



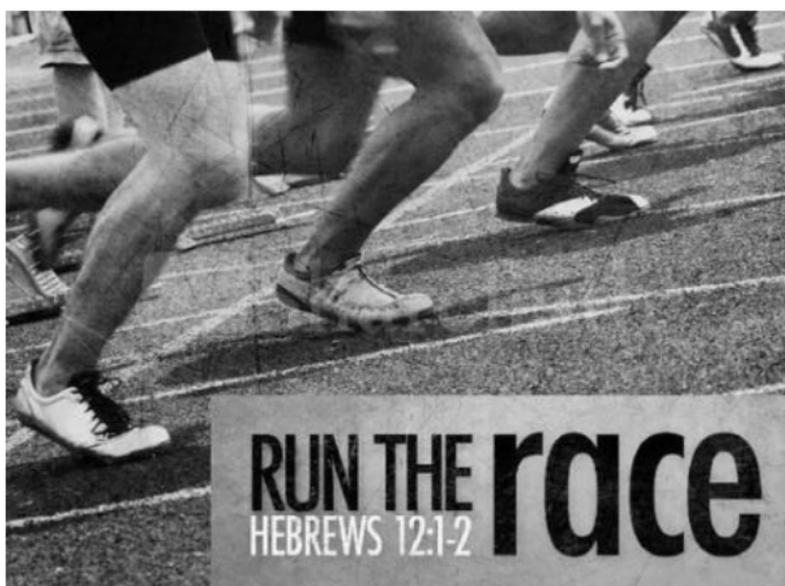
One church. Anglican Parish of Mt. Dandenong

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

All welcome. In Christ: Growing Caring Sharing

Shine

August 14 2016, 13th Sunday after Pentecost



Sentence: "Is not my word like fire," says the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks rocks in pieces?" Jeremiah 23:29

Prayer of the week:

Everliving God,
increase in us your gift,
that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us,
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit;
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

	Readings for Today Please follow along in your Pew Bible.	page
1st Reading	Isaiah 5:1-7	552
Psalm	80:1-2, 8-19	307
2nd Reading	Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2	978
Gospel	Luke 12:49-59	848



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

Sunday August 21st Parish Visit by Bishop Bradley Billings

The Bishop will be joining us for the 9.30am service at St Matthew's and the 11.00am service at St Michael's. Please bring something to share for morning tea after the service at St Michael's

Please note that there will be no 8am service for this Sunday.



Tues. Aug. 23rd **Friendship Lunch**

12.30pm at Brunch.

RSVP to Carolyn on 9751 1436 by Mon. Aug. 22nd.

Sunday October 23rd

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

Saturday 12th November 2016 at 10.30am

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

Contact Andrew if you would like to attend



The latest issue of The Melbourne Anglican is out now!

In this issue.....

- Archbishop Freier's response to clergy sexual abuse in the Newcastle Diocese, as revealed on the ABC's 7.30 program;
- An article about the Anglican faith of Theresa May, Britain's new Prime Minister;
- "The Church must go out onto the 'field of battle'" — an interview with Prof. William T Cavanaugh about his latest book *Field Hospital — the church's engagement with a wounded world*;

Parish Directory Update

We are currently updating our Parish Directory. Copies are available at the back of each church. Please check that you are listed and add or amend your current details. (address, telephone, email etc.) The directory is only for circulation within the parish so please be mindful not to pass on other people's information without their permission.



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.

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

Please let Andrew know if you can help.

Giving Update

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 July</u>	<u>Monthly Target</u>	<u>Short fall</u>
\$5199.00	\$7460.00	\$2,261.00
<u>Total YTD Oct 2015 - July 2016</u>	<u>Budget target</u>	<u>Shortfall</u>
\$65,266.40	\$74600.00	\$9334.00
<u>Budget for Year Oct 2015 - Sept 2016</u>	<u>\$89,520.00</u>	

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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DON'T GIVE UP



Have you ever felt like being a Christian is just too difficult? Do you ever wonder if it wouldn't just be easier sometimes to give up and enjoy living in the present? If so then this morning's lesson from Hebrew's 11:20-12:2 is just for you. And if Jesus words to the disciples this morning are anything to go by we could all probably use a little encouragement. (Luke 12:49-59).

Jesus is on the way up to Jerusalem and he tells the disciples in no uncertain terms that following him will be no easy ride. He wants them to know that the choices we make now have eternal consequences and that in the end true repentance and turning to him is the only way.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews also knows that to be a Christian is no guarantee of an easy ride. In fact to prove the point he provides us with a long list of Jewish heroes of the faith. All of these folk faced tough challenges but were able to persevere in faithfulness and bear fruit for the Kingdom. And if they could do it so can we.

The image given is of athletes running in a race, and not just any race, but a marathon. The good news is that we are not left to run this race alone. We are reminded that Jesus is there cheering for us every step of the way. Why I hear you ask? Because he believes in us and wants us to believe in him. "So let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12:2

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 all those taking part in the Olympic Games in Brazil

- Pray for Christians facing persecution in many parts of the world
- Pray too for all those who work to bring peace to our world.

Local: Pray for the witness of the local churches in our community.

- Pray for the homeless members of our community and the work of agencies such as Anglicare, Concern and the Salvation Army.
- Pray for strong and healthy marriages in our community. Pray too for all those who are struggling in their relationships

Parish: Pray for the work of CMS and the Bush Church Aid society.

- Pray for the final few weeks of the Alpha Course
- Pray for those thinking about joining the Marriage Course
- 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; Guy, Hanne, Dale, Sabrina, Carolyn, Steph, Penelope, and Frank.

Birthdays: 18/8 Eamon Laughton

Anniversaries: 18/8 Shirley Liles, 19/8 Peter Billing, Muriel Read, Len Hough

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT THE HEROES OF THE FAITH ARE WATCHING US LIKE IT SAYS?

THAT'S NOT WHAT IT SAYS.

IT SAYS THAT THEY ARE WITNESSES TO THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD AND ARE EXAMPLES FOR US.

OH GOOD! THE IDEA OF MOSES TRACKING MY PERFORMANCE LIKE SOME KIND OF FITBIT™ WAS STRESSING ME RIGHT OUT!

HMMM...



The Coming Week

Sun 14 Pentecost 13	8am 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion St Michael's. Brekky to follow Holy Communion & Sunday school at St Matthew's Morning Prayer St Michael's.
Mon 15	7pm	Alpha Course
Tuesday 16	10am	Marmaduke's
Wednesday 17	10am 5pm	Holy Communion, St Matthew's Prayer for the Hills. Unit 1, Rhodoglade Village, 1502 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd (Please note the change of venue)
Thursday 18	10am	Bible Study at Brunch
Sun 21 Pentecost 14	8am 9.30am 11am	Parish visit by Bishop Brad <u>No 8am this week.</u> Holy Communion and Sunday School at St Matthew's Holy Communion at St Michael's

Readings for	August 21: 14th Sunday after Pentecost	page
1st Reading	Jeremiah 1:4-10	609
Psalm	Psalm 71:1-6	293
2nd Reading	Hebrews 12:18-29	979
Gospel	Luke 13:10-17	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

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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