

Parish Prayers

Praise God for the blessings of this season and pray that His Word may fall on fertile ground.

Pray for all our leaders, that they may be mightily aware of God's presence as they work, relax, plan for 2018.

Pray for those grieving the unexpected death of Diana, the wife of John, a previous principal of the CMS training college in Parkville, on 16th January.

Pray for all the missions and workers we support as a congregation and individually [information in foyer].

Pray for all of us, for safety, for a sense of God's presence in tough times, for readiness to greet 2018 at St M's with joy and energy.

Pray for all those who have safely returned from Mallacoota SUFM, and praise God for a great time away. Pray for those who were witnessed to during the mission. More prayer points in the foyer.

Pray for Josh as he goes to Nepal for 6 months of study and travel. Pray for safe travels and wisdom in navigating Nepali bureaucracy!

Pray for S as she stays with family and undergoes surgery on February 8. Pray for skill for the surgeons and good, quick recovery.

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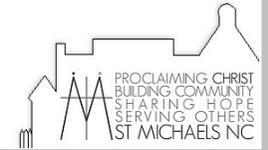
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This Week January 28



God's Justice League - Sojourner Truth: the Liberator

You've probably never heard of her, but Sojourner Truth was named by Smithsonian Magazine as one of the 100 Most Significant Americans of all time. All the more remarkable - on a list of mostly men - given that she was an illiterate African American woman born into slavery. She wasn't born Sojourner Truth, but having gained her freedom at age 30, and after a powerful encounter with Jesus, she changed her name to reflect the new purpose that God had given her: "I was to travel up an' down the land, showin' the people their sins, an' bein' a sign unto them."

Though she couldn't even read the bible, Sojourner Truth became a prominent (and controversial) itinerant preacher and speaker - preaching about Jesus, but also campaigning for abolition and for women's rights. She faced much opposition, and was physically injured more than once. But with a quick wit, a mission from God, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, she left such a legacy that she was to become the... (*cont. over*) first

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10am Holy Communion Service

Leading: Di & Chris
Speaking: Hannah
Acts 1:1-22 Tony
Luke 4:18 Dianne
Music: Steve
Prayers: Dianne
Welcome: Cindy
Kids' Church: N/A

5:30pm Prayer & Praise Service

Leading: Greg
Speaking: Hannah
Acts 1:1-22 Fred
Luke 4:18 Leanne
Music: Sam
Prayers: Su-Hsien Kuan
Afternoon Tea: Fred & Catherine
Powerpoint: Russell
Welcome: Anthony

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African American woman to be honoured with a bust in the United States Capitol.

"When I preaches," she said, "I has just one text to preach from, an' I always preaches from this one. My text is, 'When I found Jesus.' "

Lent Challenge

During the season of Lent take up a challenge based on a recent sermon by the vicar about B.E.L.L.S. —the model we've chosen to adopt as a way of making Jesus known in a sensitive and relevant way today. See handout for more. The sermon can be found in audio and written format on our website.

Next Sermon Series

Keeping it Real – 2 Corinthians will be the title of our new series starting 4 Feb and covering the season of Lent through to Easter Day. This series is the cure to "keeping up appearances" – a common disease most prominent across social media – and helps us to see ourselves and the world as God sees: looking at the "heart", not at the exterior, and caring about our relationships more than our achievements and sense of status. See website for details.

Kids' learning time on Sunday mornings

During school term in 2018, our 10am Sunday services will continue to offer opportunities for children in pre-school to middle primary years a learning time during the worship service. The Wells Room continues as a dedicated space for parents of younger children to use during the services as needed.

Ash Wednesday service

On Feb 14 at 7.30pm join us at the church for a brief service of reflection on the cross of Christ and prayer. All welcome.

Commissioning Service for S.

The previous advertised date for this commissioning service (February 10) has now been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. No date has yet been decided. Please stay tuned for further details.

Playgroup 2018

Playgroup returns for parents and young children in the church's local area with the beginning of the school term. Tuesdays, 10am-12noon in the Williams Hall at St Michael's. All enquiries to Hannah at princeshillplaygroup@gmail.com.

Mission Giving

David Browning, from the Barbara May Foundation, sent his thanks for our donation of \$1519.97. Information in their file in Foyer. You will hear in the future the way 2018 dispersals are decided.

2018 Henderson Conference

Alan Nichols recommends a two day conference in Melbourne on the theme of 'Social security reform: revisiting Henderson, Poverty and basic income' to be held February 15-16 at the University of Melbourne. A significant list of speakers and topics can be found at melbourneinstitute.unimelb.edu.au

Small Groups

Are you interested in being part of a small group that meets in a home regularly for bible discussion, prayer, and community in 2018? Are you interested in hosting such a group? Preparations are now underway. Please indicate your response to either of the above questions on a "contact card" in church and a member of our staff team will follow up with a chat soon.

Stamps for ABM

Please support the Anglican Board of Mission by donating your used stamps. There is a tin in the foyer for collection.

10am	Feb 4	Feb 11
Leader	Cindy S	Noelene H
Speaker	Chris A	Steve W
Front of House	Kathrine H Bill T	Cindy S
Welcome	Liz J	Hilary T
OT Reading	Kathrine H	Audrey L
NT Reading	Gillian B	Chris A
Gospel	Anne W	Allan R
Prayers	Sam A	Christine Ha
Music	Janette A	Hannah C
Flowers	Liz J	Cindy S
Lawn	Su-Hsien K	Su-Hsien K
Kid's Church	Hannah C	Tom C
Morning Tea	Audrey L Sharyn Y Julie B	Kathrine H Liz J Christine Ha

5:30pm	Feb 4	Feb 11
Leader	Steve W	Melanie M
Speaker	Chris A	Steve W
Welcome	Su-Hsien K	Micah E
Reading 1	Catherine M	Emilie F
Reading 2	Cathy W	Catherine W
Prayers	Hannah Y	Catherine M
Music	Kyria W	Hannah C
Afternoon Tea	Penne W Cathy W	Rhonda E
PowerPoint	Steve W	Su-Hsien K