



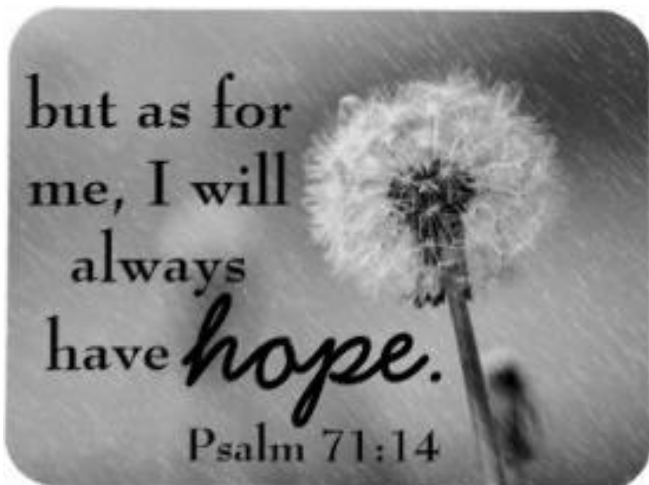
One church. Anglican Parish of Mt. Dandenong

Two sites. St. Matthew's Olinda · St. Michael's Kalorama

All welcome. In Christ: Growing Caring Sharing

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August 21 2016, 14th Sunday after Pentecost



Sentence: You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust from my youth. Upon you have I leaned since my birth. Psalm 71:5-6

Prayer of the week: O God, the Judge of all through the saving blood of your Son you have brought us to the heavenly Jerusalem and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken: fill us with reverence and awe in your presence, that in thanksgiving we and all your church may offer you acceptable worship through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives to intercede for us, now and for ever. **Amen**

	Readings for Today Please follow along in your Pew Bible.	page
1st Reading	Jeremiah 1:4-10	609
Psalm	Psalm 71:1-6	293
2nd Reading	Hebrews 12:18-29	979
Gospel	Luke 13:10-17	848



We extend a very warm welcome to everyone attending our services today. You are invited to remain after the 9.30 am and 11.00 am services to join with us for a cup of tea or coffee in the Church Hall

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**A warm welcome
to our all our visitors this morning and
especially to Bishop Brad and his wife Karen!**



Dates for the Diary



Tues. Aug. 23rd

Friendship Lunch

12.30pm at Brunch.

RSVP to Carolyn on 9751 1436 by Mon. Aug. 22nd.

Saturday September 10

Tea and Movie night at 6pm at St Michael's Hall

Tuesday September 13th

Parish council 8pm at St Matthew's Hall

Friday 16th September 7pm

Parish Dinner at St Michael's Hall. More details soon.

Saturday September 24th

Men's fellowship breakfast . 8.30am at St Michael's Hall

Parish Directory Update

We are currently updating our Parish Directory. Copies are available at the back of each church. Please check that you are listed and add or amend your current details. (address, telephone, email etc.) The directory is only for circulation within the parish so please be mindful not to pass on other people's information without their permission.



The Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage.

Talk to Andrew for more details

Commencing 7pm. Tuesday October 4th at St Michael's Hall

On The Marriage Course, you are seated at your own table for two. Each session consists of food and/or drink, a practical talk and a time for private discussion between you and your partner.

PS. Volunteers are need to assist with baby sitting and providing the meal.

Please let Andrew know if you can help.

Fulcrum Aid Fashion Parade 1.30pm Thursday 25th August

at Nathania Springs, Monbulk Olinda Rd, Monbulk

It's being held by the Care Network, Monbulk-cost \$25.00, \$20.00 concession. There will be afternoon tea, stalls and couture fashions on display and for sale from the past.

To book call Alison on 9756 6385 or the Care Network Op Shop on 9756 7800.

Fulcrum Aid provides overseas aid for impoverished communities.

Parish Volunteer Register

The Mission and Outreach Team are asking for your help by nominating yourself to go on to a volunteers register. God has blessed us with various skills. We are asking you to help us by indicating what skills you have to offer and when you would be available. No offer is too small. Even if you cannot attend any functions you can still nominate yourself as a Prayer Partner. Please see Yo Heading or Peter Adams after the service this morning.

Matthew 7:16 says "By their fruit you will recognise them".

Please take this great opportunity to nominate yourself and be part of this exciting challenge as we continue to spread God's word and bring Light in the Hills.

