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All welcome. In Christ: Growing Caring Sharing

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October 23 2016, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost



Sentence: Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it. Luke 18:17

Prayer of the week:

O God,
who alone can probe the depths of the heart,
you hear the prayer of the humble
and justify the repentant sinner:
grant us the gift of humility,
that, seeing our own faults clearly,
we may refrain from judging our neighbour
but rely solely on your saving grace.
We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

	Readings for Today Please follow along in your Pew Bible.	page
1st Reading	Joel 2:23-32	741
Psalm	121	360
2nd Reading	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18	968
Gospel	Luke 18:15-30	853



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 YOUR DIARY

Sunday October 23rd

Welcome to our CMS Link Missionaries John and Jill Morshead who are visiting us this morning.

Please bring something to share for lunch following the 11am service at St Michael's



Tuesday 25th November 12.30pm

Friendship Lunch at Brunch. All welcome.

Contact Carolyn if you would like to attend. 97511436

CUP DAY FAIR

We are currently looking for donations of items for the Cup Day Fair on November 1.

To donate a Raffle prize contact Joy Spencer on 97281106
More items would be appreciated

Silent Auction contact Hillary Mellis on 97511886

Cakes & Jams- Please contact Sue Raisin Ph 9751 1133
A4 size cello bags are available for those who want packaging. A list of people's numbers is available if they have forgotten their number.

Books & White Elephant & Toys- donations can be left in Hall.
If you need them collected please contact David on 9728 1106
or Alan on 9723 8079.

Plants can be left outside the hall-
or contact Jill if they need collecting on 9751 2048.

Recycled Clothing & Accessories & Craft -including jewellery- donations can be left in the hall or given to Hilary 9751 1886, or Hilde 97512751

Christmas Crafts: contact Beth 97286353

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Saturday 12th November 2016 at 10.30am

Consecration of Bishop Paul Barker at St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne

Sunday November 20th

Evening Prayer and Praise Service 6pm in St Michael's Hall
Contact Andrew if you would like to help with the planning

Sunday November 20th

Mt Dandenong Parish Annual General Meeting.
10am Combined service at St Michael's followed by the meeting and Kononia Lunch.

Position Vacant : Parish Treasurer.

The parish council are urgently in need of someone to take on the role of Parish Treasurer for the coming year. This is an important ministry in the life of our church. Unfortunately this year we were unable to make this appointment but as it is critical to the running and management of the parish, the Parish council have taken the decision that should we again fail to fill the post we will need to use the services of the Diocesan Bookkeeping Service. As this comes at a charge of \$350.00 per month it is obviously better if we can fill the position ourselves. Your prayerfulness in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Please Speak to Andrew or one of the Wardens if you are able to assist..

Nomination Forms for Church Warden, and Parish Council are available from this morning.

Electoral Role Application forms are also available.

All Nomination forms and applications to be with the Vicar by 8am on the 13th of November

Giving Update for August

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 September</u>	<u>Monthly Target</u>	<u>Amount Over Target</u>
\$8240.00	\$7460.00	\$780.00
<u>Total YTD Oct 2015 - September 2016</u>	<u>Budget target</u>	<u>Shortfall</u>
\$81,189.25	\$89,520.00	\$8330.75

New Giving Envelopes for the coming year are now available at the back of each church

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Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. ^{Luke 18:17}

Jesus calls us to trust him with the faith of a child. He couldn't really have stated it any more plainly than he does in our Gospel reading for today. Sadly though, as we are so often prone to doing, one of the adults has to go and try to make belonging to the kingdom of God harder than it needs to be.

“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ^{Luke 18:18} asks a wealthy, self made young man. Jesus could have pointed out that he has just stated it clearly in the previous verses. Instead he asks the young man to remember the commandments. Relieved, our rich young friend is able to boast that he has been good at keeping these all his life. To his dismay, Jesus points out that he still lacks one thing. “Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ^{Luke 18:22} What Jesus is asking of his rich young friend is that he should put into practice what he has already stated in verse 17, that is to trust him with the accepting and uncomplicated faith of a child.

Just like the rich young ruler, all too often, we too make the mistake of making the gift of eternal life something that we have to earn. Perhaps it's because deep down we all really believe that there is no such thing as a free lunch. The good news is that although not much may be free, eternal life is. Jesus has paid the price that we might freely receive it. All that is required of us is that we believe, and with the faith of a child put our trust in Jesus. It really is that simple, otherwise Jesus wouldn't have said so.

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 Super Typhoon Haima in the Philippines.

- Pray for innocent civilians caught in the crossfire of battle against IS in Mosul.
- Pray for Christians facing persecution in many parts of the world
- Pray for Asia Bibi, a young Christian woman, who has been on death row in Pakistan for blasphemy for over seven years.
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Local: Pray for the students and young people of our community. Pray for those seeking employment and those working to make decisions about future study or career options.

- Pray for witness and Mission of our local churches. Pray for Kennon Uniting, St Claires, St George's Monbulk and the Open Door Monbulk

Parish Pray for our link missionaries John and Jill Morshead

- Pray for Catherine Turnbull and the ministry of Pioneers in Myanmar.
- Pray for the preparations for the Cup Day Fair
- Pray for all those suffering from sickness, sorrow or any other need including; Henry, Benji, Monica, Hanne, Dale, Steph, Frank, and Beth H.

Birthdays: 25/10 Lease Robinson, Sonia Hooper.

Anniversaries: 23/10 Nancie Giddens, Isabel Jones, 25/10 Joy Williams, 27/10 Tom Bell, 28 Alice Dickson, 29/10 Michael Elliott

The Coming Week

Sun 23 Pentecost 23	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 followed by lunch with John and Jill Morshead.
Tuesday 25	10am 12.30pm 7pm	Marmaduke's Friendship Lunch at Brunch The Marriage Course at St Michael's
Wednesday 26	10am 5pm	Holy Communion, St Matthew's Prayer for the Hills. Unit 1, Rhodoglade Village, 1502 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd
Thursday 27	10am	Bible Study at Brunch.
Sun 30 Pentecost 24	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

Readings for	October 30: 24th Sunday after Pentecost	page
1st Reading	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	762
Psalm	119:137-144	357
2nd Reading	2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12	961
Gospel	Luke 19:1-10	854

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 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

CONTACTS

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

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