



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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September 18 2016, 18th Sunday after Pentecost
St Matthew



FOLLOW ME MATTHEW 9:9

Sentence: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

Prayer of the week: Loving Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of these our brothers and sisters
we do also for him:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
and yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

	Readings for Today Please follow along in your Pew Bible.	page
1st Reading	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	619
Psalm	79:1-9	306
2nd Reading	1 Timothy 2:1-10	963
Gospel	Matthew 9:9-13	790



*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

Saturday September 24

Men's fellowship breakfast . 8.30am at St Michael's Hall

Tuesday September 27th

Friendship Lunch .

12.30pm at Brunch. RSVP to Jean Speagle by Mon. Sept. 26th.

Pet Service - Sunday October 9

A service of thanksgiving for our animal friends.

Well behaved pets and their families welcome!

9.30am at Olinda

and 11am at Kalorama



Sunday October 16

3-5pm at St Michael's Hall Kalorama Messy

Church is for everyone of all ages.

A way of being church while having fun



The
Marriage
Course

The Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage.

Talk to Andrew for more details

Commencing 7pm. Tuesday October 4th at St Michael's Hall

On The Marriage Course, you are seated at your own table for two. Each session consists of food and/or drink, a practical talk and a time for private discussion between you and your partner.

Sign up sheets available at the back of church from today

PS. Volunteers are need to assist with baby sitting and providing the meal.

Please let Andrew know if you can help.

Sunday October 23rd

Visit by our CMS Link Missionaries John and Jill Morshead who will have completed their final term in Tanzania.

OPEN DOOR LUNCH



The Mission and Outreach Task Group are looking for volunteers to help run an open door lunch of soup and a roll on a Saturday. We need about 12 - 14 people so each pair of volunteers only have to attend every 5 to 6 weeks.

CUP DAY FAIR DONATIONS WANTED

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

or for the Silent Auction contact Hillary Mellis on 97511886

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 August</u>	<u>Monthly Target</u>	<u>Amount Over Target</u>
\$7682.00	\$7460.00	\$2,220.00
<u>Total YTD Oct 2015 - August 2016</u>	<u>Budget target</u>	<u>Shortfall</u>
\$72,948.60	\$82,060.00	\$9111.40
Budget for Year Oct 2015 - Sept 2016	\$89,520.00	

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

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This week we remember the call of Matthew. ^{Matthew 9:9-13} As we do Jesus reminds us of the great mercy of God. As always Jesus is in trouble with the Pharisees for mixing with sinners and tax collectors. Doesn't he know that these folk are not worthy of God's love? If Jesus wants to be taken seriously as a religious leader then he really should be more careful of who he hangs out with. You can't expect God to extend his mercy to just anyone you know.

But Jesus wants them to know that this is exactly the point. God's mercy is unlimited and is for everyone! To be merciful is to show kindness and forgiveness to another regardless of whether or not it is deserved. This is something that Jesus wants all of us to learn.

Lamentations 3:22-23 says that *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

In calling Matthew, a tax collector of all people, Jesus demonstrates this mercy in the most visible of ways. The good news of this Gospel is that if Matthew is worthy of Jesus call to follow then so too are we.

"Follow me", says Jesus to Matthew, and in responding to Jesus' call his life is changed forever. "Follow me", says Jesus to you and me. Not because we're good enough, not because we have earned it, but simply because he loves us and wants us to know life. "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick." ^{Matthew 9:12} Jesus came to bring healing to the world and his will for each of us, is that we would know the kind of wholeness, healing, transformation and life that can only come from him. That's why he calls Matthew to follow and that's why he calls us too.

So what will you do with his call? The choice is up to you.

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 the ceasefire in Syria to hold and for much needed supplies to reach communities in need

- Pray for Christians facing persecution in many parts of the world
- Pray for refugees and all those who are victims of conflict and war.

Local: Pray for those affected by the floods in the west of our state and also in South Australia

- Pray for the staff and students of our local schools as they enjoy the term break.
- Pray for safe travel on the roads in the holiday season and especially in flood affected areas.
- Pray for the Holy institution of Marriage and for the church to have a clear voice and witness in the debate over marriage equality

Parish Pray for our link missionaries John and Jill Morshead

- Pray for Catherine Turnbull in Myanmar.
- Pray for all those suffering from sickness, sorrow or any other need including; Benji, Monica, Shane, Guy, Hanne, Baby Luotta, Steph, Frank, Beth H and Peggy's father in America.

Birthdays: 18/9 Wendy Berry, 19/9 Kathy Travis, 20/9 Sue Fraser, Ophelia Schmidt, 21/9 Les Dickson, 23/9 Ian Hartley, Janet Rowe

Anniversaries: 19/9 Leslie Barker, 22/9 Irene Rowe, 23/9 Reginald Brown, Don Coxon, Elaine Coggins

The Coming Week

Sun 18 Pentecost 18	8am 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion at St Michael's Holy Communion & Sunday school at St Matthew's Holy Communion St Michael's.
Tuesday 19	10am	No Marmaduke's this week
Wednesday 20 St Matthew	10am 5pm	Holy Communion, St Matthew's Prayer for the Hills. Unit 1, Rhodoglade Village, 1502 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd
Thursday 21	10am	Bible Study at Brunch. In recess for this week
Sun 25 Pentecost 19	8am 9.30am 11am	Baptism with Holy Communion at St Michael's Holy Communion at St Matthew's Holy Communion at St Michael's



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1st Reading	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	643
Psalm	91:1-6, 14-16	319
2nd Reading	1 Timothy 4:12-5:8	964
Gospel	Luke 16:19-31	851

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

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