

# St Michael's News

November 1



## Parish Prayers

Praise God for a very fast answer to many prayers for **Suse**. She has moved to the Northern Territory for a teaching position. Please pray for her energy, her ability to think on her feet, for safe travel and for God's protection in every circumstance.

Pray for **Allan's brother-in-law Ronald**, who undergoes open heart surgery on Sunday.

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

Please pray for God's comfort and strength for **Christine Hu and family** as her father, Ed Downing, passed away last week peacefully in his sleep.

Pray for **CMS** as they adjust to stage 4 restrictions. Continue to pray for **Jon Deborah, Ollie and Simeon** as St Peter's is slowly starting to have meetings again on site. For Ollie and Simeon as they continue with online school for the foreseeable future. Pray also for **Jim and Tanja** and their kids—pray for infection rates to go down, for an end to COVID, and for wisdom to live life in times of crisis

Pray for new appointees and suitable applicants to fill vacancies at **SU 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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## Before and After

Perhaps during lockdown you watched more TV than usual and you may have noticed how many "before and after" examples you were subjected to. These may have been to do with the magic of facial treatments, diets, backyard makeovers, or home renovations. We are very familiar with making comparisons of the former and the new. After 111 days of lockdown here in Melbourne, ours looked like a new city altogether from Wednesday last week as Stage 4 restrictions for COVID-19 were finally lifted. Our sermon from Ephesians 2:11-22 today will explore the "before and after" of human relationships that's possible because of the results of the cross of Christ. And the news is good! God's grand plan, or God's road map, to unite all things to Himself (Eph. 1:10) includes making peace between you and God, and one to another.

- Steve Webster



## Ephesians: God's Road Map #4—Your Travelling Companions

### 10am Holy Communion Service

Leader: Dianne S  
Speaker: Steve W  
Ephesians 2:11-22 Peter H  
Matthew 8:5-13 Katja W  
Prayers: Sam H  
Music: Cindy S, Dianne S, Kyria W, Deepa J, Viju A  
Tech team: John Y & Catherine W

### 5:30pm Holy Communion Service

Leader: Alex P  
Speaker: Steve W  
Ephesians 2:11-22 Ann-Michel G  
Matthew 8:5-13 Jacob E  
Prayers: Catherine M  
Music: Kyria W & Sam E  
Tech team: Peter S & Sam E

## Upcoming Initiatives

### November 4 | Contemplative Prayer

Join us at 7:50pm on Zoom each Wednesday night during COVID restrictions. See the weekly email for more information.

### November 8 | NAIDOC week service

On 8 November our Reconciliation Action group will lead our Sunday services with a focus on our commitment to learn from, partner with, and to serve needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia.

### November 17 | Ridley Certificate Subject: 1 Corinthians

We will not be meeting this Tuesday or next (November 3 and 10) due to the Cup Day holiday and the Parish Council meeting. We will meet again on Tuesday, November 17.

### 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.

### 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

### Climate Action Group

The Climate Action Group is excited to pass on the info that the Climate Change Bill supporting a Green COVID Recovery is to be presented to Parliament on November 9th. To help support the bill and encourage action on Climate Change you can email your MP or the Prime Minister. [A template can be found here](#) for guidance. Also follow #ClimateActNow on social media to get updates on the bill.

### A message from the ASRC.....

*"Thanks for the wonderful donation of Beanies to the ASRC. It was very much appreciated by our members";* from the Material Aid Team. We donated over 80 beanies, scarves and gloves to the ASRC this year. Thank you knitters!

### Knit for Climate Change

Common Grace invites knitters to join its project to knit scarves that represent climate change. Each scarf, knitted in stripes of different shades of blue through to red, will represent the average global temperature change across 101 years. On completion, the scarves will be presented to politicians, and church leaders, early in winter 2021. For more information [check the website](#) or talk to Di Appleby, Denise Nichols or Hilary Toppin.

### Vox Populi is back!

Join on Zoom each Thursday night! Contact [Christine](#) for more information. Also, during November Vox Populi will be recording the Hallelujah chorus for our Christmas celebrations. Anyone wishing to join the choir for those recordings can contact [Christine](#).

### 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](#)