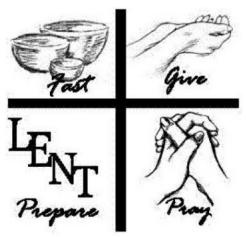


Shine

February 14 2016: First Sunday of Lent



Sentence: Worship the Lord your God and serve only

him. Luke 4:8

Prayer of the week: O saving God,

who led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land: so guide us that following our Saviour, we may walk through the wilderness of this world and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

	Readings for Today Please follow along in your Pew Bible.	page
1st Reading	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	158
Psalm	91:1-2, 9-16	319
2nd Reading	Romans 10:4-13	921
Gospel	Luke 4:1-15	835



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

Vicar : Reverend Andrew Smith
PO Box 148 Kalorama, 3766
Parish Phone 9728 6353
Email: bandasmiths@gmail.com
Andrew is available every day except Monday

St. Michael & All Angels Mt. Dandenong Rd. Kalorama St. Matthew's Monash Ave. Olinda

www.lightinthehills.org.au



Tuesday 16th February 2016

Parish Council 8pm at St Matthew's Agenda items to Andrew or one of the Wardens by Today please.

Hills Deanery Gathering

Sunday 6th March from 5-7pm at St George's, Monbulk.

We are invited to join with the congregation at St George's and the other churches in our Deanery to hear the Rev'd Dr Jeff Hammond speak to us about his involvement with Andrew Chan as Pastor, Mentor & Friend.

A powerful testimony to the grace of God and salvation to all!

Please bring a plate of supper to share after the meeting.

Friendship Lunch

The next Friendship Lunch will be held on Tues. Feb. 23rd at 12.30pm at Brunch.

RSVP to Carolyn on 9751 1436 by Mon. Feb. 22nd please. *Note: the lunches will be on the 4th Tues. of each month this year.*

March Healing Service

In order to support the Hills Deanery Gathering at Monbulk, (mentioned above) our March Healing Service will now be on **Sunday the 13th of March at 6pm**.



SATURDAY MARCH 19 at St Matthew's Olinda

This year we are trying out a new day and a new format.

Stalls and activities to include;
Books, Food, Kid's fun, Plants, Pony rides, Easter Egg Hunt,
Silent Auction and more...

More helpers urgently needed. In order to make this day a success we will need help from as many people as possible.

Please Contact Janet Rowe if you are able to assist. 9728 1125

2016 Bible Study Groups

Light in the Hills Bible study groups will be starting up again from this week. If you would like to be a part of a group for the coming year please speak to Andrew for more details. Why not join a group for Lent?

Total Fire Ban Policy

Please note that Parish Council has agreed that from the 1st of January 2016 our Parish Bushfire Policy means that on days of Total Fire Ban there will be **No Services held in our Churches**.

During the fire season we encourage our Parishioners and any Visitors to the mountain to be prayerful and vigilant and to take every measure to remain safe. We would also encourage you to have a practiced bushfire plan and to put it in place on days of Total Fire Ban.

For those wishing to attend worship on Total Fire Ban days the Anglican parish of St Paul's Boronia has extended an open invitation for us to come and worship with them.

Sunday services at St Paul's are as follows;

8am Worship Service A traditional and reflective Anglican Holy Communion Service, using the Prayer Book.

10am Worship Service A contemporary style of worship including a children's message and fortnightly Communion.

St Paul's Boronia is located at 273 Dorset Road Boronia 3155 next to Mc
Donald's Melways Ref K8 Ph Office Tel: 9761 1797
http://www.stpaulsboronia.com/

enLIGHTen



In our Gospel lesson today we read about Jesus's Temptation in the wildemess. Almost immediately after his baptism, Jesus is lead into the wildemess by the Holy Spirit to fast and pray for forty days after which time he is tempted by the Devil. I don't know about you but if I were writing this story I would much prefer the Spirit to lead Jesus away from the Devil and not towards him.

Good thing then that I am not the writer of this story. For if Jesus had led a life of privilege and been shielded from the Devil he never could have understood what it's like to be you and me. Filled with the Spirt of God, Jesus is able to resist the Devil's testing and in doing so brings glory to God. .

The good news is that the secret to Jesus' success in resisting temptation is no secret at all. His secret weapon is our secret weapon and comes through the gift of the Holy Spirit which we received at our Baptism. Filled with the Spirit, Jesus shows us that the only way to resist the devil is to trust in God and to make it a priority always to do things His way. In Matthew 6 Jesus tells us to, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

Jesus resists the devil's temptations, not because he needs to prove how good he is, but rather he does it to show us that by trusting in the Spirit we are able to stand against the devil too.

Till next time. Andrew



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 who work for the peace of our world.

- Pray for all those sheltering in refugee camps and especially those affected by extreme weather conditions
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
- Pray our CMS LINK missionaries John & Jill Morshead in Tanzania
 Local: Pray for all those who are celebrating Valentines Day today.
- Give thanks for the gift of Christian Marriage.
- Pray for single parent families and all those who live alone.
- Pray for all those suffering from Cancer

Parish Pray for those working on our parish Mission Action Plan.

- Pray for the ministry and outreach of Marmadukes
- Pray for those who are thinking about joining a Bible study or Home group for 2016
- Pray for families facing difficulty and hardship at this time.
- Pray for our Parish Council as they meet on Tuesday.
- Pray for all those suffering from sickness, sorrow or any other need including; John and Ann and their family, Harold, Amy, Peter, John, Muriel, Rosemary & Frank.

Birthday's: 16/2 Josh Rowe, Haven Roberts, 18/2 Jamieson Schmidt, 20/2 Terry Taylor

Anniversaries: 14/2 Darrell Berry, 15/2 Blake Aartsen, 17/2Vera

Hiom, 19/2 Greta Hiscock

The Coming Week

Sun 14 Lent 1	8am. 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion and at St Michael's Holy Communion & Sunday School at St Matthew's Holy Communion at St Michael's
Tuesday 16	10am 8pm	Marmadukes, St Matthew's Parish Council at St Matthew's
Wed 17	10am 5pm 7.45pm	Holy Communion, St Matthew's Prayer for the Hills, St Matthew's Bible study at the Vicarage
Thurs 18	10am	Bible Study at Brunch
Sun 21 Lent 2	8am 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion at St Michael's Holy Communion & Sunday School at St Matthew's Holy Communion at St Michael's

Readings for	February 21: 2nd Sunday of Lent	page
1st Reading	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18	10
Psalm	27	246
2nd Reading	Philippians 3:17-4:1	955
Gospel	Luke 13:1-9	848

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

<u>OFFERINGS</u>

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 (Starting again soon)

Wed Weekly Bible Study at The Vicarage

7.45pm Ph. Andrew 9728 6353 (Possibly moving to Thursday)

Thursday 10am Bible Study at Brunch. All welcome.

Ph. Andrew 9728 6353

7.45 pm Younger Women every 2nd Thurs. 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.

Church Wardens	CONTACTS Alan Alexander Peter Heading Steve Westoby	9723 8079 97510020 97512751
Pastoral Care Contacts	Glenys Taylor Jean Speagle Valerie Barras	9755 3594 9728 1337 9728 2397
Sunday School	Yo Heading	9751 1639