

INTERSECTION

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ST MICHAEL'S FLOOD APPEAL

Over the weeks we have watched incessant rains wreak havoc across Queensland and Victoria. The devastation of homes and businesses and the tragedy of lives lost have affected thousands. The waters are subsiding and now communities struggle to grasp the extent of the damage done. Many in Australia and across the world are ready to help – we wish to support them in their grief and in their moments of courage.

In support of these communities, the St Michael's congregation has made generous donations towards the Flood Relief Appeal. The total amount realised was \$10,172.00.

The Queensland Flood Relief Appeal will receive \$5,660 and the Victorian Flood Appeal through the Red Cross will receive \$4,512.00.

We would like to thank those who donated.

If you would like to donate, you can

do so through the following appeals.

Queensland: *The Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal* <http://www.qld.gov.au/floods/donate.html>

Victoria: *Victorian Floods Appeal – Red Cross* www.redcross.org.au



THE PATH OF 2011

After a short break we are ready to leap into a new year and the St Michael's Programs with renewed energy.

On Sunday 13 February the 2011 program officially begins. The day is one of celebration and enthusiasm as we rediscover what St Michael's has to offer. A special Sunday service will include a DVD presentation, ambient music and an inspiring address. We invite you to join us for a glimpse of where 2011 may lead us and what makes St Michael's a different environment.

St Michael's offers a way to connect faith to our lives. The accessible and relevant services focus on psychological and an emotional health to enhance

the spirit. They are unlike any other services heard in the city on Sundays. But what also sets St Michael's apart is the wide range of programs held after service and during the week. SAGE, KFOG and CLSE have been running for many years with a large, regular audience. We have Sunday favourites Womenspace, Poetry Group, Meditation and Men's Talk.

These groups provide a space to learn, to participate and meet others. The programs at St Michael's are here to help us restore our spirit and emotional well being. They give us the strength and resources to grow.

This year we celebrate our continued growth and what sets us apart from

others. Not only will we run our favourite programs but we will also bring to you new, inspirational events; guest musicians and speakers, discussions and seminars. There will be much to aid the spiritual growth and help people restore and revive.

Watch out for events updates on website events page: www.stmichaels.org.au



COUNCIL COMMITMENT

The St Michael's Church Council is ready to get engaged and help lead St Michael's into 2011. The 46 members are a strong and diverse team. Each person brings different experiences and talents to the council and these are utilized in the running of the church and the organisation of events. This year is big. We celebrate



40 years of Dr Macnab's ministry at St Michael's, and the 50th anniversary of Cairnmillar. There will be guest speakers from across Australia and music to infuse our souls. With these events in mind, the council are all on board to ensure 2011 is a successful and exciting year for the church community.

40 YEAR OF MINISTRY

This year St Michael's celebrates 40 years of Dr Macnab's ministry and his remarkable achievements.

When his ministry commenced in February 1971 he was faced with a diminished congregation and an old building in disrepair. It was clear change had to happen to keep the church alive. Dr Macnab has done this, and more.

On Sunday mornings the pews are occupied. People from all over the world are finding inspiration and relevance in the New Faith advocated by Dr Macnab. His knowledge and experience in psychotherapy brings a different kind of spiritual and emotional healing many can relate to.

The building has also undergone restoration. While fundamentals like the church roof have been repaired, additions such as the Bicentennial



windows, Mingary the Quiet Place and the vivid new tapestry enhance the unique building.

Thanks to the strong congregation, word of mouth, the church's web presence and some serious media exposure, people are becoming more aware of St Michael's. It has grown into a strong community with inspired programs, remarkable music and notable personalities that enhance personal growth and conversation.

Under Dr Macnab's ministry the church has continued to move forward to present fresh ideas and generate new conversation.

The church has remained strong in an increasingly secular society.

This is more than enough to celebrate.

