

# INTERSECTION

AUGUST 2010

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## A MONTH OF INTELLIGENT RELIGION



August at St Michael's is the month for Intelligent Religion.

In this modern age people are searching for religion that is relevant to their way of life. Not finding it, many have turned their backs on religion, they are sceptical and disbelieving. They find the concepts and doctrines hard to take seriously and for some, religion has become irrelevant. It is stuck in old ways despite the fact the world is constantly changing.

At St Michael's we are searching for a religion that people can relate to. A religion that speaks to people, addresses modern issues and still shows us how to find enrichment. On Sundays during August we will focus on this search. We will look at religion and faith from different angles, combining diverse spheres of

knowledge to find a religion that is thoughtful and thought-provoking – an intelligent religion.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century we have a vast wealth of information at our disposal. We are able to use these resources to evaluate what we are presented in life. This is true for religion also. An Intelligent religion brings a critical examination to the ancient scriptures. It asks when were these words written? Are they authentic, or have they been subject to additions, imaginations and myth-making? Do we have to accept the scriptures at face value? An intelligent religion asks us to consider what many have accepted without question.

Will intelligent people maintain a view of God as a supernatural figure up in the heavens, waiting to impose judgement on people whenever they make a wrong turning? Or will an intelligent religion re-examine the real purpose of religion and how it will affirm people as people of worth and significance.

With our minds open and ready to ask questions, this August St Michael's will search for an Intelligent Religion that can help strengthen and enhance our spirit, that inspires confidence in ourselves and to treat others with respect.

## SUNDAY AT ST MICHAEL'S

August -  
A Month of Intelligent Religion.

**8 AUGUST 10 AM**

An Intelligent Religion - bombs don't win wars anymore.

Dr Francis Macnab

**15 AUGUST 10 AM**

An Intelligent Religion - give release from dreary irrelevance.

Dr Francis Macnab

**22 AUGUST 10 AM**

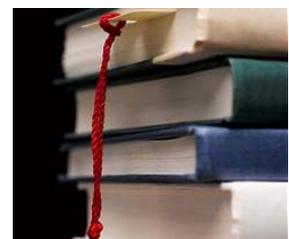
An Intelligent Religion - makes a world of difference.

Dr Francis Macnab

**29 AUGUST 10 AM**

An Intelligent Religion - kick-start your spiritual evolution.

Dr Francis Macnab



## HIROSHIMA SUNDAY

Each year St Michael's holds a commemorative service on Hiroshima Sunday.

Although a solemn occasion and a day for contemplation it is also a day that celebrates peace and positivity.

Across the world Hiroshima Day has become a day on which we look for and promote peace. The event that happened more than sixty years ago is an historical reminder to us of the destructive nature of war and its horrific effects. That death by violence in any country is unacceptable. But it is also an example of how to it is possible to find strength and courage from extreme trauma. A city once totally destroyed has rebuilt and uses its experience to further the cause of peace.

On this day we will commemorate those who suffer and suffered



through war and also look forward to a future where instead of war we find peace, hope and a better humanity world-wide..

We will commemorate the day with syamisen music by Noriko Tandano.

After service many activities will unfold in the Waratah room, including a demonstration of *Shodo* (Japanese calligraphy), *sumie* (Japanese painting and *Origami* folding. Also on display are antique lacquer wear, ceramics, Kimono and antique furniture.

For those interested you can try your hand at folding your own origami paper crane for \$2.00. Proceeds from this activity will be donated to the *Western Autistic School*.

## NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday 1 August we were pleased to officially received eleven new members to St Michael's

We welcome:

Mrs Dorothy Bent

Ms Jenny Cook

Mrs Johanna Hersey

Mr Roger Hersey

Ms Anna Lampugnani

Ms Sally Lawrence

Mrs Sarah Mayes

Bev McIntyre

Mrs Dorothy Patel

Mrs Cheryl Power

Mrs Wiesle Anderson-Van Weperen



## CAIRNMILLAR EMBARKS ON A NEW ERA

With the approach of Cairnmillar's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, three new appointments have been made to the staff.

Dr Denise Charman has been appointed the Associate Professor of The

School of Counselling and Psychotherapy, Dr Jo Grimwade has been appointed Associate Professor of Clinical Services, and Dr Wayne Scott has been appointed to manage



Cairnmillar's new project, a clinic in the Western suburbs.

The expansion of Cairnmillar will mean more people can access the institute's beneficial services.

All three come to Cairnmillar with academic experience and distinguished careers. Their arrival begins an exciting era for Cairnmillar.

## FREE CAR PARKING

Over July 185 people took advantage of the free Sunday parking offered by St Michael's.

Due to this fantastic response, Interpark on Little Collins Street are offering St Michael's congregation \$5 parking on Sundays. Simply present your ticket to the Enquiry Table to be stamped, then give to the car park attendant on exit to receive the discounted rate.

