

Easter 5 - "remaining in the vine"

TODAY'S Bible readings: Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 22.26-32;
1 John 4.7-21; John 15.1-8

**02 May
2021**

the candle

Sentence: "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." (John 15.4)

prayer of the day: O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Welcome to the Anglican Parish of St Michael & St Luke. As we worship God together today, it is our prayer that God will minister to you through the Word and Sacrament. If you are a communicant member of another Christian church, you are invited to share in the Eucharist in today's service at 9.30AM. **Please scan the QR code using your smartphone camera (or register manually) as you enter the church building**, follow the guidance of the COVID-Safe Team and other COVID-Safe measures announced during the service. Please use the **CONNECT Card** (on page 4) if you have questions about the Christian faith. **Sunday Club** is still suspended until further notice. **Youth Group** (for years 7 to 12 only) will restart today in the meeting room where the capacity is limited to six youths plus two adult leaders (maximum of eight people). Thanks. ©

Clearances for all Parish Volunteers:

If you haven't put in your application for clearances, please do not delay any further. Please contact Vaughan, Cleoni or Santa if you have any questions but get it done ASAP. There are still a number of parish volunteers who haven't completed this yet. Thank you.

Parish Council (PC) was held on 27 April 2021 via ZOOM. After prayer, PC read and considered 1 Thessalonians 1. Our focus was on the example set by Paul, Silas and Timothy (the leaders of the church) which was imitated by the Thessalonian church. This imitation resulted in the transformation of this church to become a model for all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The challenge to PC (and for parishioners) is how we (as a whole) could do the same (that is, being a models for one another and others) as we serve God, one another and others in the community.

Based on the above (in particular, serving), PC spent quite some time discussing the clearances process which some find it difficult to complete because it is perceived to be a hinderance to offer to serve in this parish. As I mentioned in PC, completing this clearance process is non-negotiable for everyone concerned. Assistance is available to those who do not have access to internet but you will need to ask Vaughan or Cleoni or another parish councillor to make suitable arrangements.

**** this week ****

7 May [10AM]	Ladies Cuppa @ Waverley Gardens. RSVP to Julia
9 May [9.30AM]	EASTER 6 & MOTHER'S DAY- Holy Communion, Children's Church & Youth Group - "Resurrection life in Christ (5) - COMPLETE JOY"

The Parish Thanksgiving Sunday and Volunteer Appreciation Sunday has been moved to 16 May (Sunday after Ascension Day)

We considered how we could financially assist Chris & Grace Adams because of flooding and COVID19 in Timor Leste. To help in this, there will be retiring offerings taken over two Sundays (9 & 16 May). The donations received will be supplemented with a contribution from the Vicar's Discretionary Fund to help them during this time. PC will also liaise with CMS Victoria to ensure all donations are directed to the Adams' for their ministry

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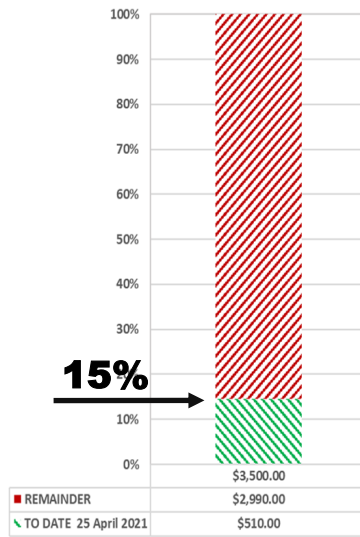
To watch services via live streaming, click: [St Michael & St Luke Livestream channel](#):
For previous services/messages/live stream recordings, click: [St Michael & St Luke YouTube channel](#), [Santa's YouTube channel](#) and parish website: www.lumi.ac.org.au

Please pass this CANDLE to your friends. Thank you!

live-streaming update!

Thanks to all who have contributed (see diagram for current status). Please continue to put in your contribution in the offertory bowl or bank transfer by marking them: "live streaming."

Volunteers are urgently needed to learn the live streaming system and operate it for everyone's benefit. Please contact the Wardens or Garry.



