



**Welcome!** It is great that you have decided to join us this Sunday morning. As we worship God together on this **"What is God doing?" Sunday**, we pray that God will minister and refresh you through Word and Sacrament. Sunday Club and Youth Group is in recess 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 8AM Sunday service. **If you would like prayer for any reason, please come to the front as indicated on the overhead screen.** 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. 😊



**A** very special welcome to **Aspen Eve GERMAIN** who is to be baptised into God's Church at today's 10AM **"What is God doing?"** service. We welcome her parents, Jessica and Shaun, her godparents Rob Edelmaier, April Germain, Jordan Harvey, Aaron Wijeratne, her extended family, relatives and friends. Please join the fellowship and continue the celebration after the service in the Church Hall/foyer.

## "Working together for God"

I Corinthians 3.1-6, reminds me of a question that arises in the mind of every first-time parent, "What do I feed my baby?"

No one would feed a newborn a steak or hotdog, yet we attempt to cram the meat of doctrine and even tradition down the throat of newborn/young Christians.

While Jesus and the twelve disciples witnessed primarily to people who had an understanding of God, Paul, a teacher with a first-class education, understood the principle of starting from the basics to expand and explain Jesus' message. So Paul reminded the Corinthians that he fed them with milk until they were ready for solid food. Some in that community identified Paul as their saviour because he first gave them the gospel. Naturally they wanted to cling the one who brought the good news of salvation. Similarly, others claimed various other teachers as their spiritual leader. They so appreciated the light of the gospel and those who delivered it to them that confusion developed about the source of their salvation and healing.

Paul clarifies the issue concerning these teachers: he and others were mere mortals who are given the ministry of spreading the good news. They are all servants of the Lord with an assigned task. Apart from God, they are powerless and unworthy of acclaim or special status.

*In our own context, do we remember and thank God for the one(s) who brought the good news of salvation to us? Are we still clinging on to them or have we moved on or matured to become disciples that deliver the good news of salvation?*

Paul's opening statement of spiritual baby food nourished the Corinthians until they could "eat" the spiritual food of adults. We have in this parish disciples of Jesus who are at different stages of spiritual growth and maturity. This means that a variety of "spiritual food" is necessary. Over time, every disciple of Christ matures spiritually to a stage where they too will take up the call of ministry, that is, to chose to follow Christ and take up the responsibility to deliver the good news everyone.

## this week!

😊 all welcome 😊

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>"What is God doing?" Sunday 8AM Holy Communion (trad.) 10AM "What is God doing?" Family service with Holy Baptism, children's church and shared lunch in Church hall</b>
<b>17 February Monday</b>	<b>Games and Friendship night [7PM in Church]</b>
<b>18 February Tuesday</b>	<b>Playgroup - 10AM to 12noon (Church open for prayer) Eucharist @ ESTIA Aged Care Dandenong [11AM]</b>
<b>19 February Wednesday</b>	<b>CARE Group &amp; Prayer [10AM] (Church open for prayer)</b>
<b>20 February Thursday</b>	<b>CARE Group &amp; Prayer [7.30PM in the vicarage]</b>
<b>21 February Friday</b>	<b>Church office open [10AM to 12 noon] (Church open for prayer)</b>
<b>22 February Saturday</b>	<b>CPR Training in the church from 9.15AM</b>
<b>23 February Sunday Epiphany 7</b>	<b>8AM Holy Communion (trad.) 10AM Family service with Communion, children's church, Sunday Club &amp; Youth Group</b>

*For those of us who are more mature disciples of Christ, how are we helping and mentoring others who are less mature believers to maturity in faith?*

[adapted from: Disciplines, 2011, p52]

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

**TODAY'S Bible readings:** Deuteronomy 10.12-22; Psalm 119.1-8; 1 Cor 3.1-9; Matthew 5.21-26

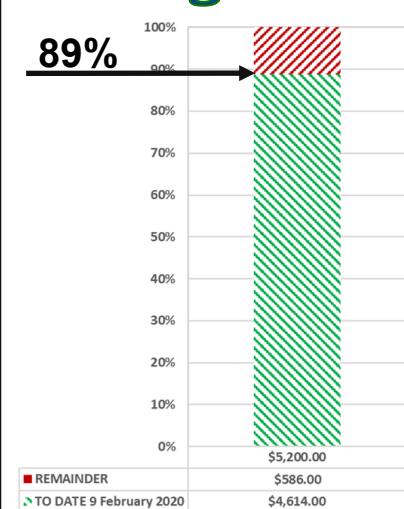
**Sentence:** For we are partners working together for God, and you are God's field. (1 Cor 3.9 GNT)

**PRAYER for the day:** Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives: grant that we may never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Spirit, may fulfil your law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Master. Amen.

