



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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March 6 2016 The Fourth Sunday of Lent



Sentence: While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Luke 15.21

Prayer of the week: God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who turn to you with penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you, and seat them at your bountiful table, that with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ 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	Joshua 5:2-12	171
Psalm	32	252
2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	940
Gospel	Luke 15:11-32	850



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 6th of March.

Stations of the Cross

5pm at St Claire's Roman Catholic Church
Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd Mt Dandenong

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Hills Deanery Gathering

We are invited to join with the congregation at St George's Monbulk and the other churches in our Deanery to hear the Rev'd Dr Jeff Hammond speak to us about his involvement with Andrew Chan as Pastor, Mentor & Friend.

New Time. We will now be meeting at 6.45pm for Tea

The meeting begins with worship at 7.30pm .

A powerful testimony to the grace of God and salvation to all!

Please bring a plate of food to share before the meeting.

Sunday March 13 Healing Service 6pm

In order to support the Hills Deanery Gathering at Monbulk, (mentioned above) our March Healing Service will now be on **Sunday the 13th of March at 6pm.**

★ **Please join us next Sunday the 13th for morning tea after 11am Service** ★
as we say farewell to Connie French who is moving to NSW

EASTER SERVICE TIMES

Maunder Thursday, March 24

Holy Communion 7.30pm at St Matthew's Olinda

Good Friday March, 25

9.30am at St Matthew's Olinda & 11.00am at St Michael's Kalorama
Join us for Hot Cross Buns and a cuppa after the service!

Easter Day Sunday, March 27

8am & 11.00am St Michael's and 9.30am St Matthew's.

Please bring small bunches of flowers with you to decorate the Easter Cross.

Easter Egg Hunt after 9.30 and 11.00am Services

Every Day with Jesus written by Selwyn Hughes

EDWJ is a daily reading guide to assist with knowing your Bible. Each booklet offers two months of meditations and prayers that follow a particular theme. The reading takes only about 10-15 minutes of one's day and offers the opportunity of a time of quietness. The current price is \$54.00 for the year, commencing in March until February 2017. Payment for the year is required in advance. A number of the Church Family already read and study EDWJ. It is also available as an Email subscription/ Ebook/ Kindle. If you think you would like to explore this please contact Heather Hartley, ph. 9728 1541 for further information. Heather will deliver it you.



SATURDAY
MARCH 19 at
St Matthew's Olinda

This year we are trying out a new day and a new format.

Stalls and activities to include; Books, Food, Kid's fun, Plants, Pony rides, Easter Egg Hunt, Silent Auction and more...

More helpers urgently needed. *In order to make this day a success we will need help from as many people as possible.*

Please Contact Janet Rowe if you are able to assist. 9728 1125

Silent Auction

All offers of assistance gratefully accepted. Any parishioners with goods (new or almost new) and/or skills /services they could donate, please contact Louise (0404 875 797) or email louisegeoghegan@bigpond.com, items can be collected or left at each church, mark Silent Auction, please. Small items can be combined into Hampers-some possible themes- men's or ladies pamper packs, pet pack, fine dining, children's, etc. Thank You.

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The Prodigal Son

We all know one, have been one or are waiting for one to come home.

One of the reasons the story of the prodigal son is so powerful is because at one time or another in our lives each of us can relate to the characters in the story.

The most important thing to remember about this story is that no matter how far off we might have wandered from God, or no matter how close we have stayed to him, and how hard we have tried to remain faithful, God's love for each of us is just the same.

Just like the father in this story our heavenly father loves us so much that whenever he sees us turning towards him he runs to us with outstretched arms. For whenever we return to him there is much rejoicing in heaven as he welcomes us home with his Amazing Grace

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 affected by the cyclone in Fiji

- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
- Give thanks for our Mothers and for all how offer us love and care.
- Pray for the families of our community both children and parents.
- Pray that God would guide the parents of our community with the wisdom they need to raise faithful and godly children who know the love of Jesus in their lives

Local: Pray for opportunities to share God's love with friends and family

- Pray for single parent families and all those who live alone.
- Pray for families facing difficulty and hardship at this time
- Pray for those who suffer from mental health issues.

Parish Pray for those working on our parish Mission Action Plan.

- Pray for the Autumn fair at St Matthew's
- Pray for our Sunday School and our ministry with children.
- Pray for all those suffering from sickness, sorrow or any other need including; Mollie, John and Ann and their family, Harold, Peter, Muriel, Rosemary & Frank.

Birthdays: 9/3 Virginia Westcott, 10/3 Melissa Schmidt, 11/3 Mark Roberts, 12/3 Ian Patterson

Anniversaries: 6/3 Moira Oliver, Phil Stamps, 8/3 Revd Oscar Muspratt, John Varcoe, 9/3 Thomas Venn, 10/3 Gwen Donner, 11/3 Neville Gibbs

The Coming Week

Sun 6 Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	8am. 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion & breakfast at St Michael's Holy Communion & Sunday School at St Matthew's Morning Prayer at St Michael's
Tuesday 8	10am	Marmadukes, St Matthew's
Wed 9	10am 5pm	Holy Communion, St Matthew's Prayer for the Hills, St Matthew's
Thurs 10	10am	Bible Study at Brunch
Sun 13	8am 9.30am 11am 6pm	Holy Communion at St Michael's Holy Communion & Sunday School at St Matthew's Holy Communion at St Michael's Healing Service at St Michael's

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1st Reading	Isaiah 43:16-21	586
Psalm	126	362
2nd Reading	Philippians 3:3-14	954
Gospel	John 12:1-8	874

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 (Starting again soon)

Wed 7.45pm Weekly Bible Study at The Vicarage
Ph. Andrew 9728 6353 (Possibly moving to Thursday)

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

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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