- Please follow COVID-Safe guidelines:
 - IF YOU ARE UNWELL please get tested ASAP & self-isolate at home.
 - FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS of the COVID-Safe Team and Santa at all times!
 - Facemasks are recommended for singing, distributing communion, when the space is poorly ventilated, and when social distancing cannot be maintained. People of the same household can sit closer together.
 - Please BRING your own Bible and bottles of water to drink as these will not be supplied.
 - DO NOT enter areas that have blocked off by tape and/or other means.
- May is Mission Box month** - so please bring in your boxes. If you wish to have a Mission Box, which is used to support mission and our link missionaries, please see Beryl or Jo.
- Thanks for passing your used **postage stamps** to Jo Burgess. These are used to financially support missionaries in the mission field.

church notices:



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and additional home expenses.

PC has approved the replacement of lights in the church and foyer from the donations raised for the LED light project previously. This is because the contractor has not returned to complete the work despite many reminders. There is expected to be an additional cost to the parish due to this which will be obtained from the parish account.

PC agreed to reopen the church hall for hire and fundraising within capacity limits and with the supply of a suitable COVID-Safe plan for each function. Hall hire fee will include the cost for professional cleaning after the event.

As of end of March, total income received was \$71k (as compared with \$60.9k for the same period last year and \$49.3k as compared with the budget). Note that total income received includes

Reading the Bible together

03 May	Ezekiel 15, 16; Psalm 70; Revelation 6
04 May	Ezekiel 17-19; Revelation 7
05 May	Ezekiel 20, 21; Psa 111; Revelation 8
06 May	Ezekiel 22-24; Revelation 9
07 May	Ezekiel 25-28; Revelation 10
08 May	Ezekiel 29-32; Revelation 11
09 May	Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-12; John 16:21-24

THANKS for your generous support & for your participation in the mission of this parish!



Please continue to...

- PRAY FOR PARISH RENEWAL!**
- SET ASIDE** time to share and use your talents here - **give, serve, & grow!**
- SHARE** your financial treasure. To all who are able, please:
 - transfer donations or offerings directly to: **"St Michael and St Luke Anglican Church: BSB 063249 a/c 10044425"** or,
 - put your contribution into an envelope addressed to **P.O. Box 2311 Dandenong North VIC 3175. ***Note that this facility has ended on 31 March 2021.*****

Easter in St Michael & St Luke!

Resurrection life in Christ!

09 May - "Complete Joy"

16 May - "Life of holiness"

23 May - "Pentecost Sunday"

JobKeeper payments and Parish Crisis Support grant totalling \$17.9k which has now ended.

The total expenditure as at the end of March was \$54.5k (as compared with \$68.3k for the period last year and \$60.4k budget).

From the balance sheet, the liability relates to the Diocesan assessment: the parish owes around \$31.6k & equity is at \$16.1k.

For additional information, please refer to my report (available as a hard copy in the church) and the minutes of the previous PC meeting posted on the church noticeboard.

Soli Deo Gloria! Santa ☺

2021: being a faithful, loving, thankful & praying people

† Pray for our Diocese & the worldwide Anglican Communion:

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East; The Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Weatherill, Clergy & People); University of Divinity (Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor); The Anglican Parish of Pascoe Vale/Oak Park (vacant incumbency); episcopal visits: Church of the New Guinea Martyrs Anglican Church, Croydon South, St Augustine's Moreland, St Paul's Cathedral –Tintern Grammar, Christ Church Melton; the Archbishop, Bishops, clergy & lay people of the Diocese in their ministries.

† Pray for our link missionaries **Chris, Grace, Micah & Emily Adams**: Please pray for those suffering from the flooding in Timor Leste and for the ongoing lockdown due to COVID19. Despite these challenges, please thank God that Chris had been able to post weekly Bible talks on YouTube. Please pray as they engage with the community with the gospel in other ways during this period.

