

Parish Prayers

Pray for **Kathrine H and family** during their time of bereavement and sorrow.

Praise God for the strong and newly created **Australia-wide Scripture Union**. Pray for sustained and increased giving for the end of the financial year. Pray for Justin and his family as he is farewelled from SU. Pray for Chaplains, schools, and churches—make their team work strong and their ability to be flexible.

Pray with **CMS** for Remy Chadwick—he will direct Summer under the Son as Youth Director 2021, after 4 years as a volunteer in this role.

Barbara May Foundation—Please continue to Pray for fundraising. There are many requests for fistula services, especially after lockdown, in remote areas of Ethiopia, Tanzania, South Sudan, Uganda.

Pray for **Jim, Tanya, Evie and Silas** in Spain. Pray for opportunities to follow-up new relationships with families and parents at school, for the ongoing rollout of vaccines in countries that don't have any or very little, and for Jim's final practical driver's license exam & sermon in the first week of July.

Praise God for the ease with which **Ridley College** has shifted online for the lockdown. Pray for the Board, the finances, and the vision planning.

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St Michael's News

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Wise with what you say

Proverbs taught the lesson long before James did in chapter 3 of his Letter, about the power of speech to do good or evil. We read: "Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence"... "the one who holds his tongue is wise"... "those who guard their mouth and tongue keeps away from calamity".

James gives a range of vivid illustrations to accompany God's wisdom to encourage Christians to THINK before speaking and therefore sow peace, not pain. One preacher put it this way: Before speaking ask these five questions... T- ask "is it True?", H- ask "is it Helpful?", I- ask "is it Inspiring?", N- ask "is it Necessary?", and then K- ask "is it Kind?". There's five quick questions you could ask before speaking, to apply the wise counsel of the Scriptures to your



relationships and maintain harmony in the church or the community with God's help. You could even write the five letters on your fingertips as a reminder – T H I N K before you speak, and be among those bringing blessings, not curses.

- Steve Webster

Wisdom that Works #6—Take Care with Commentary

10am Prayer and Praise Service

Leader: Janette A
Speaker: Steve W
James 3:1-12 Lawrie S
Prayers: John S
Tech team: Anne W & Catherine W
COVID cleaning: John S

5:30pm Prayer & Praise Service

Leader: Alex P
Speaker: Steve W
James 3:1-12 Kim M
Prayers: Leader's choice
Tech team: Catherine & Hany

Upcoming Events

28 July | Climate for Change Bible Studies

St Michael's Climate Action Group is finishing up their 5-session pop up Bible study series. The last session will be on Zoom on Wednesday July 28 from 7:20-8:30pm. RSVP to Catherine (cathrn.ward@gmail.com) to receive the link to the Zoom meeting.

1 August | Mid-winter Lunch

Save the date! Assuming lockdown is over and we're able to gather again, we're planning to hold a mid-winter lunch in the Williams Hall on August 1 at midday. Contact Cindy Shay, Mary Ann Lyttle, or email church office for information. Contributions and assistance welcome.

General Information

Support Djab Wurrung Campaign Housing

Mia Reynolds (daughter of Nicola and Chris) is part of a team fundraising for local Djab Wurrung campaigners. The fate of the ancient birthing trees is still undetermined, and going forward Djab Wurrung campaigners are in need of a base to continue to campaign for the cause, as well as to oversee Djab Wurrung affairs. Key campaign leaders are in need of \$300 a week for a rental on Djab Wurrung country, and I am hoping you will consider contributing. This is a way to directly support a major campaign to protect cultural heritage and to pay the rent to First Nations people. If this is something you are able to contribute to, [please follow this link to set up regular donations](#). Contact Mia if you have any questions on 0412 623 605.

Farewell and Thanks!

Emma Sugars has accepted new employment with Prison Fellowship Australia and begins there on July 19. Emma has worked as part-time office assistant for the past 7 years. She has been that ever friendly face, voice, and writer from our church office. Emma has also innovated our ministry management and communications over the journey. We pray all God's blessings on the next chapter of work and ministry. On behalf of the congregation, the staff and churchwardens will, next week, offer her a gift of thanks for her great service to us all.

Railway Neighbourhood House

The railway house has a wide variety of activities each week. If you'd like to get involved and volunteer, contact them via email: admin@railwayneighbourhoodhouse.org.au.

Wanted: knitters!

The ASRC is again in need of beanies and fingerless gloves, so collect your knitting needles and wool scraps, and have fun! If knitting is not your scene, contributing wool for others to knit is also helpful. A bag of wool and patterns are available on the back pew, but you are welcome to use your own. Finished items can be dropped off at church services and/or at the office. Contact Audrey or the office for more information.

ASRC Catering

When you purchase a meal from ASRC Catering you provide a nutritious care meal to a person seeking asylum in need of support, while also keeping people seeking asylum in employment. Inspired by the community, these convenient vegetarian heat-at-home meals are nutritious, delicious and wholesome - just like a care package should be. Available for pick-up (Tuesday to Saturday from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm) or delivery (Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm). [For more information and to order click here.](#)

Bible Garden online - the Apricot tree!

With the recent lockdown restricting our movement, we've decided to launch our Bible Garden virtually! We had planned to launch the Bible Garden in person last week, but we have now postponed that until we're all able to gather a bit more freely.

So in the meantime, we will release a new page on our website each week focusing on a plant from the garden. You'll be able to read up on facts, information and biblical verses, as well as view photos of the plants, and eventually, listen to audio recordings of relevant bible verses.

[Click on this link and find out about the Apricot tree.](#)