

## “Generous Stewardship” [4] “responding to God’s provision”

**W**elcome back to the Anglican Parish of St Michael & St Luke!  
 Please note that Sunday Services for the foreseeable future will be at **8AM Holy Communion - open for everyone** (i.e., vaccinated / unvaccinated / vaccination status is not known - capacity at 30 persons); and, **10AM Holy Communion service - only those who have been fully vaccinated** - capacity at 55 persons (proof of vaccination will be required prior to entry).

All workers, volunteer or paid, lay and clergy, must have proof of at least a single dose of vaccine, to do any permitted work outside their homes. This applies throughout Victoria and includes op shop workers, those assisting with essential food relief, vergers, servers, musicians, gardeners, those involved with broadcasting services, conducting and assisting at funerals, weddings and general church services. Those volunteering or working in situations of people needing to be fully vaccinated, need also to be fully vaccinated. Vicars are responsible for getting and maintaining a record of the vaccination status of workers, including all volunteers. **If a worker/volunteer declines to give proof of vaccination status, they are deemed to be unvaccinated and cannot work!**

**TODAY’s Bible readings:** Deuteronomy 8:6-18;  
 Psalm 89; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 19:12-27

**Sentence:** “You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” (2 Corinthians 9.11)

**Prayer of the day:** Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void: give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come & your will be done, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now & for ever. Amen.

**Prayer for the Defence Forces of Australia:**  
 O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them: we pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice may have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**T**oday, we conclude the four-week exploration about “generous stewardship.”

On the first week, we had considered “generous stewardship” as an outward/inward demonstration of a life lived wisely. This means that we are to use all that which have been given to us by our Heavenly Father. Burying them is not a wise option (Matthew 25.14-30). Sadly, some ‘disciples’ of Christ still seem to favour this option.

## this week!

- Today’s Holy Communion services are as listed above.
- 21 Nov - Christ the King Sunday - Holy Communion service @ 9.30AM only & annual meeting (ZOOM) from 11AM

On the second week, we reflected on our stewardship patterns. Do they demonstrate our trust in God our Heavenly Father or do they reveal that we trust our abilities and capabilities more? Trusting God our Heavenly Father is honouring Him. Trusting and honouring God is established inwardly/outwardly when the best we have is given to God wholeheartedly! In an agricultural society where the best is considered in terms of agricultural produce, giving away the best showed ones confidence in God’s provision for the years ahead.



“Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Proverbs 3.9-10).

Last Sunday (the first Sunday when we returned to face-to-face worship), we considered the examples of generosity by

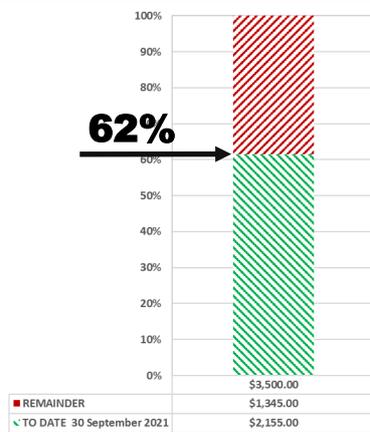
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To watch services via live streaming, click: [St Michael & St Luke Livestream channel](#). For previous services/messages/live stream recordings, click: [St Michael & St Luke YouTube channel](#), [Santa’s YouTube channel](#) and parish website: [www.lumiach.org.au](http://www.lumiach.org.au)

**Please pass this CANDLE to your friends. Thank you!**

## live-streaming update!

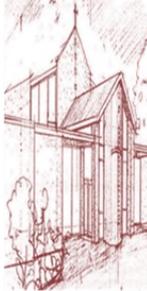
Thanks to all who have contributed (see diagram for current status). Please continue to put in your contribution in the offertory bowl or bank transfer by marking them: "live streaming."



1. **Parish Directory 2021** - The new parish directory (hard copy only) is now available. Please collect a copy.
2. **Parish Fund Raisers**
  - **New/recycled greeting cards & other items** are on sale today.
  - Those who did not collect the **Anglican Calendars** last week, please contact Noelle (0411 320 818 or [noelle.smith1@me.com](mailto:noelle.smith1@me.com)) for alternative arrangements.
3. **Annual Meeting (21 November from 11AM via ZOOM)**
  - Zoom login details:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86461400706?pwd=SWZFNzlvUxHYldPWmhIODICcHg2QT09>  
Meeting ID: 864 6140 0706 Passcode: 258711
  - Please collect the annual meeting reports booklet today. The notice of annual meeting are on the church doors, circulated via email and in the annual meeting reports booklet
  - It will be helpful if those who have computer access, to invite (*subject to COVID19 requirements*) those who do not have this facility at their homes so that all or as many as possible will be able to attend and participate remotely & ensure quorum requirements.
  - Nomination for **2 Wardens, 6 members of Parish Council and, 2 members of incumbency committee is now open.**
  - Nomination forms have been circulated via email over the past few weeks and is also available in the church foyer. Completed nominations are to be given to Santa early to enable publication before the 8AM service on 14 November 2021.
  - To date, two nominations have been received for the roles of Churchwarden, none for the Parish Incumbency Committee, and three nominations has been received for the role of Parish Councillor.

**Prayer for the annual meeting:** *God our Father, You judge Your people with wisdom and rule us with*

church notices:



## Reading the Bible together

15 Nov	Leviticus 26, 27; Acts 23
16 Nov	Numbers 1, 2; Acts 24
17 Nov	Numbers 3, 4; Acts 25
18 Nov	Numbers 5, 6; Psalm 22; Acts 26
19 Nov	Numbers 7; Psalm 23; Acts 27
20 Nov	Numbers 8, 9; Acts 28
21 Nov	Revelation 1.4-8; Psalm 132.1-12; Philippians 2.1-5; John 12:20-33

**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."**

♦ You may also place your offerings on the offertory tray.

