

TODAY's Bible readings: 1 Kings 19.1-7; Ps 42; Galatians 3.21-29; Luke 8.26-39

Sentence: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. [Acts 10.38]

Prayer of the day: Pour out upon us, O God, the power and wisdom of your Spirit, so that we, who have been baptised into Christ and made your children through faith, may know your Son's power to heal, and, being made one in him, may overcome all barriers that divide us; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

John the Baptist: Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way for your Son our Saviour by preaching a baptism of repentance: make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent, and, following his example, may constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

If you are a communicant member of another Christian church, you are invited to share in the Eucharist in today's 9.30AM service. We pray that God will minister to you through the Word, Sacrament and fellowship today.

Please use the **CONNECT Card** if you have questions about the Christian faith & join us for refreshments (see below) in the church hall after today's worship service.

COVID update: Anyone can now attend church services, activities and premises regardless of vaccine status. Food and drink are also available to anyone and those serving are not required to wear masks. QR code check in no longer applies for any activity in church. Unvaccinated people can now work in and on church premises. However, we continue to echo the health advice to maintain good hygiene and care, use sanitiser, and not to attend if you have any symptoms.

calendar!

- **19 June—Pentecost 2 & John the Baptist & What is God Doing Sunday** Holy Communion with Children's Church @ 9.30AM
- **26 June-Pentecost 3, Peter & Paul, Apostles and Martyrs** Holy Communion with Children's Church @ 9.30AM
- **03 July-Pentecost 4 & Thomas, Apostle & Martyr**-Holy Communion with Children's Church @ 9.30AM

Possessed!

(Luke 8.26-39)

Use your imagination. We are in a small boat with JESUS. We have set sail from Galilee and are heading across the Sea of Galilee to the other shore. We are unsure where Jesus is leading us, but we trust Him and know he has a reason. We are approaching the other shore and notice how

barren it seems. There is no vegetation, only barren rocks. Why would JESUS lead us here? It's a depressing place, a place death and gloom. It's a place of hopelessness, a place of the dead. As we step out of the boat onto the shore we hear a blood-curdling scream! The howling of some demented creature. Almost in front of us we hear moaning from something in great torment. Surely this is not

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and parish website: www.lumiachurch.org.au

Please pass this CANDLE to your friends. Thank you!

▪ **Welcome: Revd Clive Watkins!**

* Revd Clive Watkins will be our Locum Vicar until 26th. June.

▪ **Santa's Commissioning service**

* at St John's Benteigh on 21 June at **7.00PM**. Those intending to be at this service should have informed Cleoni already.

▪ **Volunteer Roster being prepared**

* Cleoni is now preparing the Roster for the three months after 3 July. Please advise her if you are unavailable for any Sunday during this period. Thank-you for your service!

church notices:



Reading the Bible together

20 Jun	2 Kgs 4, 5; Ps 83; Heb 5
21 Jun	2 Kgs 6, 7; 2 Chro 20; Heb 6
22 Jun	2 Kgs 8, 9; 2 Chro 21; Heb 7
23 Jun	2 Kgs 10; 2 Chro 22, 23; Heb 8
24 Jun	2 Kgs 11, 12; 2 Chro 24; Heb 9
25 Jun	Joel 1-3; Heb 10
26 Jun	2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14; Ps 77.12-20; Gal 5.1, 13-25; Luke 9.51-62

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coming from a human, it must be a beast.

Then it appears. It's standing on two legs like a man. It is completely stripped naked. All that is on this creature are small fragments of chain. The body is full of bruises and cuts. Blood is dripping from the many wounds.

All of a sudden a voice speaks "JESUS, JESUS, You Son of the most HIGH GOD. Are you here to torment us? Please don't send us to the abyss. JESUS asks for the creature's name. He replies "'Legion', for we are many."

JESUS casts the demons out and the man is standing there in his right mind and totally healed of all sickness. JESUS says to bring clothes and clothe him.

Let's take a look at this man:

1. He was demon-possessed.
2. He was stripped naked.
3. He was harmful to others.
4. He was harmful to self.
5. He was down and out.
6. He was separated.
7. He was angry—and mad at God.
8. He was sick.
9. He was ill mentally.
10. He was ill physically.
11. He was ill spiritually.

JESUS completely heals him!

Conclusion: No matter how badly off you are, you're not as bad as this man. Jesus fixed him. He can fix every problem you have.

(Adapted from 'Sermon Central', Steve Kinnard, January, 2019)

THANKS for your participating 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 during worship services and/or marking them for **Parish utilities** or **Parish Maintenance**.



