

Easter 3 - "doing the will of the Father"

TODAY'S Bible readings: Acts 3.12-20; Psalm 4; 1 John 2.15-17, 3.1-6; Luke 24.36-48

**18
April
2021**

the candle

Sentence: "The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever." (1 John 2.17 NIV)

prayer of the day: Lord of life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave; by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you; by being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin: be with us in your risen power, that in word and deed we may proclaim the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. 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 & Youth Group are still suspended until further notice. Thanks. ☺

**"What is God doing?"
Sunday**

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 few parish volunteers who haven't done this yet. Thank you.

A Prayer for the Duke of Edinburgh: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.' (Matthew 25.21) God of majesty, give rest to your servant Philip who, having served his Queen, and Commonwealth, has passed from this life, full of years yet strong in spirit. As we give thanks for his life, as Prince and husband, as Consort and family man, we pray that all the good that he has done may continue to bear fruit in the lives of individuals and the life of the Commonwealth, to your honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (from: Anglican Diocese of Melbourne)

"Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer" (Psalm 4.1).

Reading through Psalm 4 (the Psalm for today), we will never know the circumstances the psalmist faced. Whatever they were, we do know for certain: the psalmist turned to God for rescue and relief. What are the circumstances that we face today? Who do we turn to and why?

The Psalms deal with different life struggles and cries

****this week****

23 April [10AM]	Ladies Cuppa @ Waverley Gardens. RSVP to Julia
25 April [9.30AM]	EASTER 4 & ANZAC Commemoration- Holy Communion and Children's Church "Resurrection life in Christ (3) - PERSEVERING"

"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4.8)

for deliverance. Those of us who face and experience our own hardships find companionship through their transparency. We find that we are not alone in our anguish and, by studying the psalmist's response to pain, sorrow and life's disappointments, we unearth the secret to enduring our own.

Psalm 4.1-3 is straightforward. The situation is so dire there's no time to waste in calling upon God for assistance: "Answer me when I call ...". In the second

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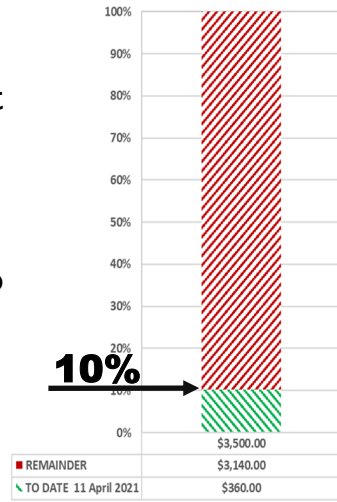
To watch services via live streaming, click: [St Michael & St Luke Livestream channel](#): For previous services/messages/live stream recordings, click: [St Michael & St Luke YouTube channel](#), [Santa's YouTube channel](#) and parish website: www.lumi.ac.org.au

Please pass this CANDLE to your friends. Thank you!

live-streaming project cost update!

The cost to complete the live-streaming project was around \$3.5k. Recouping this cost quickly would require on average, 40 people to donate \$11/week for two months or 50 people to donate \$8.75 for two months.

Thanks to all who have contributed - see diagram. Please continue to put in your contribution in the offertory bowl or bank transfer by marking them: "live streaming." **Volunteers are now urgently needed** to learn the live streaming system and operate it. Please contact the Wardens or Garry.



1. Please follow COVID-Safe guidelines listed below :

- 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.

church notices:



2. The collection of tinned food, etc for the Asylum Seekers has resumed. Please place your contributions in the trolley at the entrance to the church worship area.

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half of verse 1, the psalmist recalls God's previous actions, which serves as a mainstay in the current troubles. In verse 2, the psalmist addresses the unidentified attackers, those who have shamed him. In verse 3, the psalmist asserts his claim to God's intervention as one those who has been "set apart."

Despite his troubles, the psalmist calls to God fully expecting God to act. The psalmist's confidence in God runs through this lament as a constant thread. His imposing circumstances cannot keep him from believing that God can both hear and see him: "the Lord hears when I call to him" (v3). Here lies the psalmist's secret for security in insecure times. He not only believes in

Reading the Bible together

19 Apr	Jeremiah 48, 49; Psa 67; 2 Timothy 1
20 Apr	Jeremiah 21, 24, 27; Psa 119; 2 Tim 2
21 Apr	Jeremiah 28-30; 2 Timothy 3
22 Apr	Jeremiah 28-30; 2 Timothy 3
23 Apr	Jeremiah 33, 34; Psa 74; Titus 1
24 Apr	Jeremiah 37-39; Psa 79; Titus 2
25 Apr	Micah 4.1-4; Psalm 23; Romans 5.1-8; John 15.9-17

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!

