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All welcome. In Christ: Growing Caring Sharing

# Shine

May 29nd 2016, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost



**Sentence:** Thus says the one whose name is Holy: "I dwell in a high and holy place, but I also live with those who are broken and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, to restore the courage of the broken." Isaiah 57:15

**Prayer of the week:** Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order to our unruly wills and affections:  
give us grace to love what you command  
and desire what you promise,  
that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

	<b>Readings for Today</b> Please follow along in your Pew Bible.	<b>page</b>
<b>1st Reading</b>	1 Kings 18:20-21, 30-39	283
<b>Psalm</b>	96	323
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Galatians 1:1-12	944
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 7:1-10	839



*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

## Got questions about life

Alpha

### The Alpha Course is back for 2016

All Welcome It's still not too late to sign up!

This year we will be running a newer shorter version of the course.

Each Monday at 7.00pm the Alpha Course will run for 6 weeks. The course and materials are free but a donation of \$5.00 per week to cover the cost of dinner would be appreciated.

**Contact Andrew on 9728 6353 for more details.**

### Sunday 29th May 10am.

**Combined Parish Communion Service and Sunday School 10am at St Matthew's Olinda followed by a Koinonia Lunch**

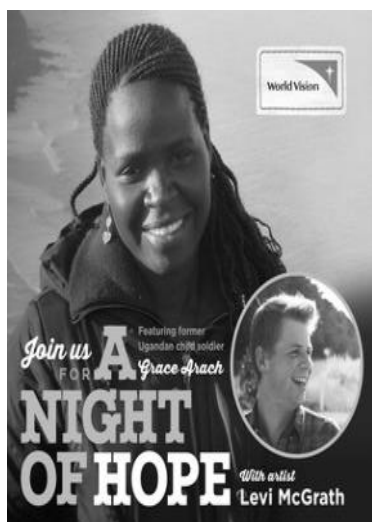
Please note that this will be the only service in the Parish on this Sunday.

### Sunday 29th May at 6.00pm

**World Vision & St Mark's**

**Emerald present  
a Night of Hope.**

Grace Arach (a former Ugandan child soldier who was abducted into the Lord's resistance army (LRA) at the age of 12) and Levi McGrath (an award winning Australian singer/songwriter who spent six months in Uganda working with child soldiers) will share A Night of Hope where inspiring stories will be told and songs will be presented that will challenge and inspire people from all walks of life to hold onto a hope that can only come from God.



## beyondblue BASH

Many of us have been affected by depression and anxiety, either personally or through family, friends or colleagues. Right now, over 1 million Australian adults have depression and 2 million are experiencing anxiety. On average, 7 people take their lives every day in Australia. Beyond Blue is a not for profit organization that works to support people with mental health issues. If you would like to help organize a fundraiser for Beyond Blue contact Andrew or Hellena for more details 97286353



## SATURDAY 18 & 19 JUNE ST MICHAEL'S BOOK FAIR AND CAR BOOT SALE

Please speak to Beth or Andrew if you are available to help out.  
Donations of good quality second hand books appreciated

*Thank You*

*"Rosemary Dickson would like to thank everyone for their prayers and loving support my difficult time over the last six months. It's wonderful to be home again, and making progress."*

*Yours sincerely Rosemary*

### VICAR'S DAY OFF

Please note that due to the ALPHA COURSE Andrew's day off has been changed from Monday to Friday.

# enLIGHTen



The thing that I love about our reading from Luke 7 this week is that we get to see something that we don't usually see in the Gospel's. Jesus is surprised! Jesus is amazed and surprised, because having worked hard to teach the importance of faith to the people of God, he discovers the greatest example of faith he has ever come across through an encounter with a Roman Centurion.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews describes faith this way. *"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."* Hebrews 11:1 So confident is our centurion that Jesus can heal his servant that he knows that Jesus doesn't even need to come to his house for the servant to be made well. *'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.'* Luke 7:9

Of course the enemy of faith and the opposite of faith is fear. "What if God doesn't answer my prayer?" And so fear stops us praying and faith is never even given a chance. The reason Jesus marvels at the Centurion's faith is because it is exactly the kind fear denying faith he calls each of us to. Corrie Ten Boom puts it this way, "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God!"

Of course the best way to grow in faith is to put it into practice as we entrust ourselves to God in prayer. Martin Luther King JR. said that "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." It's not dependent upon our knowledge or understanding but by having confidence in Jesus promise that he always hears us whenever we turn to him in prayer. Phillip Yancey writes, "I have learned that faith means trusting in advance what will only make sense in reverse."

So let's give faith a chance and dare to believe, just like the Centurion did, that when we turn to Jesus and pray according to his will he really does hear and answer our prayers.

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 those affected by the landslides and flooding in Sri Lanka. Pray for the survivors, rescue workers and all those who have lost homes and loved ones.

- Pray for the ongoing refugee crisis in Europe.
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

**Local:** Pray for our nation as we prepare for the upcoming election.

- Pray for all those taking part on the campaign trail and pray for discernment and guidance as people consider how they should vote.
- Pray for the families and loved ones of the two young people killed in the car accident at Kallista this week

**Parish:** Pray for the members of the Map group as they work to complete our Mission Action Plan.

- Pray for all those suffering from sickness, sorrow or any other need including; Ursula, Steph, Colin, Tony, Pat, Harold, Gwen, Frank, Mickey and Penelope
- Give thanks for the life of baby Huon who passed away on Friday evening. Pray for Jac and Peter his parents and also his extended family (including Dave and Sue) at this difficult time.

**Birthdays:** 30/5 Pat Hogan, 31/5 Susan Hamilton,

**Anniversaries:** 29/5 Helen Cowan, 2/6 Jack Simpson.

**Phillip Jones:** Some of you may remember Phillip who is a former parishioner and is currently living at a care home in Wangarratta. Phillip would love to catch up and chat with anyone who remembers him. His number in Wangarratta is 03 57210310

# The Coming Week

<b>Sun 29 Pentecost 2</b>	10am	Combined service of Holy Communion & Sunday School St Matthew's
<b>Monday 30</b>	7pm	Alpha Course St Michael's
<b>Tuesday 31</b>	10am	Mamaduke's
<b>Wednesday 1</b>	10am 5pm	Holy Communion, St Matthew's Prayer for the Hills, St Matthew's
<b>Thursday 2</b>	10am	Bible Study at Brunch
<b>Sun 5 Pentecost 3</b>	8am 9.30am 11am 5pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Michael's (Please note that the 8am breakfast has been cancelled for this month) Holy Communion & Sunday School St Matthew's Holy Baptism St Michael's Healing Service St Michael's

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1st Reading	1 Kings 17:8-24	282
Psalm	146	377
2nd Reading	Galatians 1:11-24	945
Gospel	Luke 7:11-17	839

## 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](http://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](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**

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

**Thursday** 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.**

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