

## Parish Prayers

Please pray for all those who are now home from **Scripture Union** activities (camps, beach missions, including Mallacoota SUFM). Pray for good rest and recuperation—pray also for good debrief and follow-up.

Pray for **staff recruitment** and development at St Michael's

Please pray for **Jon, Deborah, Ollie and Simeon**, our CMS link missionaries as they adapt to Australia and organise a program for Ollie and Simeon.

Pray for **BCA** as they develop programs for culturally diverse Christian leaders, and support the ministry of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christians, planting sustainable churches. Pray also as they remember almost 100 years of work! See page 4 of the Real Australian in the foyer for more information.

Pray for **us all** as we travel, cope with ill health or loss, and pray for our witness in our communities.

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

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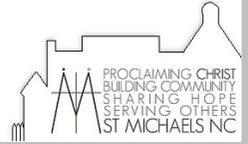
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# This Week January 20



## The Lord and His Prayer

When you pray, do you use ye olde English version? Do you use the word "trespasses", "sins", or "transgressions?" Is the Lord's Prayer a guideline for prayer or a regular set of words you use to pray to God? When did you first learn the words of the prayer and what significance does it hold, if any?

Today we launch a new sermon series that explores the meaning and purpose of the most famous prayer of all, starting at the very beginning: "Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed by Your name." In these words we must navigate both a sense of comfort and of awe. Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams explains that we may look upon God's name as holy, as something that inspires awe and reverence, and that we may not trivialize it by making God a tool for our purposes. God's name is not to be used to "put other people down, or as a sort of magic to make ourselves feel safe". He says: "Understand what you're talking about when you're talking about God, this is serious, this is the most wonderful and frightening reality that we could imagine."

Steve Webster

## The Lord and His Prayer #1—Our Father in Heaven

### 10am Holy Communion Service

Leading: Roslyn  
Speaking: Steve  
1 John 3:1-3 Viju  
Luke 6:44-45 Kathrine  
Music: Chris  
Prayers: Di  
Welcome: Hilary

### 5:30pm Prayer & Praise Service

Leading: Steve  
Speaking: Steve  
1 John 3:1-3 Ali  
Luke 6:44-45 Shelley  
Music: Sarah & Samuel  
Prayers: Russell  
Welcome: Leanne  
Afternoon tea: Elizabeth & Alex

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## Dates For Your Diary

### 6 February | Book Launch

You're invited to the launch of *What the Bible Actually Teaches On Women* by Kevin Giles. This book represents Kevin's work on this issue over forty years. The book will be launched by Dr Tim Foster, Vice Principal of Ridley Theological College, supported by Julie-Anne Laird, AFES student worker. The launch will be held at St Thomas' Church, 44 Station Street Burwood, on Wednesday 6th February at 8pm.

### 4 March | Empowering Women for Leadership

The Diocese of Melbourne is running an evening event on Monday 4 March, from 5-7pm, at the Chapter House Flinders Lane. This event is open to all women interested in this topic. We are hoping to gather as many women as possible, lay and ordained, to hear how women are already being encouraged in leadership and together look to how to build on this for the future.

### 4 May | BCA Centenary Meeting and Dinner

Save the date! More information to come.

## General Information

### Stamps for ABM

The Anglican Board of Mission is asking for donations of old stamps. Please leave stamps in the container in the foyer.

### Seeking Expressions of Interest!

Expressions of interest are now open for Bishop Genevieve's Pilgrimage to the Northern Territory from 11 to 23 July 2019. The pilgrimage will focus on Indigenous ministry in Jabiru in Kakadu National Park and Gunbalanya in Arnhemland. Our **Reconciliation Action team** is looking for people at St Michael's who might take part in this pilgrimage to help further our commitment to reconciliation, so please let us know that you're interested to know more by indicating on a "contact" card in church or speak with the Vicar, or Denise Nichols, or a parish council member before February 28.

### Collection for Lwin

Lwin Thida was a member of our congregation before returning to Myanmar to teach theology there. She is back in Australia after diagnosis and treatment for advanced lung cancer and requires financial help. If you would like to support Lwin and Charles to help pay for some of Lwin's treatment, a retiring offering will be taken on Sundays January 6, 13 and 20. For further info, please see Steve Webster.

### Parish Council Update

1. Your **new parish council** was elected at the recent annual meeting to govern the parish alongside the Vicar, and now consists of: Chris & Ann

-Michel as the churchwardens, and council members Jack, Katja, John, Kenya, Peter, Gillian, Barry, Mary Ann and Emilie.

2. Churchwardens reported that **big maintenance repairs** on the properties are underway this month, and will exhaust almost all of the allocated budget for maintenance in 2019

- repairs to louvre windows in the church ceiling,
- repairs to slate roof leaks,
- investigation of bell tower leaks & structural deterioration,
- resurfacing the wooden floor of the Williams hall.

3. The Churchwardens appointed Peter Summers as the **new parish treasurer**. We're thankful to Julian McCoy for his work for the past 3 years.

4. The PC approved a **staffing plan** while the search to fill the position vacant of full-time *Assistant Minister* goes on as per our Vision/Action plans for 2019. In the meantime, Catherine Ward will be offered a continuing casual staff role as *Children's Ministry Assistant* and a student minister for a 12 hour per week placement will be sought through Ridley College. The Vicar and PC appreciate the prayers of the congregation during this recruitment phase of our vision/action plans.

10am	January 27	February 3
<b>Leader</b>	Noelene H	Nicola R
<b>Speaker</b>	Steve W	Chris A
<b>Front of House</b>	Hilary T Audrey L	Chris R Cindy S
<b>Welcome</b>	Di A	Lorraine T
<b>OT Reading</b>	Sam H	Gillian B
<b>NT Reading</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Gospel</b>	TBA	Di A
<b>Prayers</b>	Sam H	Dianne S
<b>Music</b>	Steve W	Janette A
<b>Flowers</b>	Susan S	Mary Ann L
<b>Lawn</b>	Su-Hsien K	Anne W
<b>Kids' Church</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Jacqui W Sharyn Y Margaret S	Hilary T Noelene H Mary Ann L

5:30pm	January 27	February 3
<b>Leader</b>	Russell M	Melanie M
<b>Speaker</b>	Steve W	Chris A
<b>Welcome</b>	Rhonda E	Su-Hsien K
<b>Reading 1</b>	Steve A	Julian M
<b>Reading 2</b>	Rhonda E	Emilie F
<b>Prayers</b>	Emilie F	Sarah A
<b>Music</b>	Sam E	Kyria W
<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	Steve A Amarachi A	Rhonda E Micah E
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Lachlan W	Catherine W