25 April - "Persevering"

02 May - "Remaining in the vine"

09 May - "Complete Joy"

16 May - "Life of holiness"

23 May - "Pentecost Sunday"

the constancy of God's presence and provision, but reminds himself of this bedrock of truth.

Today (as it was during the life of the psalmist), difficulties and challenges are as certain as the rising and setting of the sun. The psalmist knew this and hung on to it as if

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

† Pray for our Diocese & the worldwide Anglican Communion:

The Church of Ireland; The Diocese of Sydney (Abp Glenn Davies, Regional Bps Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Peter Hayward (Administrator), Peter Lin, Malcolm Richards, Gary Koo, Clergy & People); Lay Ministry; St Stephen's and St Mary's Mount Waverley (Dianne Sharrock, Greg Wong); episcopal visits: St Luke's Mulgrave, St Agnes' Glenhuntly, Holy Trinity Williamstown; 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: *“Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. (Psalm 4.1). Lord of life, we thank you that you do answer our prayers and give relief when we call on you. We give you thanks for the gift of eternal life and we pray that we will know in our lives that Jesus the crucified one is alive and comes to us, turns our doubts and disbelief into awe and wonder. We pray for all churches struggling at this time, for those who have lost vision and grown cold in their love, for Christians who have lost faith or entered into deep doubt. We pray that we may witness to your resurrection. Strengthen and protect all your servants involved in various ministries here and in other churches. We once again pray for all who are here with us today and remember those in our parish family who are unable to attend today's worship service due to frailty, illness or fear. Thank you for the gift of live streaming to reach out to all who are unable to be present in church. 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. We particularly pray that this will lead to people embracing the gospel, following Jesus, serving and leading in ministry. We pray for all people in the frontline in relation to COVID19 and other health related issues in all parts of the world. 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, Ukraine/Russia border, China/Taiwan border, etc.), 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 praying for, Audrey, Brendon, Cathy, Claudette, Cynthia, David, Doris, Grenville, Harrison, Leela, Mary, Mohona, Noreen, Oscar, Rayhaan, Satya, Seelan, 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 Queen Elizabeth and all the Royal Family. Grant to them a sure trust and confidence in your fatherly care and love. Thank you for all who are recovering from illness or who have recovered. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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his life depended on it. We would do well to do the same today in whatever situation we are in.

“Father, you are an ever present help in times of trouble. When difficulties threaten to overtake and overwhelm us, may we cling to the certainty of your presence and your mercy. Amen.”

[Adapted from: Disciplines, 2012, p.121]



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:

18 Apr - Awell Top,
Roman Loos

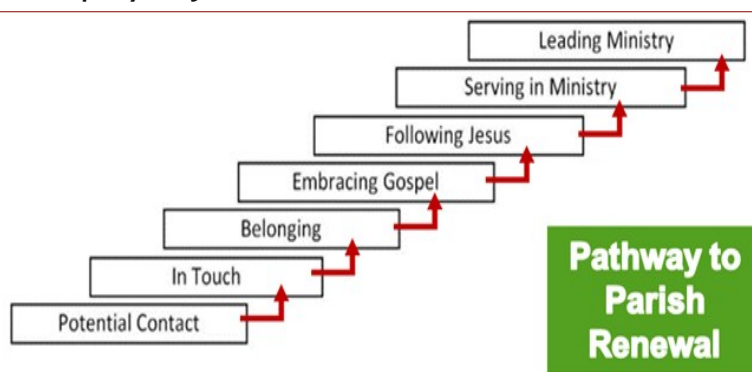
19 Apr - Larry Loos

20 Apr - Talvikki
Jumpponen

22 Apr - Ian King

Looking ahead!

- **27 April** - Wardens' and Parish Council Meeting
- **May** - Collection of Mission Boxes
- **1 May** - BCA AGM & dinner from 5.30PM @ RAFT Anglican (register by 26 April 0414 382 621)



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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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.

ALL SUSPENDED:

- ✦ **SUNDAY CLUB** (Kindergarten to Year 6) & **YOUTH GROUP** (Year 7 to Year 12) is temporarily closed
- ✦ **PLAYGROUP** is closed indefinitely.
- ✦ **CARE GROUPS** are temporarily closed.

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!

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FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

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

parish contacts ...

Ministers: All Parishioners!

Vicar: Santa Packianathan

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✉ 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 [9546 0353]

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 [9546 0353]

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