



# THE LINK

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## WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S, 15TH OCTOBER 2017

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00AM EUCHARIST, APBA P. 101

10.30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST, [APBA P. 119] BOOKLET

*Service Setting: The Salisbury Service—Grayston Ives*

## REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

The party was ready, the guests were on the way, but somehow they got distracted. Today's gospel fits Exodus 32 like a glove, forming a combined warning.

Readers of Exodus perceive the golden calf incident in black and white. It was a wicked blasphemy. But at the time it must have appeared in shades of grey. The key question is: who brought Israel out of Egypt? Moses, say the people, growing restless while Moses is away getting instructions for the tabernacle (the physical object, symbolising both the presence and the untameability of Yahweh, upon which golden earrings were to have been lavished). Treat the leader as God, and you'll have a vacuum when the leader goes off doing business with God. So Aaron gives another answer: the calf brought them out (imagine Isiah's mockery).

God's reaction is interesting. He scornfully agrees with the people: *Your* people, he says to Moses, whom *you* brought out of Egypt. Moses knows that this means trouble, but in his prayer he goes straight to the point: No, he replies to God, they're *your* people. You brought them out. You were fulfilling promises made long ago and establishing a worldwide reputation. You can't go back on it.

It is a defining moment in the relationship between Yahweh, Moses, and Israel. From now on, nothing will be the same again. There is still hard bargaining ahead; Moses spends the next two chapters persuading God to accompany the people in person, rather than just sending an angel. But the people have effectively shown themselves to be that strange hybrid, the people of God who yet bear the mark of Cain. (cont. p3)

## Looking Ahead:

**Fr George Charles** will be the Locum for October (Neil's Annual Leave). He can be contacted on 0434273022 or 52593695 or emailed at [gpccharles4@bigpond.com](mailto:gpccharles4@bigpond.com), for any pastoral needs during this period.

From Sunday 5th November until further notice, the Bishop has appointed **The Rev'd Tim Gibson** the Locum.

The Incumbency Committee members are: Michele Eldridge, Robert Nicholls and Ruth Oakley. Please pray for them as they fulfil their responsibilities.

Neil & Sue Hicks  
P.O. Box 1  
Yarrawonga VIC 3730

## FOOD FOR ALL HAMPER tinned spaghetti / baked beans, tinned vegetables.

*Thank you for your support of this*



MUSIC AT THE BASILICA INC

**SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER, 2017 AT 3.00 PM.**

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## REMINDERS:

Check the Parish Electoral Roll TODAY if you are eligible to enrol, please use the Form provided.

Annual Reports will be in two parts this year, Financial and 'The Rest.' 'The Rest' is now available.

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## NOMINATIONS for: -

**Warden (2)**

**Parish Council (9)**

**Incumbency Committee (2)**

can be made now.

Nominations close *TODAY*.

## AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 29 October, following the Choral Eucharist at 9:15 a.m.—please note the change of time for mass on that Sunday.

## Mother's Union

Will meet on Tuesday 17th, 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Speaker: Fr. George.

All welcome.

## YARRAWONGA INDUCTION, SAT 11 Nov.

We have been invited by the Parish of Yarrawonga to attend Fr. Neil's installation there, on 11 November at 11:30 a.m.

We have been asked to provide numbers to assist with catering, by 1 November.

The invitation, and a list for people who would like to attend is on a table in the Baptistery. We may try to organise car pooling, so if you are driving up and can offer a lift, or would like a lift, please indicate this on the form.

Please see either a Warden, or Joy Bartlett (who is co-ordinating this) with any questions.

