



"being right with God"

7 APRIL 2019

Lept 5: Five Marks of Mission [5] - "SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION"

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 is in session 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 today's services. Please follow the guidance from the sides-persons 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. 😊

The Fifth Mark of Mission reminds us that God longs for harmony in the whole of Creation, not just in the human family. By contrast, humanity has become proficient in spoiling the planet, poisoning seas, rivers and land, cutting down rainforests, and endangering plants and animals.

God loves people, who are made in God's image. What does the rest of Creation – the planet, the universe, plants and animals – reveal about God?

Deuteronomy 26 (extracts)

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall ²take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor... ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression... ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me... ¹³Then you shall say before the Lord your God... I have obeyed the Lord my God, doing just as you commanded me. ¹⁵ Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel and the ground that you have given us, as you swore to our ancestors – a land flowing with milk and honey.'

- *In the passage, for what reasons did God give the land to the people?*
- *The land is given, but with strings attached. What are the conditions that God gives?*

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Please arrive early on Palm Sunday (14 April) and gather in the carpark near the fenced area. Palm Sunday procession begins at 9.30AM. For the safety of everyone in the procession, the car park will be closed at 9.15AM!

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

this week!

TODAY

Lent 5

**8AM Holy Communion (trad.)
10AM Family service with
Communion, children's church,
Sunday Club & Youth Group,
meeting with Young People's
ministry leaders (and all
interested)**

9 April

**Eucharist at Estia Aged Care,
Dandenong [11AM]**

12 April
Friday

**Church office open
[10AM to 12 noon]
(Church open for prayer)**

14 April
Sunday
Palm Sunday
(Lent 6)

**9.30AM Family service with
Procession, Holy Communion,
children's church, Sunday Club
& Youth Group
ALL WELCOME!**

**Monday Playgroup, Wednesday and Thursday CARE
Groups are in recess.**

TODAY'S Bible reading: Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.3-14; Matthew 21.33-44

Sentence: [Jesus said,] "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit." (Matthew 21.43NIV)

PRAYER for the day: O God, the Redeemer of all who trust in you: heed the cry of your people, and deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reading the Bible together

- 8 April** Exodus 28, 29; Acts 7
- 9 April** Exodus 30-32; Acts 8
- 10 April** Exodus 33, 34; Psalm 16; Acts 9
- 11 April** Exodus 35, 36; Acts 10
- 12 April** Exodus 37, 38; Psalm 19; Acts 11
- 13 April** Exodus 39, 40; Psalm 15; Acts 12
- 14 April** Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-18; Philippians 2.5-11; Passion Gospel (Luke)

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- Choose an ecological issue that concerns you, perhaps energy use, water scarcity, deforestation, oil and mineral extraction, global warming or climate change. How can starting small make a difference?
- Choose some areas of modern life – perhaps transport, leisure, diet, TV, advertising – and consider some of the ways they affect Creation?
- What practical action could you take – individually and as a community – to live more sustainable lives so that Creation can thrive?
- Rowan Williams said: 'Mission requires a great deal of patience and a degree of awareness that people... move and discover at a different rate.' How can we balance patience with a sense of urgency to fulfil God's mission?
- How might you put any new insights about mission into action?
- Finally, where will you go from here? What are your next steps – individually and collectively?

Prayer: God of all energy and life give us such a love for all your Creation that we may delight in it with our eyes nurture it with our hands and enrich it with our love for our world is not our world, but yours. Amen.

Bible passage prayer & questions for reflection adapted from: <http://www.uspg.org.uk/docstore/173.pdf> (pp. 24-28)

Highlights from Wardens & Parish Council Meeting (26 March 2019)

- We began our meeting with a study on the first mark of mission (*proclaim the Good News*) using the study provided in the Candle.
- Financial matters continue to be challenging. As mentioned by the wardens last week, total income (to 28 February) received was \$48k as compared with \$54k (budget). While open collection (received in the plate) was above budget and hall hire was very slightly below budget, building fund, other donations, fund raising and stewardship were all below budget. The items that were significantly below budget were fund raising and stewardship. Total expenditure was \$52.9k (compared with \$52.8k budget).
- Please support enthusiastically the fund-raising activities being organised and if you haven't enrolled in the stewardship programme (electronic or envelope), please speak to Garry or the Wardens.

HELP NEEDED

to remove books from the backroom to an op shop of your choice or recycle. Seek help to move books into your car and please take as much as you are able. **THANK YOU!**



church notices

- ✦ Our next **sausage sizzle** fundraiser is @ Bunnings, Dandenong South on **FRIDAY 3 MAY** from 8AM. Everyone's assistance is needed to ensure the success of this fundraiser. See the noticeboard for details on how to assist and, participate in this event & please speak to Prasantha and/or Russell for further information.
- ✦ During **LENT**, I encourage EVERYONE to take the time to **WALK & PRAY** for all in our community. You can also pray as you work, drive or shop or even whilst sitting in a café having a coffee. **Please pray:**
 - ☺ For doors to be opened to proclaim the gospel!
 - ☺ That we can proclaim the gospel clearly!
 - ☺ For divine wisdom as we approach our neighbours with the gospel!
 - ☺ That we use every opportunity for the gospel!



Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday	14 April	Humility & Obedience!
Easter	21 April	"Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"

Bishop Paul Barker's Lenten Talks

"a better covenant, priest & sacrifice"
(Hebrews 8-10)
Sundays @ 6PM, April 7, 14
St Luke's Carrum Downs
Wednesdays @ 8PM, 10, 17
St Mark's Forest Hill
all welcome

For URGENT PASTORAL CARE
— call Santa

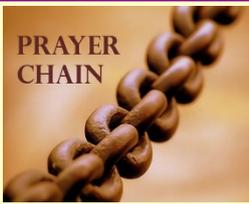
PRAYER CHAINS:
Cynthia

[9704 9705];

Brian [9791 4496];

Vaughan & Noelle [9546 0353]

PRAYER
CHAIN



IN ALL THINGS PRAY

MY FAMILY • MY COMMUNITY • MY CHURCH • MY COUNTRY • MY WORLD

<http://bciova.org/january-prayer-focus-in-all-things-pray/>

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Birthdays:

8 Apr - Patrick Owen

12 Apr - Lauren Lester

13 Apr - Alicia Zacky, Tara
Jumpponen

• **Lenten prayer:** “Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen” (from: <https://www.churchofengland.org/>)

• **Pray for our Diocese and the worldwide Anglican Communion:** Church of Ireland (Abp Lionel Clarke); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Aboriginal Clergy & People); Defence Force Chaplains; St Luke's Vermont (Peter MacPherson); Upper Yarra Parish – Parish Visit (Bp Paul Barker); Holy Trinity Coburg - Parish Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); All Saints' Greensborough, episcopal visit; Opening of Melanesian Brotherhood house in Shepparton (Abp Phillip Freier); the Archbishop, Bishops, clergy and people of the Diocese of Melbourne in their ministries.

• **Pray for our link missionaries Chris, Grace & Micah Adams:** Please pray for the many challenges in ministry, as well as, relational challenges that arise as we seek to love and disciple young leaders in training. It can be painful at times; that more and more young people may indeed become disciples of Christ through Dili Young Adults Group; and, for Chris & Grace in their different and varied roles in ministry in Timor Leste.

• **Pray for our church & community:** Life giving God, we thank you that through your Spirit, you have endowed us with the gift of life which is beyond our understanding. We thank you that through your Spirit, you assure us that all who have Your Spirit truly belong to Christ (Romans 8.10). We pray for people near and far who have not recognised and not accepted these gifts of your grace. Soften their hearts and open their spiritual eyes to see You in creation. We continue to pray for the many challenges that we face as a community of faith particularly with regard to mission, parish renewal (focussing on people of secondary school age and their families) and finance. Open our eyes too to see what You see and respond enthusiastically. Strengthen us to willingly and actively persevere in the mission that you have entrusted to us confident that You remain faithful. We continue to pray for all who will be returning to and/or visiting this church during this Holy Week and Easter. Prepare us to receive them with love and friendship. Prepare their hearts to receive that which You have made ready for them. Prepare all of us to have a special encounter with the Risen Lord so that we will truly worship You in spirit and truth always. We pray that the decisions that we take this week will be Christ centred and means by which many will be drawn into Your kingdom. Amen. Loving Father, we praise You for your gifts of *healing, comfort & peace to all known to us including*, Barry, Bernard, Cynthia, Deon, Esther, Harry, Jean, Jean, John, Mary, Noreen, Oscar, Patrick, Philip, Seelan, Tina, Yacoub, Yvonne, Varuni, Chandrani and all who we remember in our hearts. We thank you for those who have been healed. We pray for your comfort and peace on all who mourn remembering this week Emily, Seth, Lucy, Eleanor and Gilbert Isham and their family as they mourn the passing of

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”

2019 - Looking ahead!

- 15 April–17 April - **Holy Week Eucharist** [7.30PM daily]
- 18 April - **Maundy Thursday & AGAPE Meal** [7.30PM]
- 19 April - **Good Friday** [9.30AM]
- 21 April - **Easter with Renewal of Baptismal vows** [9.30AM]
- 25 April - **ANZAC Day**
- 26 April - **ANZAC commemoration**
- 05 May - **Thanksgiving & Volunteer Appreciation Sunday**
- 12 May - **Mothers' Day**

Ned (son to Emily and Seth, brother to Lucy, Eleanor and Gilbert). May Ned rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for your favour and grace on all who seek employment (Garry, Joanne, Mark & Melville), for all who are thinking of future options in studies/work, for Sakthe Kumar in his final year of theological studies and all who travel. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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)

✦ **CARE GROUPS** meet every week to inspire, support/pray for one another & grow in faith (Wednesday 10AM-12Noon in Church office; Thursday 7.30PM in Vicarage).

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
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0438 509 669

✉ stmstlvicar@bigpond.com

[Santa is out of office on Thursday]

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: Julia [0400 527 876]

Honorary Licensed Lay Ministers:

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

Church Wardens:

Vaughan Smith (**Parish Crim-Check 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

Hall Hire: Anand Raj [0404 043 536]

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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.