



"being right with God"

3 - 24 FEBRUARY 2019

Welcome! It is great that you have decided to join us this Sunday morning. As we worship God together, we pray that God will minister and refresh you through Word and Sacrament.

Sunday Club and Youth Group are held during the 10AM worship service

If you are a communicant member of another Christian church, you are invited to share in the Holy Communion in the 8AM & 10AM Sunday services. Please follow the guidance from the sidespersons as you come forward for Holy Communion. *If you would like prayer for any reason, please come to the front immediately after Communion.*

Please use the **CONNECT CARD** if you are new here and/or if you have questions about the Christian faith. We will love to hear from you and connect with you. Please join us for refreshments in the church hall after the services. ☺

No matter who we are, speaking the truth is not easy. In today's gospel reading (Luke 4), Jesus speaks the truth to the people known to Him in Nazareth (his boyhood home) as He reads from Isaiah - *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favour has come."* (v17-19).

In reading this specific text, Jesus proclaims not only His mission statement but truthfully proclaims who He really is - the Lord's anointed and that Isaiah's prophecy has finally being fulfilled in their presence. As Jesus continues with more details on what His mission statement meant, He uses the examples of the Elijah and Elisha. Elijah was sent to the widow of Zarephath and, Naaman the Syrian was sent to Elisha. Both of these individuals were foreigners (Gentiles). This was a strong message to the locals that Jesus' mission is not just to cater for the locals but also towards those outside, the foreigners.

From the responses received, it is clear that Jesus speaking the truth wasn't well received. There was disbelief, sarcasm and eventually, threat of violence.

Similarly, it isn't easy to hear the truth too, especially if the truth is expressed by individuals known to us. It becomes more complicated if the truth causes discomfort to the hearers. At the same time, we all have different views on what the truth is, which makes speaking the truth very complex. It is only Jesus who said, *"I am the way and the truth and the life"* (John 14.6). No one is equal to Jesus in knowing what truth is.

For us who follow Christ and who have strong views on many matters, how are we to communicate to our fellow sisters and brothers and even to others outside church. Paul uses the phrase *"speaking the truth in love"* (Ephesians 4.15-16) This quality is essential in a Christian community to grow in maturity. It also means that the truth spoken in love should be received in love. May we all be mindful in the way we communicate to one another as we speak and hear the truth.

Soli Deo Gloria. Santa ☺

3 Feb 2019 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany [8 & 10AM];

Theme: the God who sends!

Bible reading: Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 71.1-6; 1 Corinthians 13.1-13; Luke 4.21-30

Sentence: But the Lord said to me, *"Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you.* (Jere. 1.7 NIV)

Prayer: Life-giving God, who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority: anoint us with your Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the

captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYING for the Church: Pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho - Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba, Bishops, clergy and people; Parish Renewal in St Michael & St Luke; the Most Revd Dr Phililp Freier Archbishop of Melbourne, Bishops, clergy & lay people of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne in their ministries.

Celebrations: Natalie Brown (4 Feb), Theodora Britto (7 Feb)

BEFORE the service, speak to God. DURING the service, let God speak to you. AFTER the service, speak to one another.

Please take this CANDLE with you today and pass it to your friends. Thank you!

10 February 2019 - Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
8AM (Holy Communion);

10AM (Family Communion & Children's Church)

Bible readings: Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 138; I Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

Sentence: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many. (I Corinthians 15.3-4)

PRAYER for the day: Most holy God, in whose presence angels serve in awe, and whose glory fills all heaven and earth: cleanse our unclean lips and transform us by your grace so that your word spoken through us may bring many to your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYING for the Church: Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz - Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Bishops, clergy and people; Parish Renewal in St Michael & St Luke; the Most Revd Dr Philip Freier Archbishop of Melbourne, Bishops, clergy & lay people of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne in their ministries.

Celebrations: Ros Farnsworth (11 Feb), Vaughan Smith (12 Feb), Grenville Fewkes (13 Feb), Willis Periera (13 Feb)



17 February 2019 - Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
8AM (Holy Communion);

10AM (Family Communion & Children's Church)

Bible readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1; I Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26.

Sentence: Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Luke 6.23

PRAYER for the day: Righteous God, you challenge the powers that rule this world and you show favour to the oppressed: instil in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom and strive for right to prevail; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYING for the Church: Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa The Most Revd Albert Chama - Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia, Bishops, clergy and people; Parish Renewal in St Michael & St Luke; the Most Revd Dr Philip Freier Archbishop of Melbourne, Bishops, clergy & lay people of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne in their ministries.

