

## WELCOMING



### Vision:

A church community where every person attending events and services on the church site feels a warm sense of welcome and receives a personal invitation to participate in the life of the church

### Goals:

- appoint designated “welcomers” at all events and church services held in the name of St. Michael’s Church to ensure any who take part are personally welcomed and included
- hold sessions for training “welcomers” to ensure the most effective and helpful welcome is offered to newcomers
- free up the time of “welcomers” to devote their full attention to welcoming and meeting needs of anyone arriving at a St. Michael’s service or event, especially newcomers
- offer and provide personal follow up to newcomers at events and church services to offer a further welcome, build relationships, offer service and to help them find people and activities at St. Michael’s helpful to their life and faith

## CHILDREN’S AND FAMILIES MINISTRIES

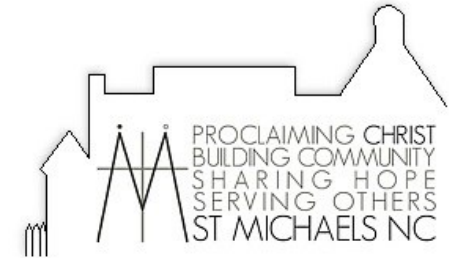


### Vision:

A church community welcoming and serving people of all ages, including families with young children.

### Goals:

- make relationships with local families with young children to welcome them and help them put their trust in God, grow in faith and take their place in the life of the church
- increase the number of families with young children attending events and services
- provide opportunities for children to learn about faith in Jesus Christ and participate meaningfully in the life of the church on Sundays and at other times
- increase weekly opportunities for families with young children to meet on the church site to build relationships and strengthen faith
- assist parents of young children with resources, guidance and encouragement for raising children who will grow to be confident in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ
- develop worship services on the first Sunday of the month to be more accessible and suited to families with young children
- encourage the congregation to value and engage with children and families in our services and events and ministries
- build a team of people to lead suitable activities for children aged 0-4 years during sermon and prayers at worship services to assist families and encourage their involvement
- offer education to parents about involving young children in worship services and participation in Holy Communion



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# THE MISSION OF ST MICHAEL'S

Proclaiming Christ—Building Community

Sharing Hope—Serving Others

## VISION/ACTION

Our mission statement (above) stays constant year to year. From this foundation the parish council prayerfully considers from time to time what vision and action plans shall be put in place in the immediate and near future—the who, what, when and where of ministry activities in the name of St Michael's.

This paper presents **NEW** initiatives and goals agreed upon during planning undertaken in 2014 by the vicar and the parish council through prayer, consultation and discussion. Strategies and resources to help realize the goals in this paper available on request.

Members of St. Michael's are encouraged to commit to pray for these plans and for our leaders, to seek opportunities to get involved in the outworking of such plans, and to consider the financial partnership they can offer to help our plans come to fruition.

Members of St. Michael's can communicate with the parish council to give feedback or offer suggestions via the email address:

[parish-council@stmichaelsnc.org.au](mailto:parish-council@stmichaelsnc.org.au)



# OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM



## Vision:

A church community actively seeking new relationships with local people who are not members of a church in order to serve, to share Good News, and to welcome them into the life of the church.

## Basketball Outreach Goals:

- make new relationships with young people who frequent the local courts to serve needs, welcome them to St. Michael's and share the Gospel message

## Community Event Goals:

- make new contacts with neighbours in the local housing commission sector of Princes Hill and to "build bridges" of friendship and service
- increase the number of church members involved in serving others in the local area in partnership with local community centres as a sign of the hope of the Gospel
- hold a live music event in a venue in the inner north of Melbourne open to the general public and the parish for opportunities to invite friends & neighbours

## Spring Harvest Sermon series

- hear from a range of speakers on today's challenges and opportunities to share the Good News
- offer opportunities to help church members learn to share their faith with others
- increase communication between parish council members and parishioners about key matters of ministry and vision
- coordinate a series of sermons, services and events related to a harvest festival in Springtime to increase awareness and faith for ministries of mission and evangelism.
- create a biblical plants garden on site open to the public for quiet reflection and peace

# SMALL GROUPS



## Vision:

A church community helping people to grow in faith and friendship through regular meetings in an increasing number and variety of small groups

## Goals:

- establish new groups based around bible study and held at a variety of times and places as demand for group membership grows
- see every small group engage in a meaningful Bible study/discussion that encourages Christians to grow in knowledge and faith with relevant links to sermon series and/or ministry goals of the church and members
- facilitate opportunities for small groups to work together to offer acts of service to others as a demonstration of faith in action
- increase the active participation of small group members in intercessory prayers common to the whole parish to strengthen faith in unity
- establish new dinner groups and coffee groups to help build relationships between parishioners