

Parish Prayers

Pray for ongoing fundraising efforts by those organisations we support. Pray particularly for the **CMS** St Andrew's Hall rebuild, **BCA**, and **Ridley** renovations.

Pray for the **Christmas Fiesta** (December 16) and all our upcoming Christmas events. Pray for great witness and outreach.

Pray for **Scripture Union** state chairs and CEOs as they meet to shape SU all over Australia. Pray for God's hand on the choice of an intern for families and children.

Pray for **Jon** as he finishes local commitments, travels, and prepares for being at St Michael's on December 9. Pray for the family as they travel here, and them prepare their contribution at SUTS. Praise God for the provision of accommodation.

Pray for **Lwin and Charles**, for their love of God and of each other, for Lwin's treatment. [You can communicate through their Facebook page]

We remember in prayer **John** who passed away in Alice Springs and pray for his wife Jan, and his daughters Bethany and Jackie.

There is more information about our prayer and mission partners in the foyer.

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Account No: 10078845
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This Week December 9



The Song of Zechariah

APBA p. 425, Luke 1:68-79

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel:

You have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old:

To save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,
to show mercy to our forebears: And to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free
from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear:
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation: by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Song of Zechariah

10am Holy Communion Service

Leading: Greg
Presiding: Greg
Teaching: Roslyn (with Jon)
Luke 3:1-16 Mary Ann
Music: Dianne
Prayers: Dianne
Welcome: Cindy
Kids' Church: Shelley

5:30pm Prayer and Praise Service

Leading: Melanie
Teaching: Roslyn
Luke 3:1-16 Julian
Music: Graham
Prayers: Melanie
Welcome: Rhonda
Afternoon tea: Steve & Amarachi
Powerpoint: Diana

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Dates For Your Diary

16 December | Kids' Christmas Fiesta

Join us from 4pm for some fun in the sun with face-painting, jumping castle, nativity photo booth, craft and more! Bring your friends to this family-friendly event.

16 December | Carols on the Lawn

Straight after the Christmas Fiesta, starting at 5:30pm, we'll be singing carols on the lawn of St Michael's. Pack a picnic and bring your friends!

23 December | Carols & Readings

At 7:30pm we will have a traditional readings and carols service in the church. Please let Christine know if you'd like to be part of the choir.

24 December | Christmas Eve Service

Join us at 10pm on Christmas Eve for some carols and readings.

25 December | Christmas Services

On Christmas Day we will have a 9am service for kids and families, and a 10am communion service.

16-19 January 2019 | CMS SUTS

Early bird registration is open for CMS SUTS 2019-www.summerundertheson.Org

4 May 2019 | BCA Centenary Meeting and Dinner

Save the date! More information to come.

General Information

Christmas Fiesta—Can You Help?

- Could you bring fruit, sandwiches, cakes and slices to the foyer before 4pm? Hilary Toppin is the contact person and will organise it on the day.
- One more volunteer is needed to help children queue and wait for their turn.
- One or 2 helpers are needed to make hair garlands from ivy circlets
- On the day, we also need donations of flowers that can be woven into the ivy.

If you can help in any of these ways, please contact Catherine.

Serving at the Christmas Services

Can you offer to take a role as usher, welcomer, bible reader or serving afternoon tea at any of our upcoming Christmas services? These services include Carols on the Lawn (Dec 16), Readings and Carols (Dec 23), Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Please indicate on a welcome card or email Emma at the office (office@stmichaelsnc.org.au).

Christmas Events

There are postcards in the foyer advertising our upcoming events and services. Please take some to distribute to friends, family and the local neighbourhood.

Practical Support for Christmas

Can you help in any of the following ways? We need these things ASAP!

- Unwrapped, new gifts for all ages and non-perishable food for Anglicare clients
- Gift cards for Jon, Deborah, Ollie and Simeon who will be here for 6 weeks.
- Cash donations for Mallecoota SUFM via direct debit—see card up the back of church

And during December Sam and Steve will be selling TEAR Useful Gifts in the foyer.



December TMA

The last issue of TMA is now available in the foyer. It includes a viewpoint by former St Michael's vicar, The Rev'd Dr Kevin Giles, reflecting on why growing numbers of Christians are not attending church.

December 16 Sermon—Human Rights

Next Sunday, the 10am service will commemorate 70 years since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was ratified and signed as a United Nations charter to identify human rights such as all are born free, all are equal before the law, and the right to asylum. The sermon will be shared by Archdeacon Alan Nichols, who will tell stories of his refugee work in Africa and South East Asia, and Grant MacKenzie, lawyer and member of St Michael's.

10am	December 16	December 23
Leader	Steve W	Di A
Speaker	Alan N	Steve W
Front of House	Chris R Dianne S	Shelley K Cindy S
Welcome	Hilary T	Noelene H
OT Reading	Audrey L	Deepa J
NT Reading	Katja W	Greg D
Gospel	Anne W	N/A
Prayers	Tony J	John S
Music	Cindy S	Greg B
Flowers	Jacqui W	Dianne S
Lawn	Lawrie S	John S
Kids' Church	Shelley K	N/A
Morning Tea	Lorraine T Julie B Jacqui W	Suzy D Sharyn Y Marilyn D
5:30pm	December 16 <i>Carols on the Lawn</i>	December 23
Leader	Catherine W	Sarah A
Speaker	N/A	Steve W
Welcome	Leanne M	Chris W
Reading 1	TBA	Cathy W
Reading 2	TBA	Leanne M
Prayers	N/A	Kenya K
Music	Dianne S	Sam E
Afternoon Tea	TBA	Peter S Diana S
PowerPoint	N/A	Lachlan W