† Pray for our church, community & the world: "All nations will remember the Lord. From every part of the world they will turn to him; all races will worship him. The Lord is king, and he rules the nations." (Ps 22.27-28). Loving God and Father, we pray for your special blessing on all gathered here today and those who are joining in via live-stream. As we thank you for the Youth Group that reconvenes today, we pray for the restarting of the Sunday Club soon. Thanks for reminding us of the importance to persevere last Sunday. We thank you for the people you have called into our lives who encourage us in the faith. As we worship you today, may we all sense Your presence and turn to you and seek your forgiveness. We pray that you will raise up people (and/or send people) who are willing to use their talents, time and treasure so as to reinvigorate ministries here and work towards parish renewal especially in embracing the gospel, following Jesus, serving and leading in ministry without forgetting other initial steps in the process to parish renewal in this parish including, *potential contact, keeping in touch and belonging activities*. As we go through the challenges of life and faith, strengthen us to remain in you. We pray for all churches struggling at this time, for Christians who have lost vision, grown cold in their love, who have lost faith or entered into deep doubt. Strengthen and protect all your servants involved in various ministries here and in other churches. We pray for all people in the frontline in relation to COVID19 and other health related issues in all parts of the world, particularly for your healing grace on the people of India. We pray for your comfort and peace in areas of the world which are in turmoil due to civil unrest and/or possible conflict (Myanmar etc.), and natural disasters. Encourage & protect all who face persecution because of their faith in your Son. Lord our God, be a loving presence and comfort to all who are feeling isolated. Enfold all who need your special touch of healing, comfort and peace. This week we pray for, Audrey, Brendon, Cathy, Claudette, Cynthia, David, Doris, Grenville, Harrison, Leela, Mary, Mohona, Noreen, Oscar, Rayhaan, Satya, Seelan, Susila, Theodora, Wilma, Yvonne, and all who we remember in our hearts. For all who are sick, we pray that God our heavenly Father will use medical means or direct involvement to heal and for their families to be comforted and encouraged. We pray for your comfort, love & peace on all who mourn remembering especially John Singh and family as they mourn the passing of Emmanuel Singh (John's brother) in India, the family of Arnold Rutgers (cousin to Theo Rutgers) including Stephanie, Kurt, Jason, Leigh-Ann and grandchildren. Grant to them a sure trust and confidence in your fatherly care and love. May Emmanuel and Arnold rest in peace and rise in glory. Thank you for all who are recovering from illness or who have recovered.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



IN ALL THINGS PRAY
MY FAMILY - MY COMMUNITY - MY CHURCH - MY COUNTRY - MY WORLD
<http://bciova.org/january-prayer-focus-in-all-things-pray/>

For **URGENT PASTORAL CARE** —
call **Santa**

PRAYER CHAINS:

Cynthia [0408 138 627];
Brian [0403 260 645];
Vaughan & Noelle
[9546 0353]

Birthdays:

03 May - Beryl Dickinson

06 May - Tina Nyatsanza

08 May - Kasey Arumanayagam, Frances Savage

Safe Arrival:

21 April - Jacob William Farrell (son to Janine and John Farrell and grandson to Ralph de Vos)

Looking ahead!

- 03 May - Ascension Day
- 16 May - Thanksgiving Sunday & Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
- 23 May - Pentecost

Big Morning Tea (Cancer Council):

21 May from 10AM

@ 114 Rix Road, Officer, VIC 3809.

Cost: \$10 per person.

RSVP by 9 May to Hilary Jackson on 5943 1240.

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.

our regular services at present are:

Sunday @ 9.30AM - Holy

Communion with children's church

3rd Sunday @ 9.30AM - "What is

God doing?" service with Holy

Communion and children's church

Please scan the QR code using your smartphone camera as you enter the church!

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**

how to contact us

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Church e-mail: stmandstl@bigpond.com

Website: 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.

✦ **YOUTH GROUP** (Years 7 to 12 only)

- every Sunday except 3rd Sunday.

✦ **SUNDAY CLUB** (Kindergarten to Year 6) is temporarily closed.

✦ **CARE GROUPS** are temporarily closed.

✦ **PLAYGROUP** is closed indefinitely.

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

1800 RESPECT
NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC
FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

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

parish contacts ...

Ministers: All Parishioners!

Vicar: Santa Packianathan

☎ 9792 4925, 9790 6533, 0438 509 669

✉ stmstlvicar@bigpond.com

[Santa is out of office on Thursday]

Sacristan: Brian Bird [0403 260 645]

R U OK Team Coordinator: VACANT - Please call Santa

Children's Ministry: Ellie Martin [0430 416 256]

Youth Ministry and Parish Crim-Check Administrator:
Vaughan Smith [0402751275]

Hall Hire: Anand Raj [0404 043 536]

Honorary Licensed Lay Ministers:

Brian Bird, Garry Martin, Theo Rutgers, John Singh

Church Wardens: Larry Loos [9795 7371];

Vaughan Smith [0402 751 275]; Theo Rutgers [0401 886 674]

Parish COVID-Safe Officer: Prasantha Illesinghe [0425 702 587]

Council Secretary: Cleoni Loos [9755 7097]

Parish Child Safe Officer: Cleoni Loos [9755 7097]

Treasurer: Vaughan Smith [0402751275]

Stewardship: Garry Martin [0433 933 679]

Church Office: VACANT - Please call Santa