



### Parish Prayers

Pray for **our welcome to people attending** hire groups on site during the week— groups such as *Mini Maestros*, *AMS dance*, *Busy Bookworms*, and *Step Into Life*, hire our halls regularly bringing hundreds into our church buildings every month. Please pray as we seek to create a welcoming environment and make our ministries and activities known.

Please pray for Nicola and Chris' friend **Lyn** who is currently undergoing hospital tests and treatment. Lyn and Tim are known to many of us, having attended a number of our community and social events over several years.

Pray for **Jon, Deborah, Simeon and Ollie** as they settle back into their roles and activities after a very demanding home leave.

Pray for **Scripture Union**, for strengthening and skilling families to support their children's learning through SU activities. Pray for the mountain bike camp in September, and other upcoming SU camps such as sailing experience camp and disability oriented family camp.

Praise God with **CMS** for Merle Rowe and her many connections with people of Gunbalanya [Oenpelli] who has gone to assist Matthew and Lisa Pearson with their language learning, recently appointed to assist the church.

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### Online Giving

If you would like to give to St Michael's, please use the following details:  
Account: St Michael's Anglican Church  
Account No: 10078845  
BSB: 063114

Days off for pastoral paid staff—Steve: Wednesdays, Kim: Fridays & Saturdays

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### What Should We Seek?

Continuing our sermon series Praying with Paul today we will be looking at one of Paul's prayers from prison. There are many differences between Paul, the Philippians and St Michael's. However, there are similarities. We share in the same gospel, we are brothers and sisters in Christ and are on the same journey until the day of Christ.

How does this prayer alter the day to day lives of us here at St Michael's as we are "proclaiming Christ, building community, sharing hope and serving others"?

This prison prayer should be the prayer of husbands and wives, a pastoral prayer, a parent's prayer. On a deeper level, with love as our motivator and wanting the best for those that we love, what should we pray?

- Stacey

### Praying with Paul #2—What Should We Seek?

#### 10am Holy Communion Service

Leading: Greg  
Speaking: Stacey  
Proverbs 3:5-18 TBA  
Mark 12:24-34 Greg  
Philippians 1:9-11 Niroshini  
Music: Chris  
Welcome: Di  
Prayers: Sam  
Kids' Church: TBA

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

Leading: Kim  
Speaking: Stacey  
Proverbs 3:5-18 Julian  
Philippians 1:9-11 Rhonda  
Music: Graham  
Welcome: Cathy  
Prayers: Alison  
Afternoon tea: Peter  
Diana  
PowerPoint: Su-Hsien

## Dates For Your Diary

### 22 August | St Paul's Evensong

This Thursday at 5:10pm, St Paul's Cathedral will be holding its usual evensong, which will include prayers said for St Michael's. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### 7 September | Women's Retreat

Women of St Michael's are invited to take a day of retreat as we sit in the presence of God away from the distractions of everyday life. Participants can use the silent time as they wish – eg. praying, reading their Bible, meditating, journaling. Please bring your own lunch—drinks will be provided. Please see Kathrine or Shelley to register and pay. Cost will be \$30.

### 16 September | Library for All

Library for All is a group committed to making knowledge accessible to all, equally, predominantly through their innovative digital library. You're invited to a cocktail party to introduce their new Digital Publishing Platform for Asia Pacific and Indigenous Australia. Kenya Kala will be speaking about this great work and the impact it is having in PNG. 6:00-7:30pm at Herbert Smith Freehills, Level 42, 101 Collins St, Melbourne. RSVP to [rsvp@libraryforall.org](mailto:rsvp@libraryforall.org) or 0409 124 851.

### 23-26 September | BCA Lunches

Rev'd Kristan Slack will be sharing about the joys and challenges of ministry in the Top End at a series of Spring Lunches from Monday Sept. 23—Thursday Sept. 26. \$20 per person. Email Emma in the office for info—[office@stmichaelsnc.org.au](mailto:office@stmichaelsnc.org.au).

## General Information

### Learning at home or in groups

Getting more informed and more familiar with what the bible reveals about God's grace and goodness is important but who has the time to study? Ridley College has excellent on-line resources available to help you gain a greater grasp of different books of the Bible and Christian teaching—[certificate.ridley.edu.au/](http://certificate.ridley.edu.au/)

### Thanks from Jon, Debs, Ollie and Simeon

This week, the office received a card from our mission partners, Jon, Debs, Ollie and Simeon, thanking us for the gifts of vouchers and the food hamper during their home assignment. They sign of with, "see you in 2 years, but we look forward to more news and prayers." The card is on the mission noticeboard if you would like to read it.

### Nickson Hall Fridge

Please do not leave any food in the Nickson Hall fridge on Sundays. All opened leftover food must be taken home, or it will be thrown away. Any unopened food may be stored in the cupboards in the Nickson Hall.

### Railway Neighbourhood House

The Railway house is now offering dog-walking. Phone Lisa on 9380 6654 for all information and booking. They are also looking for chess coaches for the Monday afternoon Learning Club. Call 9380 6654.

### Reconciliation Garden

The re-making of the St Michael's garden progresses as well! Plans of the existing garden were provided to the Wurundjeri Corporation (thank you David, Jacquie and Katja Wagner). A quote for the garden planning process will be provided soon, and we can progress from there. As this process is relatively uncharted ground for church groups and the Wurundjeri, it is taking time to navigate. The next step will be to form a working group of interested people to be involved in the initial garden development, and to steer plans for the launch on October 26th. If you are interested in being in that working group, please contact Janette.

### Weekly Hall-Hire Groups

AMS ballet classes—Mon, Wed and Fridays  
 Busy Bookworms—Monday mornings  
 St Michael's Playgroup—Tuesday mornings  
 Mini Maestros—Wednesdays and Thursdays  
 Step into Life exercise classes—Tuesday evenings

10am	August 25
Leader	TBA
Speaker	Steve W
Front of House	Chris R Hilary T
Welcome	Cindy S
OT Reading	Audrey L
NT Reading	Barry M
Gospel	N/A
Prayers	Christine Ha
Music	Greg B
Flowers	Susan S
Lawn	Cindy S
Kids' Church	Dianne S
Morning Tea	Sharyn Y Hilary T Gillian B

5:30pm	August 25
Leader	TBA
Speaker	Steve W
Welcome	Rhonda E
Reading 1	Cathy W
Reading 2	Leanne M
Prayers	Hannah Y
Music	Sam E
Afternoon Tea	Penne W Cathy W
PowerPoint	Catherine W