## Reading the Bible together

**17 Feb** Job 3, 4; Luke 8  
**18 Feb** Job 5; Psalm 108; Luke 9  
**19 Feb** Job 6-8; Luke 10  
**20 Feb** Job 9, 10; Luke 11  
**21 Feb** Job 11, 12; Luke 12  
**22 Feb** Job 13, 14; Luke 13  
**23 Feb** Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119.33-40;  
 I Corinthians 3.10-17; Matt 5.38-48

## LED lights in the Church



\* Project commencement: 2 June 2019  
 \* Minimum required: 50 people contributing a minimum of \$2 per week for 52 weeks.  
 \* **Thank you** for your ongoing contribution  
 \* **Only \$586 remains!**

## How you can support & participate in our mission!

- **PRAY for PARISH RENEWAL!**
- **SET ASIDE** time to share and use your talents here - **give, serve, attend & grow!**
- **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"*



## Looking ahead!

- ✦ **25 Feb** - Shrove Tuesday [6PM-Church]
- ✦ **25 Feb** - Wardens & Parish Council meeting [7.30PM-9.30PM - Church]
- ✦ **26 Feb** - Ash Wednesday, Ashes and Eucharist at 10AM & 7PM
- LENTEN FOCUS - DISCIPLESHIP**
- ✦ **28 Feb** - Ladies cuppa
- ✦ **01 March** - Commissioning of Sunday Club/Youth leaders

1. February is **Mission Box** month - so please bring in your boxes. Mission Boxes are used to support mission and support our link missionaries. If you wish to have a Mission Box, please see Beryl or Jo.
2. Our **DRAFT Mission Action Plan (MAP) for 2020-2025** is now available for comment. A copy is posted on the notice board. Please read carefully and give your feedback to the wardens. The MAP will be finalised in February 2020.

church notices:



3. **World Day of Prayer** [pray for Zimbabwe]: Friday 6 March 2020 @ Trinity Uniting Church [cnr. Scott & Robinson Streets, Dandenong] from 10AM. **Everyone welcome!**

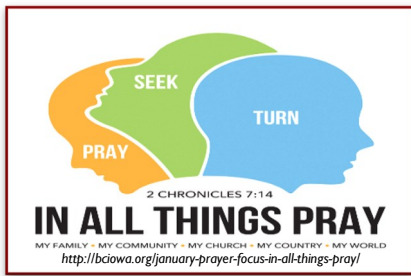
## Lent @ St Michael & St Luke

### DISCIPLESHIP

- Lent 1 [1 March] **LIVING** in God's Word
- Lent 2 [8 March] **LIVING** in Obedience
- Lent 3 [15 March] **WORSHIP** in Spirit and Truth
- Lent 4 [22 March] **LIVING** as Children of Light
- Lent 5 [29 March] **LIVING** in the Spirit
- Lent 6/Palm Sunday [5 April] **ATTITUDE** of Christ

**1800RESPECT**  
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 FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

Child Protection: 1300 360 391  
 Kooyoora Ltd: 1800 135 246



**Pray for our Diocese & the worldwide Anglican Communion:** Anglican Church of the Province of Central Africa The

Most Revd Albert Chama - Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia, Bishops, clergy and people; all parishes of the Monash-Kingston Deanery; the Archbishop of Melbourne, Bishops, clergy & lay people of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne in their ministries.

**Pray for our link missionaries Chris, Grace, Micah & Emily Adams:** Please pray that God may enable us to keep encouraging our mission partners to engage in world mission, and that our gospel partnerships may grow even stronger for His glory in 2020. Pray for better medical care in Timor. Please pray that the gospel will bring hope to more and more people in Timor Leste and for the day when sickness and death will be no more.

