

# St Michael's News

November 22



## Parish Prayers

Continue to pray for **Suse**, for energy and for God's protection in every circumstance.

Please continue in prayer for **Chris, Jamie, and Hannah Bourne**; Chris' mother, Elaine, died recently in Adelaide. COVID travel restrictions to SA have added to their loss. Pray that they will soon be able to meet up with their extended family in Adelaide.

Please pray for **Allan** as he moves to QLD to be near family. Pray for a smooth move north and for patience during the mandatory 14-day quarantine. Allan gives love and blessings to all.

Pray for all the **governments and community leaders** in Australia and around the world dealing with coronavirus.

Pray for **CMS** as they adjust to stage 4 restrictions. Continue to pray for **Jon Deborah, Ollie and Simeon** as school is currently closed. pray for them. Pray also for **Jim and Tanja** and their kids—pray for perseverance, protection and patience in this second wave of COVID19.

Pray for family and friends of **Graham Williams** who passed away last week in regional Victoria.

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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

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## #respect

During the global pandemic more people have been online than ever before in history. That means we've all been more exposed than ever to the common manner in which people engage with each other on social media, which is often less than respectful, often combative and sometimes outright abusive. The outgoing US President is no minor exemplar of this toxic culture often present on Twitter. He's known more for breaking presidential conventions in the way he addresses people than for his policies. No wonder the Biden campaign ran with a message of regaining respect in the lead up to the US election. Many people today lament the loss of respect in public discourse and media commentary. Our sermon series in Ephesians concludes this Sunday with a call from the Apostle in chapter 4 to Christians to "live a life worthy of your calling", which includes treating other people with love, dignity, respect, and goodwill. In the early church, we learned, there were



serious divisions and disharmony based around matters of race, gender, power, status, and more, and the Gospel of Jesus is not mere advice about unity and peace over enmity and division, but the power of *continued overleaf...*

## God's Roadmap #6—How to Keep the Peace

### 10am Prayer and Praise Service

Leader: Cindy S  
Speaker: Steve W  
Ephesians 4:1-16 Deepa J  
Matthew 11:25-30 Greg B  
Prayers: Christine Ha  
Music: Cindy S, Dianne, S,  
Kyria W & Sam E  
Tech team: Dianne S & Catherine W

### 5:30pm Prayer and Praise Service

Leader: Kim M  
Speaker: Steve W  
Ephesians 4:1-16 Emilie F  
Matthew 11:25-30 Julian M  
Prayers: Hannah Y  
Music: Kyria W & Sam E  
Tech team: Hany M & Sam E

God to make it happen. In the Church, then, not only is respect for one another a good goal, it is a proper outcome of trusting in what God makes possible through the cross of Christ in the power of His Spirit. We Christians, more than any others, have been given the opportunity to “make every effort to keep the bond of peace” that God provided us in Christ by grace. How shall we then regard others?

- Steve Webster

## Upcoming Initiatives

### November 24 | Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday November 24 via Zoom this year. Visit [our website](#) to nominate for Parish Council, Churchwarden or Incumbency Committee, or check the electoral roll. The Annual Meeting will be held on Zoom and you will need to RSVP in order to gain access to the meeting. [Please email the office to RSVP.](#)

### November 25 | Advent-ually Contemplative Prayer

Join us at 7:50pm on Zoom each Wednesday night during COVID restrictions. See the weekly email for more information. For anyone who's attended a Contemplative Prayer session, a reminder to please fill out the survey we'd that was sent last month. Thank you!

CONTEMPLATIVE  
PRAYER  
Advent-ually  
Four Wednesday nights  
Nov 25th, Dec 2nd, 9th & 16th  
Details - website, socials & email



### 14-16 January 2021 | Longing for Revival: SUTS 2021

We are praying that the restrictions in Melbourne will be able to ease to facilitate us meeting in person over summer. However, at present the SUTS conference will be held online, primarily via the Church Online platform, with some Zoom Community time. Check your CMS Monthly emails for updates. [Click here for more information and to buy tickets.](#)

## General Information

### St Michael's Roadmap

[Find the latest update from the Vicar about COVID19 restrictions here.](#)

### ASRC Catering

The ASRC catering kitchen is up and running again! When you purchase a meal from ASRC catering, you provide a nutritious care meal to a person seeking asylum, while also keeping people seeking asylum in employment. [Order online here.](#)

### Parish Council report

The final meeting of parish council was held last Tuesday. Items included:

- Revisiting our Covid-19 roadmap and safety protocols
- Reporting on the new partnership with commongrace.org.au
- Resolving to undertake a solar panel installation for our 2 properties

A new parish council will be elected at the up-coming annual meeting (via Zoom). Nomination forms for being part of the new council can be found on [our website](#) and are due by email to the church office by Tuesday 17 November.

### Vox Populi is back!

Join on Zoom each Thursday night! Contact [Christine](#) for more information.

### Christmas Shopping

Are you thinking about Christmas shopping already? Here are some great ways to give thoughtful gifts while supporting those less fortunate than us.

[Tearfund Useful Gifts — Click here](#)  
[The Hamlin Christmas Shop — Click here](#)

### Nature photos

Have you taken any photos of the natural world this year? Sam Hargreaves is collating these photos to use during a special service later in the year. [Please submit them here, before December 5.](#)

### TMA online

The November edition of The Melbourne Anglican is available online [Click here to read.](#)