

## Parish Prayers

**Pray** for Di and her family as they grieve her sister's death. Pray particularly for God's comfort and peace, and for good conversations with the family.

**Pray** for S as she continues to recover from surgery. She is very thankful!

**Praise God** for 840 Scripture Union volunteers who worked in the summer programs; Praise the Lord of the harvest for the Camp Coolamatong Schools team, for 4 new schools chaplains and for the Victoria Eastern Regional schools and churches partnerships. Pray for God's guidance as ideas are explored to strengthen schools and churches connections. [February prayer letter in Foyer]

**Pray** for all the missions and missionaries we support through our giving. Pray for the process underway to choose those we support in 2018.

**Pray** for CMS initiatives to link with younger people, offer mission experiences, and encourage people to explore cross cultural mission through St Andrews Hall. Pray for the fundraising for urgent need to upgrade St Andrews Hall.

**Praise God** for an exciting and challenging time ahead for the Craven family. Hannah will study at Ridley and then all will be off to St Andrew's University in Scotland for a pathway to PhD. Pray for them all as they prepare for big changes.

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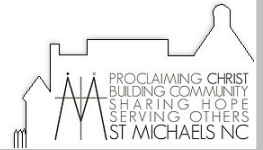
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# This Week

## March 11



Christian believers in Paul's time assumed that Jesus' return would happen soon - while many of them were still alive. In 1 Corinthians, Paul has already taught about the centrality of the bodily resurrection (at the return of Christ) to Christian faith. But, as time passed, and as suffering and hardship increased, the early Christians also began to wonder about the fate of those who might die before Jesus' return. So here in the first half of chapter 5 of 2 Corinthians, Paul revisits, in brief, a theology of the afterlife. Interpretation of this text is contested. But for Paul it seems there is not just 'life after death', but 'life after life after death.'

This morning we'll examine these ideas, as well as what Paul sees as the implications of them for our life together now - not least the transformation of our suffering and pain from just negative feelings about present circumstances, into



pointers and signs of the goodness and justice that is promised. Our 'groaning' is actually 'longing' - transformed from despair and agony, into hopeful (though sorrowful) anticipation of restoration.

- Hannah Craven

### Keeping it Real | #5 Living By Faith, Not Sight

#### 10am Holy Communion Service

Leading: Steve  
Speaking: Hannah  
2 Cor. 5:1-10 Greg  
John 3:16-17 Tony  
Music: Dianne  
Prayers: Di  
Welcome: Di  
Kids' Church: Catherine

#### 5:30pm Prayer & Praise Service

Leading: Melanie  
Speaking: Hannah  
2 Cor. 5:1-10 Catherine  
Music: Samuel & Sarah  
Prayers: Russell  
Afternoon Tea: Fred & Catherine  
Powerpoint: Diana  
Welcome: Leanne

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## For Your Diary

### March 14 | Conversations with the Archbishop

African youth are much in the news in Melbourne, but is there an issue? Archbishop Philip Freier talks to two people who really know from the inside: young lawyer and social activist Nyadol Nyuon and Anglican minister and community leader Chaplain Soma. 7:30am at Deakin Edge, Federation Square.

### March 19 | People From Every Language

Hosted by RTC in the CBD, Dr Peter Adam will be speaking about the importance of Indigenous issues for Christians. 6pm for refreshments before the talk and Q&A from 6:30-8pm. More information and tickets at [www.rtc.edu.au/events](http://www.rtc.edu.au/events)

### March 29 | Maundy Thursday

Join us in the Williams Hall at 6.45pm for a 7pm dinner and ceremony. BYO beverages to share, donations welcome at the door. See Cindy or Dianne Shay for further info.

### March 30 | Belgrave Heights Easter Convention

The 67th annual Belgrave Heights Easter Convention will run from March 30-April 2. No registration required.

### March 30 | Good Friday Service

10am Reflections on the cross of Christ.

### April 1 | Easter Day Services

10am and 5.30pm Holy Communion services.

### April 27 | BCA AGM

The Bush Church Aid will be holding their Annual General Meeting at St Paul's Boronia. Rev. Neville Naden will be the guest speaker, speaking about reaching Indigenous Australia for Christ. 6:15 for 6:45pm. Tickets are \$35. RSVP to [victoria@bushchurchaid.com.au](mailto:victoria@bushchurchaid.com.au)

### May 5 | St Michael's Market

The market is back! Are you able to help with the sausage sizzle, morning tea or contribute to the backyard produce or children's used books stalls? Contact Suzy on 0421722060.

### May 18 | BMF Dinner

You're invited to a fundraising dinner for the Barbara May Foundation at 6:30pm in Richmond. Tickets are \$160 per person and available via email from Joanne: [jo.crowley@barbaramayfoundation.com](mailto:jo.crowley@barbaramayfoundation.com).

## General

### Help the ASRC!

The ASRC desperately needs stationery: rulers, glue sticks, pens, staples, scissors, A4 notepads, whiteout, dividers, under-desk footrests, paper clips. Donations can be left in tubs in the foyer. Thanks!

### New Staff Appointment

We are pleased to announce that Catherine Ward has been appointed for a short-term position as Children's Ministry Assistant. Catherine herself grew in faith under the ministries of St Michael's and is well known to all. This position is temporary, in the light of the conclusion of Hannah Craven's role as Assistant Curate last week. The Vicar and Parish Council are making plans for longer term strategies and staffing. Catherine will work 6 – 8 hours per week to support those who are serving children and families in ministries such as Playgroup and Children's Church.

### March TMA

This month's publication is available in the foyer. It includes tributes to Billy Graham, including a personal reflection by the Rev'd Peter Corney; and a report on the Most Rev'd Kay Goldsworthy's installation as the Archbishop of Perth, and the first woman in the world to have the title 'Archbishop'.

10am	March 18	March 25
<b>Leader</b>	Noelene H	Di & Chris A
<b>Speaker</b>	Dianne S	Steve W
<b>Front of House</b>	Christine Ha Su-Hsien K	Kathrine H Cindy S
<b>Welcome</b>	Liz Jungwirth	Noelene H
<b>OT Reading</b>	Mary Ann L	Marilyn D
<b>NT Reading</b>	Barry M	Kathrine H
<b>Gospel</b>	Katja W	Audrey L
<b>Prayers</b>	Roslyn L	Tony J
<b>Music</b>	Hannah &	Greg B
<b>Flowers</b>	Lent	Lent
<b>Lawn</b>	Lawrie S	Lawrie S
<b>Kid's Church</b>	Hannah C	Shelley K
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Audrey L Di A Margaret S	Marilyn D Christine Ha Sharyn Y
5:30pm	March 18	March 25
<b>Leader</b>	Russell M	Sarah A
<b>Speaker</b>	Dianne S	Steve W
<b>Welcome</b>	Su-Hsien K	Rhonda E
<b>Reading 1</b>	Catherine L	Russell M
<b>Reading 2</b>	Shelley Y	Leanne M
<b>Prayers</b>	Melanie M	Sarah A
<b>Music</b>	Graham M	Sam E
<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	Penne W & Cathy W	Rhonda E & Micah E
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Steve W	Su-Hsien K