Giving Update

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

<u>Total Offertory for July</u>	<u>Monthly Target</u>	<u>Short fall</u>
\$5199.00	\$7460.00	\$2,261.00
<u>Total YTD Oct 2015 - July 2016</u>	<u>Budget target</u>	<u>Shortfall</u>
\$65,266.40	\$74600.00	\$9334.00
Budget for Year Oct 2015 - Sept 2016	\$89,520.00	

The Vicar's day off

Andrew is available every day with the exception of Friday when he is unavailable unless in an emergency. Call 9728 6353

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SET FREE BY HIS TRUTH AND LOVE



In our Gospel lesson this morning Luke tells the story of Jesus healing a crippled woman on the Sabbath. *Luke 13:10-17* For the woman who had been crippled by this spirit for the past eighteen years, meeting Jesus must have been the best thing that had ever happened to her. *“When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.”* *Luke 13:12-13*

Not everyone was happy though. You’d think that the synagogue leaders would have been overjoyed to see the woman had been healed. The air should have been full of praise for the goodness of God following such a miracle in their midst. Sadly though, this couldn’t have been further from the truth. Instead of praise, the air was full of grumbling. Instead of thankfulness, legalism and love of their own rules blocked their vision. Instead of rejoicing at the presence of God at work in their midst, they were overcome with selfishness, pride and jealousy.

Meeting Jesus should have been the best thing that ever happened to them, but it seems that it was not only the woman who was in need of being set free of a crippling spirit. Because of their hardness of heart they missed out on discovering the freedom that comes from knowing Christ.

What about you then? When you come to worship, do you come expecting to meet the risen Jesus? Is your heart open to the power of his transforming love and the work of the Holy Spirit in your life? Are you willing to let meeting Jesus be the best thing that ever happens to you in your life? Or does it feel safer to keep your guard up and to keep your religion under control?

Set free by his truth and love, the crippled woman was born anew and rejoiced in the blessings of God. Jesus came to set us free from all that keeps us from each other and from God. What will you choose to receive? Will it be the blessing of freedom and life like the crippled woman or will you reject Jesus’ love and miss out on the greatest blessing you’ll ever know? Till next time. *Andrew*

INTERCESSION

Prayer for healing is offered after each Sunday morning service.

At St. Michael’s come forward to the Communion rail
and at St. Matthew’s come to the front pew.

You are welcome to seek prayer for yourself and others.

World: Pray for all those taking part in the Olympic Games in Brazil

- Pray for Christians facing persecution in many parts of the world
- Pray for refugees and all those who are victims of conflict and war.

Local: Pray for the witness of the local churches in our community.

- Pray for the homeless members of our community and the work of agencies such as Anglicare, Concern and the Salvation Army.
- Pray for strong and healthy marriages in our community. Pray too for all those who are struggling in their relationships.
- Pray for our local CFA volunteer brigades at Olinda and Kalorama

Parish: Pray for the work of CMS and Anglicare

- Pray for those thinking about joining the Marriage Course
- Pray for our link missionaries John and Jill Morshead
- Pray for Catherine Turnbull in Myanmar.
- Give thanks for the many people who work behind the scenes to enrich the life of our parish.
- Pray for all those suffering from sickness, sorrow or any other need including; Guy, Hanne, Dale, Sabrina, Carolyn, Steph, Penelope, and Frank.

Birthdays: 26/8 Muriel Alexander

Anniversaries: 21/8 Rev’d Andrew Scott-Branagan, 23/8 Neil Crockford,
25/8 Brian Coulter, 26/8 Noad Reynolds, 27/8 Walter Speagle

The Coming Week

Sun 21 Pentecost 14	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion & Sunday school at St Matthew's Morning Prayer St Michael's.
Mon 22	7pm	Alpha Course
Tuesday 23	10am 12.30	Mamaduke's Friendship Lunch at Brunch
Wednesday 24	10am 5pm	Holy Communion, St Matthew's Prayer for the Hills. Unit 1, Rhodoglade Village, 1502 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd (Please note the change of venue)
Thursday 25	10am	Bible Study at Brunch followed by lunch
Sun 28 Pentecost 15	8am 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion at St Michael's, Holy Communion and Sunday School at St Matthew's Holy Communion at St Michael's

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1st Reading	1 Kings 18:20-21, 30-39	283
Psalm	96	323
2nd Reading	Galatians 1:1-12	945
Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14	849

Pew Sheets Notices

If you have any notices for the pew sheet please email them to Andrew's attention : Midday Thursday bandasmiths@gmail.com

Like to hear a missed sermon?

Listen at home to past sermons on our website
www.lightinthehills.org.au

OFFERINGS

One of the best ways of supporting the life and mission of our church is by setting up a direct debit with the Anglican Development Fund. ADF Planned Giving is the preferred method of giving directly, as it is completely anonymous. You can choose to give out of any bank account or credit card, and can give on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. You also receive a book of tickets to put into the collection plate each week. Details of how to do this are available from the back of each church or you can contact the ADF direct.



Prayer Ministry Prayer requests to: Wendy Berry or email: mtdandyparishprayer@y7mail.com

If you would like to join our group of intercessors please email Wendy Berry and let her know you would like your name added to the list.

Bible Study Groups

Thursday *Bible Study at Brunch. All welcome.*
10am Ph. Andrew 9728 6353

Thursday *Younger Women every 2nd Thurs.*
7.45 pm Contact Marina on 0407 326 263

There are also opportunities for new groups this year including; a group for training new group leaders, and a group for men.

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