

Parish Prayers

Pray for S. for good and life-giving farewells with family, friends, gatherings, and supporters now and over these final months. Pray that churches and individuals will become intentional and generous supporters of the ministry in SEA through CMS.

Pray for current CMS group in St Andrew's Hall as they continue their Cross Cultural Training.

Praise God for the inspirational and well attended **launch of our Reconciliation Action Plan** and pray that we may commit ourselves to making change.

Pray for the **John Young** (post heart surgery) and **Sharyn Young** (post surgery for broken wrist). Pray for patience in their rehab.

Praise God for the Annual Meeting and pray for new Parish Council Members, Steve, Parish Council and Wardens as they move forward in their tasks.

Pray for Carolyn Alsen as she presents a paper on Genesis 38 to the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting in Boston, USA, this weekend.

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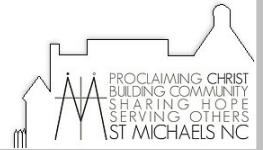
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This Week November 19



Proclaiming Christ Today | When actions speak louder

Speaking of the early church, sociologist Rodney Stark writes:

"... Christianity served as a revitalisation movement that arose in response to the misery, chaos, fear, and brutality of life in the urban Greco-Roman world... To cities filled with the homeless and impoverished, Christianity offered charity as well as hope. To cities filled with newcomers and strangers, Christianity offered an immediate basis for attachment. To cities filled with orphans and widows, Christianity provided a new and expanded sense of family. To cities torn by violent ethnic strife, Christianity offered a new basis for social solidarity... For what they brought was not simply an urban movement, but a new culture capable of making life in Greco-Roman cities more tolerable." (Rodney Stark, *The Rise of Christianity*, p. 161).

Far from being the 'easy road' or a 'cop out', the apostle Peter's instructions in his letter to "live such good lives" that others may "see your good deeds and glorify God" (1 Peter 2:12) provide a serious challenge for Christians living in the West today. This is not a call to quiet middle-class lives that don't bother others, but a call to sacrificial love. The challenges of life that Stark described in the Greco-Roman world persist today: homelessness and... poverty, loneliness and estrangement, violence, and poverty.

Will good deeds and love for others be what Christians of our time are remembered for?

~ Hannah

10am Communion Service

Leading: Melanie
Speaking: Hannah
1 Peter 2:11-25: Russell
Luke 6:17-36: Russell
Music: Steve
Prayers: Dianne
Welcome: Cindy
Kids' Church: TBA

5:30pm Prayer and Praise Service

Leading: Jacob
Speaking: Hannah
1 Peter 2:11-25: Cathy
Luke 6:17-36: Cathy
Music: Graham
Prayers: Su-Hsien
Afternoon Tea: Steve
Powerpoint: Diana

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For Your Diary

Nov 25 | Women's Silent Retreat

On Saturday November 25 the women of St Michael's are invited to attend a Silent Retreat at the Wellspring Centre for a day of personal and spiritual refreshment. See flyers in the foyer.

Nov 29 | Archbishop Conversations

A Wednesday morning (7:30am) conversation on "North Korea - The coming of Armageddon?". At Deakin Edge, Fed Sq with Bob Carr (former Foreign Affairs Minister), Dr Sally Burt (Diplomatic, Military and Foreign Affairs historian)

Dec 10 | Kid's Christmas Fiesta & Carols on the lawn

Dec 17 | Readings and Carols Music

A traditional carols service. Contact Christine and Roslyn .

Dec 24 | Christmas Eve Service

10pm - Carols and Communion

Dec 25 | Christmas Day

9am - Kids Christmas Service

10 am - Carols and Communion

Jan 13 | Trip to Bendigo

Outreach opportunity with Dianne.

Jan 17-20 | Summer Under The Sun

Tickets at www.cms.org.au/vic/summerundertheson

Feb 10 | Commissioning Service for S.

Join the friends, family and supporters of S. from 2.30 pm at St Mikes to bless pray and send out S as she serves with CMS. Afternoon tea to follow the

service. If you would like to help with afternoon tea, see Hilary.

General

An Embarrassed Thanks from Roslyn

For the warm words and generous gift at the Annual Meeting. Yes I am doing less but St Michael's is central to my worship and life and will always be.

Indigenous Hospitality House

The Indigenous Hospitality House have released a coffee table book—*Tales from the Table* - incorporating stories, insights and learnings from the past 16 years of running. \$30. Order online at <http://www.ihh.org.au/store/tales-from-the-table> or see Steve for a hardcopy.

Spiritual Direction Ministry

Spiritual Direction is a one-to-one ministry which provides the opportunity for reflecting and listening in order to deepen one's relationship with God. Di is entering her third year of training in this work and would value another 'pilgrim' to share her journey. If you know someone outside the congregation who might benefit from this ministry, please contact her on 0425 857 472 (no charge at this stage).

Newly elected Parish Council

Parish Council: Chris, Su-Hsien (wardens), Peter, Katya, Julian, Jack, Peter, Mary, Gillian, John, Barry, Emilie.

New Ministry Roster

Please fill your names into the sign up sheet near the foyer door.

St Michael's Advent Practical Support			
5 ways to give before Christmas			
Who?	When?	What?	Other?
Anglican	Nov 12 - Dec 3	Food for clients	Boxes near nametag board
	Nov 12 - Dec 3	Gifts (for clients of all ages)	Boxes near nametag board
Drop-in Centre	Dec 10 - Xmas	Food	For emergency relief
Revd Duku Wolicare			
Scripture Union	Nov	See Beth Allen	
Mallacoota SUFM			
ASRC	Dec 3	Goods as per list in foyer	Regular pick-up by Hilary
TEAR	Dec 3 Dec 10 Dec 17	Useful Gift Cards	Sam & Steve selling

10am	Nov 26
Leader	Dianne S
Speaker	Steve W
Front of House	Noelene H Bob L
Welcome	Melanie M
OT Reading	-
NT Reading	John S
Gospel	-
Prayers	Sam A
Music	Stephen M
Flowers	Cindy S
Lawn	Cindy S
Kid's Church	Hannah C
Morning Tea	Julie B Margaret S Anne W
5:30pm	Nov 26
Leader	Ann-Michel G
Speaker	Steve W
Welcome	Su-Hsien K
Reading 1	Lachlan W
Reading 2	-
Prayers	Catherine M
Music	Sam
Afternoon Tea	Hannah & Shelley Y
PowerPoint	Steve W