Celebrations: Olivia Loos, Cleo Loos, Dior Loos, Ken Jeffries (17 Feb); Michael Ludlow, Eden Lester (18 Feb); Rory De Kock, Tracy De Kock (22 Feb)

PRAYING for all in need of God's hands of healing, comfort & peace, remembering Alin, Audrey, Barry, Cynthia, Dale, Esther, Grenville, Gladys, Harry, Jean, Jean, John, Mary, Michael, Ned, Noreen, Oscar, Patrick, Santa, Seelan, Yacoub, Yvonne, Varuni, Chandrani and all who we remember in our hearts. Pray for patience, peace and perseverance for all who care for them, including all institutions of care. Please pray for all seeking employment (Melville), for all who are thinking of future options in studies/work, for Sakthe Kumar in his final year of theological studies and, Kaveh Hassanzadeh (Iranian Church leader) who is to be ordained as Deacon in God's church on 9 February.

PRAYING for our link missionaries Chris, Grace & Micah Adams: Please pray with us: "That God will reveal Himself in His grace and mercy through the many ministry activities among the wider Christian community in TL; and, for safety and good health as they travel."

How you can support & participate in our mission!

- **PRAY** for PARISH RENEWAL!
- **SET ASIDE** time to share and use your talents here!
- **SHARE** your financial treasure. The easiest & preferred way is by direct transfer via the ADF (at no cost to you or the church) or weekly offertory envelopes.
- Garry or the Wardens will provide you with information concerning both systems. All information provided is confidential.
- You can also transfer your donations directly to : "St Michael and St Luke Anglican Church: BSB 063249 a/c 10044425"

◆ **Please collect your copy of the 2019 calendar from the Narthex.**

◆ **All parishioners are invited to attend the ordination service on 9 February (10AM) at St Paul's Cathedral where Mr Kaveh Hassanzadeh (Iranian Church leader) will be ordained as Deacon in God's church.**

2019 - Looking ahead!

- 03 Feb - Wardens' & Parish Council meeting (after 10AM)
- 16 Feb - PARISH RENEWAL RETREAT
- 1 Mar - World Day of Prayer (details later)
- 5 Mar - Shrove Tuesday
- LENTEN Focus - "Five Marks of Mission"
- 6 Mar - Ash Wednesday [10AM & 7.30PM]
- 27 Feb - Deanery Meeting
- 26 Feb - Wardens' & Parish Council meeting
- 17 Mar - What is God doing Sunday
- 14 April - Palm Sunday [9.30AM]

24 February 2019 - Seventh Sunday After Epiphany & commemorating Matthias, Apostle and Martyr
SAM (Holy Communion);

10AM (Family Communion & Children's Church)

Bible readings: Genesis 45.3-11, 15; Psalm 37.1-11, 40-41; I Corinthians 15.35-50; Luke 6.27-38

Sentence: Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Luke 6.35

PRAYER for the day: Bountiful God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Matthias, Apostle & Martyr: Almighty God, who chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the twelve apostles in the place of Judas: preserve your Church always from false apostles, so that it may be guided by true and faithful pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYING for the Church: Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America The Rt Revd Julio Murray Thompson - Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama, Bishops, clergy and people; Parish Renewal in St Michael & St Luke; the Most Revd Dr Philip Freier Archbishop of Melbourne, Bishops, clergy & lay people of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne in their ministries.

Celebrations: Joshua Zacky (24 Feb), Mary Raj (29 Feb)

For **URGENT PASTORAL CARE** — call the wardens first (please see page 4)

PRAYER CHAINS:
Cynthia [9704 9705];
Brian [9791 4496];
Vaughan & Noelle [9546 0353]

My thanks to Revd Paul Packiyathan who took on the role of the Locum during my annual leave in January. Thanks to everyone who supported his ministry in the parish. As mentioned previously, I will be on medical leave from 5 February to the end of February depending on the assessment of the surgeon. I am thankful to Revd Dr Andrew Bunting who will be the Locum in February and I am sure that everyone will support Andrew in his ministry in the parish. I shall preside and preach at the services on 3 March.

I am also thankful to all the members of the worship team, the wardens, parish councillors and parishioners for their support and assistance in the ongoing task of parish renewal and in reaching out to

the community. Similar to previous years, I did travel "overseas" but only to Philip Island in January and only for a very short duration! It was great to visit with the family a number of parishes during my annual leave and to appreciate the different styles of worship. Being ministered to by the people of different parishes in a variety of ways was an encouragement. Listening to the different styles of preaching was a bonus.