2022: “working together with one mind and purpose, with the attitude of Christ”

At the time of choosing an incumbent

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen. (from: APBA)



IN ALL THINGS PRAY

MY FAMILY - MY COMMUNITY - MY CHURCH - MY COUNTRY - MY WORLD

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

Praying together ... for the Diocese & the worldwide Anglican Communion:

- ◆ Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Abp Justin Badi Arama, Primate); The Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, General Secretary Anne Heywood, the General Synod & the Standing Committee); Chaplain to Anglican Centre staff (Heather Cetrangolo); City on a Hill Surf Coast (Louis Glazebrook); St Agnes Glen Huntly – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St James' Ivanhoe – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Yarraville Parish - Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd);

for our link missionaries Chris, Grace, Micah & Emily Adams:

- ◆ Pray for our Young Adults Group—'Joventude' - based at Dili church and now growing to over 20 regularly meeting. Thank God for their witness during Easter to a small church community in Kaisabe. Pray for Joventude's plans to visit other small church communities. Please pray for Chris as he continues to lead, train and teach God's Word in Joventude. Pray also for the continuing blessings resulting from the 'Love Timor' Conference early in May.

for our church, community & the world:

- ◆ Praise God for all who are joining us today (either face-to-face or online).
- ◆ Strengthen & encourage us all, as we **“work together with one mind and purpose, with the attitude of Christ”** and for the completion of safe ministry training by all parish volunteers.
- ◆ For the financial & other pressures faced by this parish & other Christian communities.
- ◆ For God's wisdom, patience and compassion on leaders at all levels of government & in society, for all medical staff as they care for the sick & dying due to COVID19 & other illnesses.
- ◆ For all who need God's special touch of healing, comfort and peace, remembering Audrey, Brendon, Carmen, Claudette, David, Doris, Grenville, Gunara, Hemathi, Harrison, Jeeva, Leela, Mary, Mohona, Oscar, Rayhaan, Seelan, Wilma, Yvonne, for those facing mental challenges & all who we remember privately in our hearts.
- ◆ Praise & thank God for all who are recovering from illness and/or all who have recovered and for God's comfort, love and peace on all who mourn, especially thinking of the family of Gloria Carter.
- ◆ For God's mercy, grace and peace upon all communities in Australia and in the world affected by the COVID19 pandemic, wars in the Ukraine (due to Russian invasion of Ukraine), Yemen, Syria, of civil unrest (Sri Lanka), for people affected by natural disasters, all who have been displaced, injured or tragically killed (and their loved ones) due to these & other circumstances.

Birthdays: 😊

19 Jun—Corey Bellchambers,
Shinead Claasz

20 Jun—Rebecca Mayol,
Cailyn Perera

21 Jun—John Farrell

23 Jun—Justin Loos

24 Jun—Amol Mayol

25 Jun—Seelan Packianathan

Looking ahead!

- **22 June**—Parish Council meets 7.30 pm. in the Church
- **24 June & 1 July**- Ladies Cuppa in Waverley Gardens, 10.00 am. Note the change to 1st. And 3rd. Friday in the month.

For URGENT PASTORAL CARE — call Wardens/Locum

PRAYER CHAINS: Brian 0403 260 645;
Vaughan & Noelle 0411 320 818

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 we be a sign of hope in our respective communities. 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 @ 9.30AM - Holy Communion & Children's Church

3rd Sunday @ 9.30AM - “What is God doing?” service with Holy Communion & Children's 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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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 3rd Sunday

▪ **SUNDAY CLUB**

▪ **YOUTH GROUP** — on hold

✦ **CARE GROUPS** — see page 1.

✦ **PLAYGROUP** is closed indefinitely.

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

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parish contacts ...

Ministers: All Parishioners!

Locum Vicar: Revd. Clive Watkins [0416 023 844]

Vicar: Santa Packianathan [on leave]

Sacristan: Brian Bird [0403 260 645]

R U OK Team Coordinator: **VACANT - Please call the Wardens**

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 [0423 642 941];

Theo Rutgers [0401 886 674]; Cleoni Loos [0413 763 315]

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

Council Secretary & Parish Child Safe Officer: Cleoni Loos [0413 763 315]

Treasurer: Larry Loos [0423 642 941]

Stewardship: Garry Martin [0433 933 679]

Church Office: **VACANT - Please call the Wardens**

Hall Hire: Anand Raj [0404 043 536]