

## Missionary News

- Please pray for **K** as she returns to the Middle East this week; for safe travel, quick visa processing and her new job in quality control in a Christian maternity and paediatric hospital. Praise God for Christian fellowship in the Middle East.
- Pray for **J&D and the boys** as they make contacts with their support churches.
- Praise God for the work of the **Asylum Seeker Resource Centre**. Pray for the St Michael's support group and for our awareness of the needs and political issues.

## Parish Prayers

- Please pray for **small groups** as they are being planned and started for 2012.
- Please pray for **Helen** as she goes to the UK and works through her long term plans. She is sad about leaving Australia and is thankful for her fellowship at St Michael's.
- Please pray for **Melanie's father** undergoing knee surgery this week. Pray for wisdom for the surgical team, for peace and healing for him.
- Please pray for **Grant's father** and all the family. He now needs high care. Pray for suitable accommodation and for the huge adjustment to this change.
- Please pray for **Nicola** and extended family, in particular her stepmother Jeanette and siblings Jamie, Rory and Melanie in their bereavement after her father passed away.
- Please pray for **Christine** as she recovers from hip surgery. Pray for patience, good care and good healing.
- Please pray for **Thea**, her family and medical team. Thea is having very strong radiation treatment. She is feeling very weary but remains very optimistic.

## Financial 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 can be arranged through the Anglican Development Fund (ADF) at no cost to you or the church. Forms can be found at in the foyer for regular direct debit or our bank account details are available by request for 'pay anyone' transfers. At present **only 55% of our income** is received in this way. We would like to encourage more people to change their method of giving to direct transfer to improve this % and help the vestry plan confidently based on predictable patterns of giving. Talk to a Churchwarden for more information.



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# This Week

## February 5

*Leading us through Lent*

The church season of Lent offers us a time for spiritual disciplines that can enrich our faith in God. In some places the tradition still includes forty days marked by fasting, both from foods and festivities, and by other acts of penance. Prayer (a focus on God), fasting (a focus on self), and almsgiving (a focus on our neighbour) have been three common practices in times past. At St Michael's we often suggest taking up a special study of the Scriptures and times of prayer during the 40 days leading to Easter. The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne has provided some helpful resources for this purposes based on the Psalms. They are free on-line. You can access them at <http://www.melbourne.anglican.com.au/faith/CallingMelbourne2Prayer/Pages/Out-of-the-Depths-Praying-the-Psalms.aspx>



### 10am Prayer and Praise Service

Theme: *God's healing in our midst*

Speaker: Steve

Readings:

Isaiah 40 :21-31 Richard

Mark 1:29-39 Greg

Music: Janette

Prayers: Sharyn

### 5:30pm Sermon Holy Communion

Theme: - *God's healing in our midst*

Speaker: Steve

Readings:

Isaiah 40: 21-31 Dan

Mark 1:29-39 Leanne

Music: Kyria

### Asylum Seeker Support Group

After a generous year of giving to the foodbank in 2011 please feel very welcome to continue in 2012. At both services TODAY and on the first Sunday of each month there will be a collection of non perishable food items and toiletries. The items will be taken to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) Foodbank for distribution. See <http://www.asrc.org.au/10-things-you-can-do/food-action-network> for more info.

Meetings for those interested in supporting asylum seekers will take place on the first Sunday of every second month, beginning February 5. We will pray, organise food collection and write letters to politicians (remember: every letter is worth 2000 votes!).

Also, the next information session for potential volunteers at the ASRC is Wednesday 15 February 6.30pm - 9.00pm



### Children's church 2012

On Sunday mornings in school terms St Michaels offers Children's Church groups during part of each 10am service- *Powerpack* for those in Gr. 3-6, *Shining Stars* for those in Prep - Gr 2 and *Mustard Seeds* for pre-school aged children. Church services will from time to time include a song or short talk before children depart for their groups. Children then return to join their parents for holy communion. Glenda coordinates the *Mustard Seeds* group and those pre-school children meet with their leaders in the "Resource Room" near the Williams Hall. Shining Stars meets on the Williams Hall stage and Powerpack in the Williams Hall proper. The *Wells Room* is, for the time being, available for parents with babies and toddlers as needed until renovations begin next month. ALL PARENTS wanting children to participate in any groups MUST fill out a registration form (available in the foyer and on the St Michael's website).

### Women's Group Planning

At 7.30pm in the church foyer on Tuesday February 14. Bring your ideas for 2012. RSVP Roslyn or Marilyn

### Men's Group

Men's Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month to strengthen friendships and welcome new people. Movies, The Pool Room, Shed nights, Barefoot Lawn Bowls, Geeks and Gadget nights, are just some examples. John is coordinator. Check our website or his blog [all-bull.blogspot.com/](http://all-bull.blogspot.com/)

### Job Opportunity

Part time Support Development Manager at Ridley Melbourne -see notice board.

### Youth Ministry News

2012 ministries

Penne is once again coordinator of our youth ministries in 2012. Hannah is our part-time, paid youth minister. The ministry includes discipleship groups (DG's), activities nights, conferences and camps. Parents of youth under the age of 18 must fill out registration forms available in the foyer. Information about the program will be regularly available on our website.

### Soul Survivor

A camp for youth and young adults, year 9 and above, staying for the week of 11-15 April or just the weekend 13-15. The cost is \$150 (including food) or the weekend is \$49 (+food). RSVP for early bird prices by Sunday February 12.

### For your diaries

Youth Camp will be on from August 17-19. Contact Hannah for all information.

### Kylie's visit

Kylie was very generous with her time last week at various events and was really pleased with the number of formal and informal contacts she made. Her enthusiasm and commitment to her call by Christ shines through.

### February TMA

is out this week. It features an interview with Christchurch Bishop 'Bishop calls on solid faith to heal shaken city' as well as Revd Dave Benson, who has completed a Master's thesis on how to commend the Bible to adolescents outside the Church.



### Lost and Found

The Lost Property box will now be located in the Wells Room (crèche area), if the items are not collected soon they will be donated to charity.

### Upcoming sermon series

February 12	God's Good News— <i>God's freedom in our midst</i> Mk 1:40-45
February 19	<i>God's Global Mission</i> Mk 2:1-12
February 26	New sermon series for Lent

### Upcoming events

February 5	<i>Children's Church begins</i>	St Michael's, 10am service
February 19	<i>Jon and Deb visit both services</i>	St Michael's, 10am and 5.30pm
February 22	<i>Ash Wednesday Service</i>	St Michael's, 7pm