

Missionary News

- Praise God for **Jon, Deb and family's** relaxing holidays and good times with visitors. Please pray for continuing contacts in their new local community, for Oliver's schooling and Simeon's pre schooling and Jon's trip to Jakarta.
- Please pray for **Malcolm and Elmare and family**, who have completed their training at St. Andrew's Hall and are preparing to move to Dodoma, Tanzania, where Malcolm will teach at the Christian University.
- **Kylie's** sixth newsletter is now available from Lyn or Roslyn, or by subscribing directly by email. Praise God for safe travel and for great accommodation. Please pray for her intensive language studies, relationships with new neighbours, donors for specific programs, skills development in DiSC (behavioural analysis consultancy) and coping with summer — (45 degrees-plus!).
- Please pray for **Roger, Lynn and Eleanor** in Ethiopia, and for their ongoing language studies in particular.

Parish prayers

- Please pray for **Hugh, Rachel, Mabel and Ridley**. Hugh has been transferred to Darwin and could be deployed to Afghanistan at any time. If Hugh remains in Darwin in the immediate future the family will join him for two weeks leave in August. Please pray for peace during a time of uncertainty.
- Praise God for a great women's retreat.
- Please pray for **Melissa**, recently engaged and planning a wedding for February, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Pray, too, for her fiancée Peter and all the Giles family.
- Praise God for considerable improvement in **Thea's** secondary cancers following radiation therapy. Praise God that Thea is no longer expecting more surgery; please pray for her as she recommences chemotherapy.
- Please pray for those involved with **The Blues Brothers concert**, that practices might go smoothly.

Giving at St Michael's

The recommended — and easiest — way of giving at St Michael's is by direct transfer from your bank account or credit card. This is arranged by 'Auto-ADF' at no cost to you or the church. Forms may be found at the back of the church; account details are available by request to the church office. You may then put a 'voucher' in the plate each week to indicate that you have given directly.



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This Week

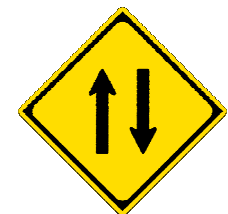
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Guidance from God

Christians believe in God's guidance in life. Classically, Christian teachers have pointed to five helpful signposts for identifying the guiding 'voice' of the Holy Spirit. Nicky Gumbel helpfully summarizes them with 5 'CS's':

- i) Commanding Scripture
- ii) Compelling Spirit
- iii) Common Sense
- iv) the Counsel of the Saints
- v) Circumstantial Signs

The guidance of the Bible is foundational. When more than one of the other signs above are also present pointing us in a particular direction in life, especially for the sake of the Gospel, we can be more confident to step forward. The Lord said to his followers "...when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you" (John 16:13-14).



10am Prayer, Praise & Thanksgiving

Theme: *Life with the Spirit of God*

Leader: Greg
Panel: Greg
Dave
Nicola
Fred
Music: Steve
Readings:
Hosea 11:1-11 Peter
Galatians 3:1-5 Christine
John 16:7-15 Sam
Prayers: Christen

5.30pm Holy Communion Service

Theme: *Who is in charge of the church?*

Speaker: Steve
Readings: Ephesians 1:15-23

Finance Update

At the last meeting of vestry the treasurer reported that in response to recent announcements about our finances, giving over-and-above the regular offerings in the months of June and July has helped to halve our projected deficit. However, this still leaves us the challenge of closing a gap of approximately \$10,000 by 30 September. If you have not yet become a regular financial partner in St. Michael's ministries via an electronic method of giving, please consider doing so today.

The Blues Brothers Concert working-bee, Saturday, 7 August

Please contact Melanie if you are willing to help out.



The Blues Brothers 30th Anniversary Concert, Saturday, 14 August

2.30-5.30pm; Williams Hall, St. Michael's.

Help needed for St. Michael's Art Show, Saturday, 11 September

If you are able to prepare sweet or savoury food for the Art Show cafe, or are willing to serve on the day, please contact Roslyn.

The August issue of *The Melbourne Anglican* is now available in the foyer. In this month's issue: a Hoppers Crossing couple who have adopted seven children and fostered more than 200 others, often with special needs, for more than 30 years through an Anglican agency; extraordinary stories of reconciliation from Rwanda that are being put together in a web-based curriculum for middle and senior secondary students; AngliCORD chief Misha Coleman's impressions of life in Gaza under the Israeli blockade; and a four-page supplement on Children's and Families' ministry with practical examples and suggestions.

Dates for your diary

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7 August	<i>The Blues Brothers</i> 30th Anniversary Concert working-bee	12 September	Back to St. Michael's day Bishop Huggins visit at 5.30pm Service
14 August	<i>The Blues Brothers</i> 30th Anniversary Concert	2 October	CBE Annual Dinner
28 August	St. Michael's 125th Anniversary working-bee	15-17 October	Youth camp at Briars Outdoor Ed Campsite, Mount Martha
5-12 September	St. Michael's 125th Anniversary celebrations	28 October	Women's Group pamper night
5 September	Archbishop Frier visit at 10am Service	27 November	Election day sausage sizzle
8 September	Prayer vigil	28 November	St. Michael's Annual Meeting
11 September	St. Michael's Art Show		

Upcoming sermon series

10am Service — *You, Life & God* — Galatians

8 August	<i>Abraham's faith and our salvation</i>	Galatians 3:6-9
15 August	<i>Isn't the Old Testament irrelevant?</i>	Galatians 3:10-25
22 August	<i>Freedom and friendship for all people</i>	Galatians 3:26-4:7

5.30pm Service — *Cross-culture* — Ephesians

8 August	<i>Called to be creative</i>	Ephesians 2:1-10
15 August	<i>Founded on facts and faith</i>	Ephesians 2:11-22
22 August	<i>Mysteries about God revealed</i>	Ephesians 3:1-13