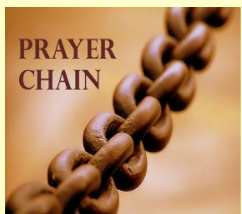
**Pray for our church, community & the world:** *“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the Lord your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul”* (Deuteronomy 10.12). Almighty God and Father, we thank you for reminding us once again of what you expect of us. We seek your forgiveness in areas where we have failed. We thank you for all who represented the parish in the parish renewal retreat on Saturday. Soften all our hearts particularly for mission and parish renewal. We pray for all who gather for CARE Groups and Playgroup which begins this week.

Prepare us to receive all who come with your love and with generous hearts. Heavenly Father, we pray for your special blessing on Aspen Eve Germain who is baptised into God’s Church today, for her parents, Jessica and Shaun and for her sponsors, Rob, April, Jordan and, Aaron. We also pray for all other relatives and friends who are witnesses of Aspen’s baptism. As Aspen is baptised, may we all be reminded of our own baptismal and confirmation promises and rededicate ourselves to you. God of peace, we pray for countries affected by war, unrest & injustice and natural disasters. We continue to pray for your leading, guidance and strength in all the decisions that we need to make this week. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Loving Father, we pray for all you have called to care for the sick including family and relatives. We pray for the work and mission of all institutions of care. We pray for your healing grace on all affected by the coronavirus and for your protection on all who are working to control the spread of this disease in all parts of the world. God of grace and comfort, enfold all who need your special touch of healing, comfort and peace, praying for, Audrey, Claudette, Cynthia, Dawn, Doris, Fiona, Grenville, Harrison, Jean, Jim, John, Nadia, Noreen, Oscar, Patrick, Rebecca, Rayhaan, Seelan, Yacoub, Yvonne, Vishwa and all who we remember in our hearts. Thank you Father for all who were healed and/or recovering! Comfort all who mourn the passing of loved ones. Grant your favour, grace & patience on all who seek suitable employment (Melville & others) and all who travel. We pray for Sakthe and Philomena as they prepare for their wedding in June even as we thank you for bringing them together. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**For URGENT PASTORAL CARE — call Santa**

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



**Birthdays:**

**17 Feb** - Olivia Loos,  
Cleo Loos,  
Dior Loos  
**18 Feb** - Michael Ludlow



**Prayer in a time of Epidemic disease:**

Lord Jesus Christ, healer and friend, come and care for all of us through the danger and uncertainty of the coronavirus epidemic. To people who are sick, bring healing. To people who are displaced, isolated, or cut off from family, friends or work, bring comfort and companionship. Work with medical staff as they care for the sick, and protect them from harm. Give skill and fruitful research to scientists as they search for treatments, prevention and a cure. To public health authorities, give wisdom to decide the best ways to manage both this crisis and our anxieties. When communities are fearful, give a calm spirit, and kindness to neighbours and strangers. Through this testing time, and through all the risks we face together, teach us once again how we can love one another as you have loved us. Amen.

[a prayer from the Archbishop’s February 2020 Ad Clerum]

## 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**



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. Our Vision is to 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 is: “**to bring the gospel of Christ to the community and the world**”

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

### our regular services are:

**8AM Sunday - Holy Communion (traditional)**

**10AM Sunday - Holy Communion & Children's Church**

**10AM (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday).

✦ **PLAYGROUP** meets every Tuesday 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 the 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!**

### how to contact us

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Website: [www.lumiac.org.au](http://www.lumiac.org.au)

### 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.*

### parish contacts ...

**Ministers: All Parishioners!**

Vicar: Santa Packianathan

☎ 9792 4925, 9790 6533, 0438 509 669

✉ [stmstlvicar@bigpond.com](mailto: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 and Parish Crim-Check Administrator: Vaughan Smith [9546 0353]

Play Group: Julia [0400 527 876]

Honorary Licensed Lay Ministers:

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

Church Wardens: Larry Loos [9795 7371]; Theo Rutgers [8707 2291]; Ravi Arumanayagam [7018 4706]

Council Secretary & Child Safe Officer: Cleoni Loos [9755 7097]:

Treasurer: Courtney Cook [0409 332 377]

Stewardship: Garry Martin [0433 933 679]

Church Office: **VACANT- Please call Santa**

Hall Hire: Anand Raj [0404 043 536]