

Parish Prayers

Please pray for **Linda and her family** grieving for the recent sudden death of her daughter Shanaya. Also please pray for Ian (Christine's brother) who is struggling to cope with the situation and support Linda.

Please pray for **S.**—She is still in Melbourne, and does not know when she will head back. Please consider giving gift cards, greetings cards, etc. Please ask Roslyn for contact details.

Pray for **CMS** for an on-time, on-budget, safe rebuild of St Andrew's Hall. Pray for those in temporary accommodation while the build is completed. Praise God for growth of churches in South East Asia and Latin America. Pray for training and scholarships distribution.

Pray for the **Barbara May Foundation** - Dr Andrew Browning is constantly finding un-serviced places in Africa—South Sudan in particular is in desperate need. Pray for donations to the foundation and for local people as they train volunteers for clinics, wards, outreach.

Pray with **BCA** for areas effected by drought and flood, and for churches who are moving to online platforms because of COVID-19. Pray that they will lean on God and pray for each other during this time of uncertainty.

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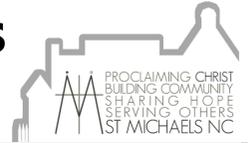
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St Michael's News

March 29



COVID-19 Update

Hi to all members of St Michael's North Carlton. I hope each of you have found ways to adapt to the new "normal" of staying at home, greeting your neighbours with a wave over the fence or balcony, and connecting with friends and family online and by phone. Our ministries at St Michael's have also had to adapt and have begun to change shape and form with positive impact. For example...

- Our Playgroup which met on Tuesdays is now connecting regularly via WhatsApp for chat and support, and next week we will have an opportunity for people to "meet" via Zoom on Tuesday morning. This gives great opportunity for our playgroup team, and for our Assistant Minister, Kim, to extend pastoral care and encouragement in that large community that is part of the life of our church.
- Some of our mid-week small groups met via Zoom for their bible study, discussions and prayers in the past week, as did the new Climate Action Group the week before.
- Our Ridley Certificate group studying the Psalms on Tuesday nights met with 9 of the participants via Zoom. It was great to be able to see the video lesson together and then to see each other's faces and have a conversation and prayer about what we'd each learned.

Last Sunday's livestreamed services reached well over 300 people! That's something we didn't expect. We received lots of feedback, including advice to fix technical glitches, but overall, the messages received were positive and thankful for being able to "go to church" in this new way.

It's of great concern to know that some of our church members, or people close to them, have lost jobs and/or face challenging hardships under the current government restrictions. I hope to arrange phone contact with all our church members over the coming week by members of our staff team to get a clearer picture of the pastoral needs at hand. At the time of writing I do not know of any church members who have tested positive for COVID-19.

To help strengthen our spiritual connectedness, we have made a new feature available on our Facebook page: an online Prayer Support Group. We encourage

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you to join the Prayer Support Group if you are a Facebook user by clicking this link: www.facebook.com/groups/1416473978532763/?ref=share.

If you are not a Facebook user, you can send your prayer requests to the office (office@stmichaelsnc.org.au) and Emma will add them to the group prayer requests. By accepting the invitation, you will be agreeing to maintain privacy and not repeating or copying and sending the requests for prayer in any other form beyond the group.

Church services will continue via livestreaming on Facebook and YouTube on Sundays at 10am and 5.30pm, but with the following changes:

- The services will begin with an initial livestreamed introduction to worship by the vicar.
- All who are watching the livestream will then be invited to click on links on the Facebook page or to on the individual videos uploaded to our YouTube channel of songs, prayers, and a reading.
- The "congregation" will be encouraged to sing along with songs, listen to the bible reading, and pray along with prayers pre-recorded by different members of our congregation.
- At a designated time soon after (to be announced in the introduction), the vicar will deliver the sermon for the day via livestream on Facebook and on YouTube, followed by a blessing.

We will develop more innovative and participatory ways to "gather" for worship or to conduct important ministries in the coming days, but for now, please pray for our preparations for Sunday and other ministries of the church.

Our next staff team is meeting via Zoom is on Monday 30 March at 1.30pm and our next parish council meeting using the same app is on Tuesday 14 April at 7.30pm. Please let us know if there are pastoral or ministry matters that you would like us to raise in those important meetings.

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Join our live-stream services:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmichaelsnc/videos

YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCZoyi_4w7jWzVs0MyIwOIHQ

General Information

Office Hours in the coming weeks

Due to the current climate, the staff team is now working from home as much as possible. The usual office email address will still be monitored as Emma will continue to work Mondays (12-3pm), Tuesdays (12:15-3:15pm) and Thursdays (9:30-4:30).

An Update from CMS

"CMS has been working overtime to connect with each of our 200+ missionaries. Most are choosing to stay among the people they love and serve. Please join us in praying for wisdom, protection and an open door for the gospel." - Wei Han Kuan, CMS State Director

ASRC Foodbank

Food supplies are running low at the ASRC. Please consider cash donations. For more information visit www.asrc.org.au/standwithus/. It's also a great time to start knitting beanies, gloves, scarves for asylum seekers. Items can still be dropped off at the Alphington Community Centre, 2 Kelvin Rd, Alphington, ph: 9499 7227.

Financial Giving

Please remember to prayerfully consider your financial partnership with St Michael's during these changed arrangements. Details for direct debit giving can be found on the back of this bulletin and online: www.stmichaelsnc.org.au/electronic-giving

Check Your Emails!

Updates about more ways to keep connected socially and spiritually are on the way this week. Please check your email for news updates from St Michael's during the week.

Update on Rosters

Our existing ministry rosters for Autumn have been put on hold. Steve or Emma will be in touch with you personally if we would like you to serve in some way, and we will keep you all regularly informed about any changes to the services as directions change.