



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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December 6, 2015



Sentence: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1.78-79

Prayer of the week: God of our salvation,
you straighten the winding way of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,
and bring to perfection the good you have done in us.
We ask this through 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.**

	Readings for Today Please follow along in your Pew Bible.	page
1st Reading	Malachi 3.1-14	778
Psalm	Luke 1.68-79	832
2nd Reading	Philippians 1.1-11	960
Gospel	Luke 3.1-16	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.

HEALING SERVICE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6, 6PM AT ST MICHAEL'S

THE NEXT FRIENDSHIP LUNCH IS ON

THIS TUESDAY DEC. 8TH

AT 12.30PM AT BRUNCH.

PLEASE RSVP TO CAROLYN ON 9751 1436

BY MON. DEC. 7TH.

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

Sunday school picnic to follow. All Welcome

Venue to be confirmed

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

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.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP TASK GROUP

The Prayer and Worship Task group will be reforming in the new year.

If you would like to be a part of it please speak to Andrew



Empty Christmas Tree

Donations of new unwrapped toys can be left for distribution by Anglicare and food items for The Monbulk Care Network Christmas Hampers.

Please leave bring your gifts to church by
next Sunday December 13th as they will be distributed
during the following week.

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How are your preparations going? Are you ready for Christmas yet? Will your celebrations run like a smoothly oiled machine or will they be chaotic all the way through until you manage to collapse in a heap on Boxing day?

The bigger question is, were Jesus to return tomorrow, would you be ready? Is your relationship with the Lord all it should be or does chaos reign supreme?

In our Gospel, John the Baptist's ministry was to prepare peoples hearts and make them ready to receive the Lord. Our collect this week reminds us that God has given us his Spirit to do the work of preparing our hearts for the coming of the Lord. It's a wonderful prayer, but don't pray it unless you are willing to be changed. Go on, pray it with me, I dare you!

"God of our salvation, you straighten the winding way of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have done in us."

If you ask him in faith, you won't be disappointed. Open your heart, it's worth it, you'll see!

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 shooting in California this week.

- Pray for all those who work for the peace and security of our world.
- Pray against the exploitation and radicalization of young people
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Local: Pray for the work of charities such as Anglicare and Steps 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 our local schools as they prepare for the Christmas break.
- 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:

Anniversaries: 8/12 Dorothy Stringer, 10/12 Clemina Brown, Betty Boulter

The Coming Week

Sun 6 Advent 2	8am 9.30am 11am 6pm	BCP Communion & Breakfast St Michael's Holy Communion and Sunday school St Matthew's Morning Prayer St Michael's Healing Service St Michael's
Tues 8	10am	Marmaduke's
Wed 9	10am 5pm	Holy Communion St Matthew's Prayer for the Hills St Matthew's
Thurs 10	10 am	Bible Study at Brunch.
Sun 13 Advent 3	8am 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion, St Michael's Holy Communion & Sunday School, St Matthew's Holy Communion, St Michael's

Readings for	December 13 ADVENT 3	page
1st Reading	Zephaniah 3.14-20	767
Psalm	Isaiah 12.2-6	558
2nd Reading	Philippians 4.4-7	955
Gospel	Luke 3.7-18	834

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

Wed 7.45pm	Weekly Bible Study at The Vicarage <i>In recess till after Alpha</i> Ph. Andrew 9728 6353
Thursday 7.45 pm	<i>10am Bible Study at Brunch. All welcome.</i> Ph. Andrew 9728 6353 <i>Younger Women every 2nd Thurs. In recess till after Alpha</i> Contact Marina on 0407 326 263

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