



One church. Anglican Parish of Mt. Dandenong

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

All welcome. In Christ: Growing Caring Sharing

# Shine

December 13, 2015



**Sentence:** Do not fear. The Lord your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love. Zephaniah 3:16-17

**Prayer of the week:**

Almighty God,  
you sent your Son into a world  
where wheat must be winnowed from the chaff  
and evil clings to even what is good:  
let the fire of your Spirit purge us from all corruption,  
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him  
whose coming is certain, whose day draws near,  
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

	<b>Readings for Today</b> Please follow along in your Pew Bible.	<b>page</b>
<b>1st Reading</b>	Zephaniah 3.14-20	767
<b>Psalm</b>	Isaiah 12.2-6	558
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Philippians 4.4-7	955
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 3.7-18	834



*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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# Dates for the Diary.

## **SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

9.30am at St Matthew's and 11am at St Michael's

Come dressed to both services as your favorite Nativity Character

Followed by a picnic at Kalorama Park on Barber's Road. All Welcome

## **Tuesday December 15th**

Parish Council. 8pm at St Matthew's

## **Sunday December 20th 2015**

Choir Practice Christmas Eve Carols. 5.30pm at St Michael's Hall.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2015**

**Christmas Eve:** 8pm Carols in the grounds of St Michael's.

11.30pm Christmas Holy Communion at St Michael's.

**Christmas Day:** 9am Family Communion Service at St Matthew's

10.30am Family Communion Service at St Michael's

## **Sunday December 27 10.00am**

A Combined Service of Holy Communion at St Matthew's Olinda.

(Please note that this is an amendment to the services listed on the current roster)

## **CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT**

If you would like to be in our choir for the Carols on Christmas Eve please speak to Andrew after the service.

also

Volunteers needed to help with distributing candles and programs



## **New Year's Eve at the Vicarage**

7.30pm onwards.

All Welcome! Come for all or part of the evening!

BYO Drinks & Nibbles to Share

## **PARISH COUNCIL 2015/2016**

The members of Parish Council for the coming year are as follows;

Churchwardens; Alan Alexander,  
Peter Heading  
Steve Westoby.

Parish Councillors; Peter Adams  
Wendy Berry  
Carolyn Clark  
David Gerrand  
Sonja Hooper  
Hillary Mellis

Please pray for them as they help lead our parish through the coming year.

## **THE MELBOURNE ANGLICAN**

New Copies available this week.



## ***Thank You!***

Thank you to all those who have kindly donated to gifts for Steps, Anglicare, and The Monbulk Care Network Christmas Hampers.

## **Christmas Greetings**

John and Jill Morshead's Christmas News Letter is on display in the porch.

Greetings too from John and Jenny Mitchell. (Also on display in the porch)



# enLIGHTen

*Rejoice in the Lord always* LET YOUR GENTLENESS BE EVIDENT TO ALL THE LORD IS NEAR Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God I WILL SAY IT AGAIN AND THE PEACE OF GOD which *Rejoice* transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in CHRIST JESUS

Philippians 4:4.

Great advice from Paul this week. Jesus never meant for the season leading up to the celebration of his birth to be so mad. He came that we might have life not chaos. So as you rush around trying to do all those things that might seem for now to be important, but are really not, let me encourage you to take some time out to stop and be still and know that he is God.

Paul is writing to encourage the Christians at Philippi for their faithfulness and to urge them not to take their eye off the ball. In the madness of our everyday life it is easy also for us to take our eye off the ball. Best then that we should remember to take Paul's advice. "Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:5-8. If its peace you're looking for you can't do much better than this. 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 affected by the flooding in Cumbria.

- Pray for all those who work for the peace of our world.
- Pray for all those who live in poverty and face homelessness this Christmas
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

**Local:** Pray for the work of charities such as Anglicare, Steps and the Monbulk food Partnership as they prepare for the coming Christmas season.

- Pray for the members of our local churches at St Claires and Kennon Uniting.
- Pray for God's protection for our community in the coming bushfire season.

**Parish** Give thanks the members of our new Parish Council.

- Pray for families facing difficulty and hardship at this time.
- Pray for all those in our community for whom the Christmas season is a lonely time of year.
- Pray for all those suffering from sickness, sorrow or any other need including; baby Huon, baby Maya, Abbey, Rosemary, Amy, Bianca, Robbie, Lilly, Laura & Frank.

**Birthday's:** 13/12 Mark Schmidt, John Geoghegan,

16/12 Marilyn Brend-Robinson, Bill Robinson, 18/12 Oliver Hartley

**Anniversaries:** 16/12 Mary Berry, Graeme Roberts, 17/12 Eve Patterson, Harry Barker, John Lynch.

# The Coming Week

<b>Sun 13</b> Advent 3	8am 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion St Michael's Sunday School Christmas St Matthew's Holy Communion St Michael's
<b>Tues 15</b>	10am 12.30pm 8pm	Marmaduke's Christmas Party Hills Deanery Meeting at Brunch Parish Council St Matthew's
<b>Wed 16</b>	10am 5pm	Holy Communion St Matthew's Prayer for the Hills St Matthew's
<b>Thurs 17</b>	10 am	Bible Study at Brunch.
<b>Sun 20</b> Advent 4	8am 9.30am 11am 5.30pm	Holy Communion, St Michael's Holy Communion St Matthew's Holy Communion, St Michael's Carol Practice at St Michael's

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1st Reading	Micah 5.2-5a	756
Psalm	80.1-7	307
2nd Reading	Hebrews 10.5-10	976
Gospel	Luke 1.39-45	831

### Pew Sheets Notices

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

### Like to hear a missed sermon?

Listen at home to past sermons on our website  
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## 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](mailto: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**

**Wed** 7.45pm Weekly Bible Study at The Vicarage *In recess till after Alpha*  
Ph. Andrew 9728 6353

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

7.45 pm *Younger Women every 2nd Thurs. In recess till after Alpha*  
Contact Marina on 0407 326 263

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