Marg Klein (10th), Paul Applebee (12th), Dusty Powter (15th), Brian Schmalkuche (16th), Viv Cunningham (26th), Milton Blowes (27th), Mary Cabban (29th), Bruce Lindbeck (30th)

## Upcoming events:

### Soul Cafe

Saturday, 3rd November, 2018



2pm to 5pm  
All Welcome!



St George's Hall  
Saturday  
10 November  
7 for 7:30am

## ULTREYA

Saturday, 10 November, 2018  
Lower Hall  
2pm

## Mission Partner



**Operation  
Christmas Child**

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## Blind Bartimaeus

Lord, I sometimes open my eyes in the morning, and do not notice the sunshine, the green of trees, the colours in my room, the warmth or sorrow in the faces around me. If I had been blind, like Bartimaeus in today's gospel, I would long to open my eyes and see all that is to be seen. I could not have enough of this light-filled world around me.

Give me a relish, Lord, for all that my eyes can take in: not the pre-selected shots of the TV screen, but the endlessly varied landscape and peoplescape that surrounds me. I pray with Bartimaeus: Master, let me receive my sight.

Without his cloak the blind man could be even more lost - he would lose protection from the elements. It was one of his most essential possessions. In going to Jesus, he let it go. In prayer there is much letting-go. We hand over disappointments, hurts and grief as best we can. We hand them over to the one who loves us and gives much more in return.

Bartimaeus was an irritation to the crowd; they asked him to keep quiet, they were embarrassed by the attention he was drawing. Might there be some part of me that I prefer to keep silent? I lead all my needs be given expression as I am here in prayer.

The fickle crowd encouraged Bartimaeus once they heard Jesus call him forward. I pray for the courage I need to recognise what is important to Jesus and to bring it to life.

I listen to Jesus speak to me as he spoke to Bartimaeus. He asks, 'What do you want me to do for you?'

Like the people's who scolded Bartimaeus, telling him to be quiet and not to bring shame on them, I may sometimes prefer to keep the less presentable parts of my life out of Jesus' sight. Thinking of this scene, I realise that Jesus wants to stop, to listen to my plea for help and to cure me.

Bartimaeus threw off his cloak - his only protection - and, being blind, risked not finding it again. I allow myself to be before Jesus, unshrouded, seen as I am, expressing my need in trust.

Blessings

Father Ron

## This Week:

### Monday

29 Oct Toy Library, 3:30 to 6:30pm  
Upper Room Disciplines 3pm

### Tuesday

30 Oct Morning Prayer, 8:30am  
Little Acorns, 10am to 12,  
Upper Hall

### Wednesday

31 Oct Holy Communion, 10am

### Thursday

1 Nov Panorama Home Group,  
7:30pm  
Men's Group, Lower Hall,  
7:30pm

### Friday

2 Nov Morning Prayer, 8:30am  
Ladies Bible Study at  
Gregsons, 10:30am  
Connect Kids, 4pm

## Next Week:

### St Georges, Parkes

#### Saturday

3 Nov Holy Communion, 5pm

#### Sunday

4 Nov Holy Communion, 7:30am  
Holy Communion, 9:30am

### St Stephens, Peak Hill

#### Sunday

4 Nov Ext Holy Communion, 9:30am

### St Stephens, Bindogundra

#### Sunday

4 Nov Holy Communion, 11:30am

## Parish Events:

### Oct

28 Reformation Sunday, 7pm

### Nov

3 Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm  
10 Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm  
Ultreya, Lower Hall, 2pm  
11 Service of Remembrance, 4pm,  
St Georges

### Sentence of the day:

The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. *Isaiah 51.11*

### Collect of the day:

O God,  
you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing,  
and in your Son you have given us a High Priest  
who has offered the true sacrifice for us  
and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness:  
hear the cry of your people  
and lead us home to our true country,  
where with your Son and the Holy Spirit  
you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### Following is a prayer that Bishop Ian has requested that we pray regularly

*A Prayer for the future of our Diocese*

**Prayer:** "Let your gentle spirit lead me in the right path." *Psalm 143:10*

**Good Shepherd of your people, lead us, we pray, in ways of wonder and delight. Teach us by your Spirit to discern your way, trust your directions and give us courage to humbly walk with you. When the way is tough grant us a fresh vision of Jesus; when we are tempted by ease deepen our love for you. May the Gospel of forgiveness, healing and hope give us purpose for our journey and keep us faithful to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Archbishop of Sydney's prayer for rain:

*Our heavenly Father, we acknowledge our ingratitude when we have taken your goodness for granted, when the heaven has poured forth rain and the earth has produced its fruit. Yet now we cry to you for help, as the drought in New South Wales deepens. Have mercy on our land; have mercy on the people of the land. May your bountiful hand send forth rain upon our parched earth. Fulfil your promises that while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease, so that those in remote and rural areas may find relief from their distress and glorify your name for the provision of their needs. We ask this in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16**

Prayers:

- Please pray for our farmers and all those effected by the drought. Please send drought breaking rains so the grass will grow and give some relief to farmers having to constantly feed and water their stock.
- Pray that we will be alert to the needs of those around us especially those who are hurting or suffering. Pray for God's peace, comfort and healing for them. May we remember Henry and Bev and ask God's presence with them.

As the effects of the drought and none or limited income continues, at the Anglicare Pantry we are helping more and more farmers with food and household and personal items. Basic food items are reasonably well covered by our Pantry stocks and extra donations from Foodbank, but we are short on things like tomato sauce, cooking oil and dog and cat food. Also donations of household goods such as soap, tissues, paper towel and other personal items would be appreciated. This is developing into a strong ministry to those in need, just encouraging and blessing people in a way that shows we care for people just as Christ Jesus cares for us. Thank you for your prayers and support. If you know of any farmers doing it tough, please encourage them to come to the Pantry on Fridays between 1pm and 4pm and if they are too shy to come bring them along or see us for a food and household/personal hamper to take to them. Speak to Sandra, Derrick or Natalie if you have any questions.

### Spring Market Day

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Spring Market Day - setting up, packing up, running stalls, donation of cooking and items for sale etc. It was an absolutely fabulous day, enjoyed by all. Approximately \$10,500 was raised, which is a terrific result!!

### Readings This Week

#### Pentecost 23

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (pg 424)

Psalm 34:1-8 (APBA 254)

Hebrews 7:21-28 (pg 974)

Mark 10:46-52 (page 823)

#### Hymns

**7:30am: 630, 50, 31,**

**God Gives us a Future**

**9:30am: Who you say I am,**

**My Chains are Gone,**

**God I Look to You,**

**O Church Arise**

#### Figures for W/E 21/10/18

Collections \$2,817.00

Target. \$2,700.00

Surplus. \$117.00

#### Parish Directory

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Food Pantry 10am-4pm (Thur)

Boutique 10am-5pm (Mon-Fri)

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#### Readings Next Week

##### Pentecost 24

Ruth 1:1-18 (pg 210)

Psalm 146 (APBA 377)

Hebrews 9:11-15 (pg 975)

Mark 12:13-17, 28-34 (page 824)