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

### Monday—16th October 2017

6.30pm Tower Bells practice

### Tuesday—17th October 2017

10:00am Mother's Union

### Wednesday 18th

*Luke, Evangelist and martyr*

10.00am Eucharist

Jeremiah 8.22-9.3

Psalms 145 .10-18

2 Timothy 4.9-17a

Luke 11.37-41

7.30pm Choir Practice—Brockman Room

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**16 Monday** Psalm 105.1-22

2 Kings 2.1-14

**17 Tuesday** Psalm 106.1-24

2 Kings 2.15-3.3

**18 Wednesday** Psalm 107.1-22

2 Kings 3.4-27

**19 Thursday** Psalms 110; 111

2 Kings 4.1-17

**20 Friday** Psalm s 114; 115

2 Kings 4.18-37

**21 Saturday** Psalms 121; 122; 123

2 Kings 4.38-5.14

Based on: *An Australian Lectionary 2017*

### Sunday 22th October, after Pentecost 20

8.00am Eucharist 10.30am Choral Eucharist

#### Lections & Lectors

Exodus 33.12-23

Psalms 99

1 THESSALONIANS 1 .1-10

Matthew 22.15-33

8.00am *E. Grainger*, 10.30am *A. Abraham*

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They carry God's light for the world, but remain capable of darkness. The rabble of slaves now invited to feast in God's kingdom still need to put on the wedding garment.

The best way to stop the weeds of idolatry growing is to plant flowers. Paul, after his word of reconciling encouragement to two otherwise unknown women, offers two basic plants which will leave no room for thorns and thistles: celebration and thinking.

Both require a positive decision. You can't just drift into rejoicing in the Lord, or the prayerful renunciation of anxiety which follows. In the pagan world of Paul's day, anxiety was a major factor in daily life, to be kept at bay by ceaselessly appeasing the malevolent deities. Since the true God is revealed in Jesus, this anxiety can and should be replaced by celebration, but you've got to work at it if you want the peace, undreamed of in a place like Phillippi, which follows.

Likewise, you have to work at putting into your mind all the positive things in God's good world. The media bombard us every day with the negatives; go with the flow and that's what you'll get. Remember, instead, who it was that brought you out of Egypt, and ponder the thousands of things that are good in creation. It's a great party; don't get distracted.

*This extract is taken from **Twelve months of Sundays** by N. T. Wright, with kind permission of SPCK*

## FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY BETWEEN 9 OCTOBER and 15 OCTOBER** APBA pew edition p. 464 [26]

Almighty God, in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life, that we must walk by faith and not by sight: give us such trust in your fatherly care that in the face of all perplexities, we may give proof of our faith by the courage of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The World:** Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela. The East Africa Famine. Victims of natural disasters in Mexico and of human agency in Las Vegas.

**Our Community:** We pray for all those on whom we depend for our daily needs. E.g. Seafarers, Transport workers, Farmers, Shopkeepers, Carers, etc.  
Our Justice and Legal Systems.

**The Anglican Communion:** Southern Philippines - (Philippines) **The Rt Revd Danilo Labacanacruz Bustamante.**

**The wider Church:**

Corio Deanery:

Area Dean, The Rev'd. Shirley Littras.

Parishes: Corio-Norlane. Christ Church, Geelong. St Paul's, Geelong. Hamlyn Heights. Highton. Inverleigh. Bannockburn. Lara. Newtown & West Geelong. Winchelsea.

**Mission & Outreach:** The Bible Society and Gedeon's International.

**Parish Community:**

Flower Guild

Brass Cleaners

All those who volunteer with regular upkeep and maintenance at St. Paul's.

**In Need or Sickness:** Matthew Coburn. Murray. baby Lydia. Derek. Peggy. Greg. Heather T. Wendy Hudson (*priest*). Darryl. Sean & Angie & family.

**Faithful Departed:**

*Years Mind:* 15/10 - Henry Stephen Wrathall [window] (1917)

17/10 - Florence Mcllwraith (1981)

20/10 - Roger Francis Crawford (1998)

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord,  
**and may light perpetual shine upon them.**



**Morning Tea is served in the Parish Hall following the 10.30am Eucharist. This is your Invitation to come across to the Hall and share fellowship with one another over a cup of tea or coffee.**

