

St Michael's News

November 29



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 B**; 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.

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Account No: 10078845
BSB: 063114

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Advent-ually

"The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" (Greek - *parousia*). For many centuries Advent has been a season helping Christians to anticipate the wonder and meaning of the coming of Christ into the world: in the manger at Bethlehem, and in the promised second coming as the judge of the world. Many long today for experiences of



love, joy, hope and peace - and in Christ they have truly come to us.

- Steve Webster

Advent-ually #1—Longing for Love

10am Prayer and Praise Service		5:30pm Prayer and Praise Service	
Leader:	Di A	Leader:	Alex P
Speaker:	Steve W	Speaker:	Steve W
Romans 8:37-39	Matthew D	Romans 8:37-39	Elizabeth R
John 3:16-17	Su-Hsien K	John 3:16-17	Fred B
Prayers:	John S	Prayers:	Sarah A
Music:	Hutchinson family, Sam E, Kyria W, Graham M	Music:	Kyria W & Sam E
Tech team:	Catherine W	Tech team:	Kyria W & Sam E

Upcoming Initiatives

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



13 December | Climate Action Service

On Sunday December 13, both our services will be led by the Climate Action Group. These services will be part of the *Advent-ually* series, but under the theme of "hope" we will focus on climate action as something aligned with our Gospel hopes.

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.](#)

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.](#)

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

Vox Populi is back!

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

2020 Annual Meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended our Annual Meeting on Tuesday night. We had 35 people "attend" on Zoom, and it was a great chance to gather together and reflect on this strange year. [The annual report and the minutes from the meeting are available on our website.](#)

Ethical Christmas Shopping

Have you started your Christmas shopping? Wanting to buy some more meaningful gifts this year? 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](#)

[The ASRC Christmas gift guide — Click here](#)

TMA online

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

Supporting the ASRC

We're still unable to donate food and goods to the ASRC at the moment, so the best way to support them is with cash donations. [You can donate here.](#) The ASRC also has a Christmas shop! Shop ethically and support those in need this Christmas. [Shop here.](#)