



Parish Prayers

Pray for **Jon, Deb, Ollie and Simeon**—pray that they might be lights for Him in their communities and that God might use them to draw others to Himself.

Please pray for **S** who is finishing up as a worker overseas. Pray for peace, comfort and space for grieving & healing. Pray for discernment for the way ahead so that she may continue to serve with perseverance, love, thankfulness, grace - enjoying the King of kings forever.

Pray with **CMS** for the safety and health of all workers on location, and pray that they would see great flourishing in this time. Please pray particularly for Jim and Tanja French in Spain. Tanja was diagnosed with COVID19 but retesting proved that inaccurate. She is still unwell and investigations are still under way. Please pray for them and for Spain as they manage the outbreak.

Ridley College has transitioned into virtual learning. Please pray for the students and staff as they teach and study with ever changing guidelines and expectations, pulling them in a number of directions: church, family, study, work. Also please pray for a great sense of community. College is so much more than class, but this has been difficult with the cessation of face to face time, chapel, morning teas, lunches, study groups.

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Prayer

"If prayer works, how come there's so much injustice in the world?"
"If God's holy and in heaven, will God listen to my prayers?"
"How should I pray?"

These questions I've commonly heard in pastoral ministry reach for the how, and the what of prayer and they are important questions indeed. Today's sermon The Trinity and Prayer addresses the who and the why of prayer. These are important presumptions about prayer to wrestle with. The New Testament shows us how knowing God as Triune – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – gives us confidence in who we are praying to and motivation as to why we pray. Although God may seem far away and unseen, God the Son has bridged that gap (e.g. Heb. 1:3, Eph. 2:18), has made God visible to us (John 1:18,14:9), and has offered us the way to be in the very presence of God and the motivation to pray (Jn. 14:6,12-14). God the Spirit points us to Jesus' example of prayer (e.g. Luke 26:39, John 15:26) and offers us strength and support to entrust our lives into God's hands (Rom. 8:26,27). When we begin prayer from these perspectives, the how and the what of prayer may find their right place and purpose.

- Steve Webster



Love that Never Ends #4: Trinity and Prayer

10am Holy Communion Service

Leader: Di A
Speaker: Steve W
Romans 8:24-27 Christine H
John 14:8-14 Katja W
Prayers: Tony J
Music: Various
Kids' Talk: Catherine W
Tech team: Catherine W & Sam E

5:30pm Holy Communion Service

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Upcoming Initiatives

August TBC | Guess Who's Coming To Lunch

An online version of Guess who's Coming to Lunch will be held on a Sunday in July or August via Zoom. Stay tuned for more information.

September 27 | St Michael's Day

St Michael's Sunday (Sunday nearest September 29) will be set aside as our next Vision Sunday.

General Information

Update from Lwin and Charles

In January Lwin started a life-long cancer treatment. This is in tablet form and the side effects are minimal. Her April scans were very positive and her monthly visits with her oncologist are supportive. Lwin and Charles are full of praise to God. They ask for continuing prayer for them both and for Lwin's medical team. She will have another scan soon, probably in October. They were also pleased to hear of the support Snow is receiving. Lwin and Charles sometimes join us for live-stream worship.

Support Nicola's (modified) Camino For Firesticks

Extended to finish Friday May 7, "Nicola's (modified) Camino for Firesticks" is raising funds to help Australia heal after the devastating bushfires of earlier this year. Nicola has been doing her Camino a little differently due to the restrictions from coronavirus. Read more about her story and donate here: chuffed.org/fundraiser/firesticks-alliance-12840

Facebook Group

Join our Facebook prayer group here: www.facebook.com/groups/1416473978532763. 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.

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

ASRC Winter Appeal

A message from the ASRC: "Thousands of vulnerable men, women and children are relying on the ASRC to help keep them safe during the pandemic. But COVID19 has stretched our front-line services to the limit. Without your support, our front-line staff and caseworkers won't be able to help everyone who needs our assistance with the essentials to keep them safe - like food, shelter and healthcare " If you can, please donate to the ASRC Winter Appeal now. See asrc.org.au/donate. And please keep knitting! For information about our Beanie Drive contact Hilary at hmtoppin@gmail.com.

An Update from CMS

"The on-location partnership with 'S' ended late in 2019 and she returned to Victoria in early 2020. After a period of reflection, she is finishing up as a missionary of CMS. CMS will continue to support her in this period of transition. Please pray for her future, that God will lead her into satisfying service and ministry."

Weekly Updates

Are you receiving our weekly update emails? These have helpful information about our services and other activities happening in the community. If you are not receiving these emails and would like to, please email Emma (office@stmichaelsnc.org.au)

eSafety During COVID19

The federal government has put together a very helpful set of short videos about online safety during COVID19. They include tips for parents, kids, seniors, women and teachers. Check it out here: www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/covid-19

Supporting Benetas

Benetas is now able to reopen their doors to visits from loved ones during set visiting hours. But they are requesting assistance from interested volunteers to help welcome and pre-screen visitors. If you can help out, sign up here: www.benetas.com.au/volunteers/vs-volunteer.