

St Michael's News

September 8



Parish Prayers

Pray for **our welcome to people attending** hire groups on site during the week. Please pray as we seek to create a welcoming environment and make our ministries and activities known.

Pray for **Jon, Deborah, Ollie and Simeon**—times of upheaval, and suffering are interpreted as punishment from God. Please pray for the family as they present the compassionate love of our God.

Praise God for 100 years of **BCA** bringing the Gospel of Christ to the outermost parts of Australia

Praise God with the **Barbara May foundation** for 1003 safely delivered babies; Pray for Ethiopia and for Val here for medical treatments.

Pray for **Scripture Union** volunteers at upcoming summer programs and camps Pray for October Mad Camp and the challenge to be culture-shapers at home, at school, and in the community.

Pray for Judith Nichols and the family as they grieve the loss of **Bishop Anthony Nichols**. Tony and Judith were active members at St Michael's in the 80s. Give thanks for a life lived in service to Christ.

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Account No: 10078845
BSB: 063114

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Getting Real

"Once upon a time..." Remember how exciting those words used to be? Story books opened a world of imagination to you, and still do to children everywhere. Then suddenly, the need for something real and tangible becomes you're reality. We discover that life can be a "battleground, not a playground" as Warren Wiersbe suggests. While imagination can comfort and inspire, satisfaction requires real substance. More than this, it's common now for ideas about the existence and goodness of God to be lampooned and ridiculed in mass-media posts, blogs, talk-backs and TV shows. Is our hope in God for real?

The First Letter of John in the New Testament begins with an eye-catching headline - God's living reality is made known to all in the person of Jesus Christ. He is announced as life revealed, life to be experienced, life to be shared, and life eternal. The search for the reality of God then, as now, is satisfied in knowing Christ - this is a confident proclamation in 1 John.

- Steve Webster

Believe. Live. Love #1—Getting Real

10am Holy Communion Service

Leading: Chris
Speaking: Steve
1 John 1:1-4 Kim
John 1:1-5 Greg
Music: Dianne
Welcome: Liz
Prayers: John
Kids' Church: Catherine

5:30pm Prayer and Praise Service

Leading: Alison
Speaking: Steve
1 John 1:1-4 Steve
John 1:1-5 Emilie
Music: Steve
Welcome: Kenya
Afternoon tea: Elizabeth
Amarachi
PowerPoint: Diana

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Dates For Your Diary

10 September | Free Ridley Event

Ridley College is launching an Aid and Development unit in partnership with World Vision, engaging with issues of poverty and inequality from a Christian perspective. Tim Costello will be speaking on the night. 7:30pm at Ridley. RSVP at ridley.edu.au/events.

11 September | Prayer Night

Join us for a prayer night in the church from 8-9pm.

20 September | Choir Concert

Vox Populi Choir's next concert will be on Friday, September 20 at 8pm in the church. It will be a short concert of around 30 minutes. No cost. Join us for supper afterwards. We would love your support.

22 September | NT Pilgrimage Presentation

After both services on Sunday September 22, Sharyn and other members of our Reconciliation Action Group who took part in the NT Pilgrimage, will be sharing some of their stories from the trip.

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 September

23—26. \$20 per person. Email Emma for info—office@stmichaelsnc.org.au.

4 October | Ethos Dinner

This year's recipient of the Faith and Work award is Emeritus Professor Barry McGaw. He is part-time Vice-Chancellor's Fellow at the University of Melbourne, former Chair of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority, and former Director for Education at the OECD. He will speak on *Education: Excellence and Equity*. 6.30 – 9:00pm at Ridley College. Cindy is hosting a St Michael's table so if you would like to join book online (trybooking.com/BEUOJ) and let her know.

12 October | CBE Conference

Better Together: Engaging with the Scriptures is on again. 9am-2:45pm at One Church, Blackburn. \$40 per person if you book before September 14. Morning tea and lunch provided.

15-18 January 2020 | CMS SUTS

SUTS 2020 is all about looking up and looking out: this is mission. Peter Adam will be guiding us through Jesus' teaching on prayer. Jackson Wu will show us how to share the only gospel instead of our culture. Super early bird registration is open now: www.summerundertheson.org/melbourne.

General Information

Small Group Materials

In a folder near the Everything Box, you'll find various resources that can be used for small groups. Small group leaders, please have a look to see if these could be useful for your group. The Ridley Certificate on-line is also an excellent option but does involve cost per person—certificate.ridley.edu.au/.

Can You Lend a Car?

CMS is looking for automatic cars they can lend to missionaries on home assignment. Contact Annette: aclarke@cms.org.au or 9894 4722.

September TMA

See the September TMA for an article about the recent trip to the NT taken by several members of St Michael's.

Join Vox Populi Choir

Our choir rehearses at St Michael's every Tuesday of the school term from 7-9pm. No experience necessary, just come along prepared to sing and have fun, no matter what your skill level. Supper provided. \$15/\$10 per session. Term 4 starts on October 8. Call Christine for inquiries.

Weekly Hall-Hire Groups

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

10am	September 15
Leader	TBA
Speaker	Dianne S
Front of House	Chris R Shelley K
Welcome	Di A
OT Reading	N/A
NT Reading	Mary Ann L
Gospel	Chris A
Prayers	Sam H
Music	Chris A
Flowers	Mary Ann L
Lawn	Lawrie S
Kids' Church	Catherine W
Morning Tea	Liz J Christine Ha Sharyn Y

5:30pm	September 15
Leader	Kim M
Speaker	Dianne S
Welcome	Catherine M
Reading 1	Julian M
Reading 2	Rhonda E
Prayers	Hannah Y
Music	Jacob E
Afternoon Tea	Steve A Alex P
PowerPoint	Su-Hsien K