*love. Give a spirit of understanding to the people of this parish that we may make wise decisions that will give glory to You and be a blessing to Your people. We praise You for all leaders who will be stepping down at the annual meeting and we pray for all You are calling to lead this parish as a warden or parish councillor or incumbency committee member. May those who respond to Your call remain faithful in discharging their responsibilities. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (AAPB)*

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the churches of Macedonia. They were on their freewill, lavish in their giving even in the midst of difficulties in their own context. This unexpected 'lavish giving' was also demonstrated by the widow in the temple who gave away everything she had, when others around her were giving away only a tiny part of their surplus!

"(Jesus said), "For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on"" (Mark 12.44).

What should be our response to that which we have heard over the past three weeks?

That's the topic for today. Come in prayer and in expectation as the Lord reveals to us what should be our inner/outer attitude towards "generous stewardship!"

**Soli Deo Gloria! Santa ☺**

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. (Romans 15.4 NIV)

**† Pray for our Diocese & the worldwide Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church of Australia (Primate, Abp Geoff Smith); The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); Social Responsibilities Committee (Gordon Preece, Chair); Mullum Mullum Ringwood (Maria Brand-Starkey); the Archbishop, Bishops, clergy & all people.

**† Pray for our link missionaries Chris, Grace, Micah & Emily Adams:** *Thank God for the 19 young people who have completed 'The Foundation of the Christian Faith' bible study series with Chris and who then publicly declared their faith in Christ through confirmation. Please pray for God's provision and protection as they serve God in Timor Leste.*

**† Pray for our church, community & the world:** "Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens" (Psalm 89.2). Almighty God and Father, we thank you that despite the turmoil and uncertainty that exists in this world, we can find rest in you our rock and salvation (Psalm 62.1-2), your love is unfailing, and your faithfulness endures. Thank you for reminding us of the importance of generous stewardship as evidence of life lived wisely. As we re-consider our responses to your generous provision, remind us to be cheerful in the sharing of our time, talents and treasure. We remember in prayer particularly the areas that are needed for this parish to grow, flourish and be sustainable into the future, particularly so as to lead in the areas of potential contact, keeping in touch, belonging activities, embracing the gospel, following Jesus, serving, & leading in ministry. Strengthen us all to be faithful in the mission that has been entrusted to all of us. We pray for total alertness in responding graciously to people who ask about Christ. We pray for all you are calling to lead this parish as a warden or parish councillor or incumbency committee member and for those who will be retiring this year. May all who respond to your call remain faithful in discharging their responsibilities. We pray for the challenges that we face as a church, confident that you are always faithful. Prepare us Father for the approaching Advent & Christmas season as we begin another church year with a new commitment towards stewardship. We also pray for the safety of all

**For URGENT PASTORAL CARE — call Santa**

**PRAYER CHAINS:**  
Cynthia [0408 138 627];  
Brian [0403 260 645];  
Vaughan & Noelle  
[0411 320 818]



parishioners who will be undertaking the annual Advent Prayer Walk. Lead and guide us all in the decisions that we need to make this week, that Your name is honoured & glorified. We continue to pray fervently for justice, peace and reconciliation in countries affected by conflict, violence, war and civil unrest due to injustice and/or ongoing discriminatory practices. We pray for people affected by natural disasters. Calm the hearts/minds of all people Lord including all who have been injured or tragically killed (and their loved ones) due to these and other circumstances (including all affected by COVID19). We continue to pray for wisdom and patience for leaders at all levels of government and, for all medical staff as they care for the sick and dying due to COVID19 and/or other illnesses.

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, Carmen, Claudette, Cynthia, David, Doris, Grenville, Gunara, Harrison, Jeeva, Leela, Mary, Mohona, Noreen, Oscar, Rayhaan, Renuka, Seelan, Theodora, Wilma, Yvonne, for those facing mental issues and all who we remember in our hearts.* For all who are sick, we pray that you will use medical means or direct involvement to heal and for their families to be comforted and encouraged. We give you thanks for all who are recovering from illness and/or who have recovered and we pray for your comfort, love & peace on all who mourn. As we pray in Jesus' name, we thank you Father for all the prayers that you have graciously answered in your way. Amen

## Looking ahead!

- **26 Nov** - Ladies cuppa @ Waverley Gardens (from 10AM) - RSVP to Julia
- **28 Nov** - Advent Sunday & service of communion @ 10AM.
- **Advent and Christmas** - "disciples of Christ"

## CELEBRATIONS 😊 Birthday:

- 14 Nov** - Andre Jumpponen-Clark
- 15 Nov** - Sunaina Dayal
- 18 Nov** - Luke Smith, Jeannie Hereford, Tina Perera

## 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.*

### Regular services

**Sunday @ 8AM - Holy Communion (all welcome - 30 people maximum)**

**Sunday @ 10AM - Holy Communion & children's church (fully vaccinated only)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - "What is God doing?" services**

Please scan the QR code using your Service Victoria app as you enter the church! **\*\*Some conditions will apply\*\***

### 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](mailto:stmandstl@bigpond.com)

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.

✦ Every Sunday except 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

▪ **YOUTH GROUP** — on hold

▪ **SUNDAY CLUB** — on hold

✦ **CARE GROUPS** — in recess & will return in 2022.

✦ **PLAYGROUP** is closed indefinitely.

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

**1800RESPECT**  
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](mailto: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 [0402 751 275]**

**Honorary Licensed Lay Ministers:**

Brian Bird, Garry Martin, Theo Rutgers

**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 [0402 751 275]

**Stewardship:** Garry Martin [0433 933 679]

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

**Hall Hire: Anand Raj [0404 043 536]**