Thank you

Soli Deo Gloria. Santa ☺

- ♦ PS - The church office will reopen towards the end of February 2019.

an important notice about our playgroup

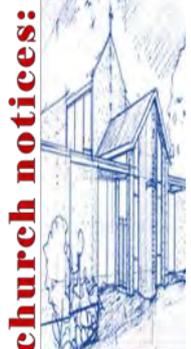
Our playgroup which began in the 1980s at St Luke's (Potter Street) before moving to this site (Heatherton Road), has been a major platform of this parish to reach-out and interact with the local community on a regular basis - meeting on Monday morning (10AM to 12 noon) during term time. Our playgroup demonstrates the love of Christ in a practical way as many of those who attend aren't of the Christian faith. Parish volunteers interact lovingly with the parents (particularly mothers) and their very young children. In addition, the children learn many basic skills (including socialising among their peers and adults, and through play) in preparation for Prep.

In 2018, financial assistance provided by St John of God Hospital ceased. Elise McKenry, who used to lead and run the playgroup has concluded her ministry in this parish.

As mentioned in my annual report to the parish in November 2018, it is essential that a new volunteer playgroup leader is appointed for our playgroup to continue from March 2019. While there are a number of volunteer helpers who are willing to stay with possibilities of other volunteer helpers from Dandenong Council joining in, no one from the parish has volunteered to be the leader.

Who among us is willing to take on this role as playgroup leader? It requires a passion to children and family ministry founded on a commitment to Christ. Approximately 3-4 hours commitment per/week is needed including setting up the church hall for playgroup (with the assistance of other volunteer helpers), liaison with the Dandenong library for their visit to the playgroup, keeping in touch with the parents as necessary, interacting with parents/children during the session. Obviously, a current Working with Children Check Card and Police check are essential.

February 2019 is the month you will need to say YES to this opportunity (as playgroup begins in March). Please make your interest known to the Wardens ASAP. If there is no volunteer playgroup leader, there is no other alternative except to close our playgroup. *Santa*



church notices:

praying for the mission of Anglican parish of St Michael & St Luke:

Living God, you have called us to be the Body of Christ. As we **“renew, revive, reach out,”** may our parish be a sign of hope in this community. May all we do, and all we are becoming, bring praise to your name and draw others to your love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, who came to serve and bring us the fullness of life. **Amen**

connect | **Name:** _____ **Prayer need/request/feedback:** _____
Address: _____
Telephone No: _____
Email: _____

If you would like prayer for any reason, please come to the front immediately after Communion.

who we are!

The Anglican Parish of St Michael & St Luke is a part of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. We encourage one another to **RENEW** our relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, to partner with the LORD to **REVIVE** God's church and to **REACH OUT** to others as the Holy Spirit reveals.

Our Mission: **“bring the gospel of Christ to the community and the world”**

Our Values: **Scripture, Worship, Prayer, Fellowship & Mission**

our regular services are:

8AM Sunday - Holy Communion (traditional)

10AM Sunday - Holy Communion & Children's Church

10AM (3rd Sunday only - unless indicated otherwise) - “What is God doing?” & Children's Church [ALL WELCOME!]

DURING TERM TIME:

✦ **SUNDAY CLUB** (Kindergarten to Year 6) & **YOUTH GROUP** (Year 7 to Year 12) meets during the Sunday 10AM service (except 3rd Sunday).

✦ **PLAYGROUP** meets every Monday morning (10AM-12Noon) - to be confirmed.

✦ **CARE GROUPS** meet every week to inspire, support/pray for one another & grow in faith (Wednesday 10AM-12Noon & Thursday from 7:30PM).

If you wish to participate in any of these activities or have questions, please contact the church office for more details. We will love to hear from you!

useful contacts ...

Ministers: All Parishioners!

Vicar: Santa Packianathan [on leave]

Locum Vicar (Feb 2019): Revd. Andrew Bunting [0407 257 010]

Sacristan: Brian Bird [9791 4496]

R U OK Team Coordinator: VACANT-Please call Santa

Children's Ministry: Anne Oliver [9791 3879]

Youth Ministry: Vaughan Smith [9546 0353]

Play Group: VACANT-Please call Santa

Honorary Licensed Lay Ministers:

Brian Bird, John De Losa, Garry Martin, Theo Rutgers, John Singh.

Church Wardens:

Vaughan Smith (**Parish CrimCheck Administrator**) [9546 0353]; Cleoni Loos (**Child Safe Officer**) [9755 7097]; Larry Loos [9795 7371]

Council Secretary: Cleoni Loos [9755 7097]

Treasurer: Courtney Cook [0409 332 377]

Stewardship: Garry Martin [9704 9705]

Church Office: VACANT-Please call Santa

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acknowledgment of traditional owners of the land:

We gather on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri and Boonerwung (or Bunurong) tribes of the Kulin Nation, and we acknowledge them as the Traditional Owners. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.