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Two sites. St. Matthew's Olinda · St. Michael's Kalorama

All welcome. In Christ: Growing Caring Sharing

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April 17th 2016, 4th Sunday of Easter
HARVEST FESTIVAL



Sentence: The lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7:17

Prayer of the week: Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd to gather us together:
may we not wander from his flock,
but follow where ever he leads us,
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold, to live with you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who 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	Acts 9:36-43	894
Psalm	23	243
2nd Reading	Revelation 7:9-17	999
Gospel	John 10:22-30	873



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.

Tuesday 19th March 2pm at St Michael's

A service to celebrate the life of Mollie Wilson. (Robyn Taylors Mum)
Any one wishing to attend would be most welcome.

Saturday April 23rd Working Bee

10am at St Matthew's

Monday April 25

Anzac Day Service 9am at Kalorama War Memorial.

Tues. 26th April Friendship Lunch

12.30pm at Brunch. RSVP to Carolyn by Mon. 25th April 9751 1436

Saturday April 30

Parish afternoon of Prayer 12-4pm

An important day in the life of our Parish!

Please set aside this afternoon in your diary so we can meet together and commit the life, mission and ministry of our parish to prayer. During the afternoon we will be hearing from our mission action group and praying for God's guidance in the writing of our Parish Mission Action Plan.

Sunday May 15th Pentecost Sunday

Plan to wear something red to church to help us celebrate!

Got questions about life



The Alpha Course is back for 2016

Alpha Introduction Night and Dinner at St Michael's Hall

7-9pm on Monday the 2nd of May. **All Welcome**

A great night to discover what Alpha is about and hear from folk who have completed the previous course. Cost \$5.00

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

Commencing at 7.00pm on Monday the 16th of May 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 97286353 for more details.



You are invited to help us celebrate Pentecost.

Sun 8th May 2016 3-5pm at St Michael's Church Kalorama

CHESTNUT FESTIVAL

Once again we are having a stall at the Chestnut Festival as part of our outreach program. Please contact Andrew on 9728 6353 or Hilary on 9751 1886 if you are able to assist with either set-up on Saturday morning of a canopy or assisting with manning the stand for a short period during the day or with pack up at 4.00 Sunday 1st May.

Any donations of craft or jewellery would also be welcome.

The Mt Dandenong Pre-school has also again asked for our assistance with the Kalorama Chestnut Festival, 1st May. Last year some parishioners assisted with the set-up and others with Devonshire teas and cooking.

Anyone able to assist again this year in supporting this iconic local event please contact The Co-ordinators Sam on 0435 721 726 or Melanie on 0412 512 759 or email committee@mtdandenongpreschool.com.au.

Home bakers can you help?

Volunteers are needed to bake Chocolate and Chestnut Brownies to be sold at the festival. Recipes are available from the back of the church and ingredients will be provided. Contact Hilary if you can help. 9751 1886

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“The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.” Psalm 23:1 With these simple words the psalmist pretty much sums up the secret to living a peaceful and satisfied life. Today as we celebrate Harvest Festival, we would do well to remember that we have much to be thankful for. Yet in spite of the abundance and plenty that surrounds us, most of the time the world is always telling us that our lives are incomplete and that we need even more stuff if we are to be truly happy.

The problem is that all too often we fail to recognise and value the gifts that God has already, in his abundant grace, placed right in front of us. *‘How long will you keep us in suspense?’ ‘If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’* Jesus answered, *‘I have told you, and you do not believe.’* John 10:24-25 As they were gathered around Jesus, the Jews failed to recognize that God’s greatest gift was already standing right in front of them. I wonder just how often we risk doing the same? Jesus’ advice to Thomas was to stop doubting and believe...

So next time you find yourself struggling in with your faith, remember that the answer to your fears is right under your nose. Take some time to stop and listen to the voice of the shepherd. With the Lord as our shepherd we have everything we need and there is nothing that can snatch us from his hand. Thanks be to God.
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 those affected by the Japanese earthquake in Kumamoto Prefecture. Pray for rescue workers and those still trapped in the rubble.

- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
- For a solution to the ongoing refugee crisis in Europe.

Local: Pray for opportunities to share God’s love with friends and family this Easter season.

- Pray for the witness of our local churches. Pray for St Claire’s, Kennon Uniting and St George’s Monbulk
- Pray for safety for the cyclists taking part in today’s Cycling event around the mountain.

Parish Pray for those working on our Parish Afternoon of Prayer coming up on the 30th of April.

- Pray for the Rev’d Dr Bradley Billings at his consecration service on the 30th of April
- Pray for all those suffering from sickness, sorrow or any other need including; Carolyn, Steph, Colin, John and Ann and their family, Tony, Pat, Harold, Gwen, Frank and Mickey.
- Give thanks for the life of Mollie Wilson. (Robyn Taylor’s mum.)

Birthdays: 17/4 Laura Hartley, 21/4 Queen Elizabeth, 23/4 Charlotte Schmidt.

Anniversaries: 18/4, Geoff Russell, 20/4 Pauline Leggo

The Coming Week

Sun 17 Harvest Festival	8am. 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion at St Michael's Prayer and Praise at St Matthew's Holy Communion and parish Koinonia Lunch at St Michael's. Bring a plate to share
Tuesday 19	10am 2pm	Mamaduke's Funeral service for Mollie Wilson at St Michael's
Wed 20	10am 5pm	Holy Communion, St Matthew's Prayer for the Hills, St Matthew's
Thurs 21	10am	Bible Study at Brunch
Saturday 23	9am	Working Bee at St Matthew's
Sun 24 5th Sunday of Easter	8am 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion at St Michael's Holy Communion at St Matthew's Holy Communion at St Michael's followed by the dedication of the new bird bath in memory of Barbara Maddison & Beryl Mason

Readings for	April 24: 5th Sunday of Easter	page
1st Reading	Acts 11:1-18	895
Psalm	148	378
2nd Reading	Revelation 21:1-16	1007
Gospel	John 13:31-35	877

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

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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