**However... For all of September, parking is free.**

Spring into September with the knowledge of free car parking and help celebrate St Michael's month.

## A PART OF MELBOURNE

On Sunday 25 July visitors to St Michael's Church saw more than they usually would when attending the church for a Sunday service or wedding.

The church was a participant in the Melbourne Open House 2010 and as part of the program we gave visitors the opportunity to discover the church and some of its rooms not open to the public.

The day was a success. The church received 1038 visitors during the four hours the doors were open and feedback was positive. Often heard from many Melbourne

locals was the same comment, *I walk past here every day and I never knew how beautiful it was inside.* It was wonderful to have the opportunity to show these people another part of Melbourne.

People were able to meander around the back stage area, down the east

and west colonnades, and into the Ministers Vestry, Choir Vestry, Mingary 'The Quiet Place' and throughout the upper balcony area which afforded great views of the church as well as of Melbourne.

People enjoyed browsing casually through various parts of the church and took advantage of this opportunity to view the grand leadlight windows and special nooks and crannies. Some preferred to just sit in the church to ponder. Guided tours were also available for those interested in the history of the architecture and the development of

St Michael's.

The visitors were also treated to a short organ recital each hour by St Michael's Manager of Music and Organist, Rhys Boak, which was an additional delight to many.

We were pleased to have been a part of such a large Melbourne event and

to see the many happy visitors enjoying the church.

Our excellent tour guides open the church doors on most days; Monday to Friday between 10.30 am to 1.00 pm.



Visitors were able to discover the church from different perspectives.



The total number of people visiting St Michael's during Melbourne Open House totalled 1038.



If you missed out on the day, you can still have a guided tour during the week even though not all parts of the church will be accessible.

Organ recitals are also held in the church each Thursday at 1.00 pm and entry is free.

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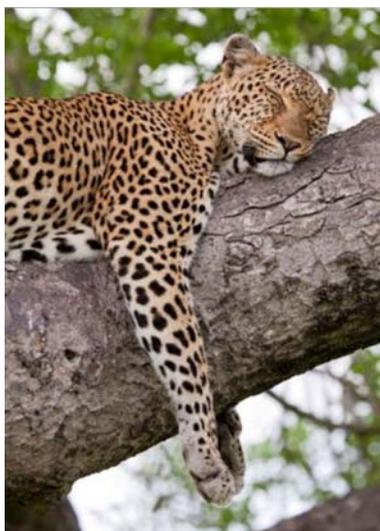
## SAGE

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with Dr Francis Macnab

FRIDAY 27 AUGUST

### IS SLEEP YOUR TYRANT?



What keeps you awake?  
What makes it difficult  
to get back to sleep?  
Do you wake feeling  
like you were hit by a truck  
while you slept?

**Time:** 11 am to 1 pm  
**Where:** St Michael's Hall  
120 Collins St,  
Melbourne 3000.  
**Cost:** \$15 inc. Lunch

No Bookings required.

For more information please  
call Cairnmillar on 9813 3400

## SALLY COOPER IN RECITAL

On Sunday 19 September the St Michael's Week celebrations begin with a fantastic musical moment. Violinist Sally Cooper joins with pianist Leigh Harrold in a recital at St Michael's. The concert will be a wonderful opportunity to see exceptional musicians while supporting the *Western Autistic School* and celebrating an exciting week to come.

The musicians are two bright stars of Australian music. Their talent is highly acclaimed as are their musical achievements.

Sally is a past winner of ABC Symphony Australia Young Performers Awards. She has played as a soloist with all the major Australian Orchestras and regularly features in the Myer Music Bowl concert series. She received a standing ovation in 1996 when she performed

for 25,000 people with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. She leads the string section of *Dancing with the Stars* and has recently toured and recorded with Guy Sebastian. She is now working on her own solo album.

Leigh is a brilliant pianist who holds

two university medals and has a reputation as a *musician of rare talent and intelligence.*

He has performed throughout Europe, North America and Australia as a soloist and chamber musician. These have included concerts at Australia House in London, the Royal Academy of Music and engagements with the Adelaide and

Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.

This concert is an opportunity not to be missed as two accomplished musicians share the stage and their musical gifts. Join us for this wonderful occasion.

### SALLY COOPER IN RECITAL WITH LEIGH HARROLD



**When:** Sunday 19 September  
12.30 pm

**Where:** St Michael's Uniting Church,  
120 Collins Street MELBOURNE 3000

**Tickets:** \$20/\$10  
(St Michael's \$15.00).  
Call: 03 9654 5120

**Proceeds donated to the  
*Western Autistic School***

### SEPTEMBER MARKET



CAKES  
JAMS & CHUTNEYS  
CRAFTS

Friday 3 September  
from 9 am

in St Michael's Walk  
120 Collins Street Melbourne

Proceeds will be donated to  
Medecins Sans Frontieres.

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