2011 DEANS

The Deans play an important part in the way St Michael's operates. They are responsible for running different areas of the church. Within each Deanery are a number of smaller committees. To help them with this enormous task of organising and delegating their deputy dean is on hand.

The positions are voluntary but each role requires a lot of commitment, enthusiasm and initiative. The Deans are Council members. They meet every two months to keep up to date with current church concerns, are in regular contact with the administration staff. They give up a lot of their time to ensure the smooth operation of all matters within St Michael's. No matter how great or small the query – they are often the first person consulted.

We are pleased to announce the Deans for 2011 are:

Deanery I - Household

Dean: Bill Morgan

Deputy-Dean: Mike Neville

Deanery II - Church Services

Dean: Graeme Adamson

Deputy-Dean: Alan McLaren

Deanery III - Contact and Care

Dean: Lyndell O'Brien

Deputy-Deans: Joy Arnot
& Marion Robertson

Deanery IV - Programs - Enhancement and Inspiration

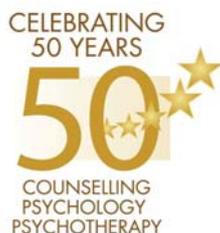
Dean: Neil Blood

Deputy-Deans: Marilyn Cobain
& Val Gill

50 YEAR OF CAIRNMILLAR

This year Cairnmillar celebrates its 50th anniversary. The party starts at the Cairnmillar Graduation 50th Anniversary Event on Wednesday 2 March at 6.00 pm in St Michael's.

This is an exciting event will feature keynote speaker Steve Biddulph, an Australian psychologist and activist for human values. We also look forward to fantastic music



performed by Rhys Boak and *the String Collective*, with Sally Cooper.

Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the ceremony - including the 50th Anniversary cake. We would love to see you there.

For any queries please see Pamela Smart or phone Cairnmillar on 9813 3400.

PROGRAMS AT ST MICHAEL'S

MEDITATION

Sundays - immediately after service

DISCUSSION SPACE

Sundays - after service

POETRY GROUP

Every 3rd Sunday - after service

WOMENSPACE

The last Sunday of the month - after service (except April and September)

MENS TALK

The last Sunday of the month - after service (except April and September)

ORGAN RECITALS

Thursdays at 1 pm

GLOBAL CONCERNS

Sundays - after service

ARTS FOR RIGHTS

Activities held monthly at various locations.

WALKING GROUP

Walking at various locations throughout the year.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Various events throughout the year.

Visit the St Michael's website or check the Order of Service for details of latest groups and activities.

WELL WISHES

We wish for the good recovery for Richard Siegersma, the Chairman of the Church Council. Richard is in hospital after an accident two weeks ago. Ever the man on the go, he has already contacted the office to organise some of his St Michael's duties. He will however be spending time in recovery and rehabilitation and unable to attend



St Michael's for some time.

We pass on our support and concern to Richard and his wife Joanna in this difficult time and hope that Richard will be back on his feet soon. We look forward to seeing

them both back at St Michael's fit and well.

REMEMBERING REVEREND DAVID RYRIE



Sadly, we said farewell to Reverend David Ryrie who died in January this year at 94 years of age. Reverend David was a distinguished minister of the church and after many years retired to Mt Macedon, still making his way into St Michael's for Sunday services. Even when he found it more difficult to come into the city, Reverend Ryrie still joined friends to attend the 'big' days, like St Michael's Day.

The funeral service was held at

St Michael's on Friday 14 January. Members of the church joined the family for a moving service that acknowledged a wonderful man liked by many.

Tributes came from Ballarat and Kyneton and his other congregations across Victoria, as well as Reverend Pamela McNally, one time a director of programs at St Michael's.

Those who knew him will remember his friendship and good company.

JANUARY - THE MONTH OF MOODS

DVD ON SALE NOW

The *Month of Moods* series by Dr Macnab is now available on one DVD. \$25.00 includes all five January addresses.

If you have already purchased a DVD of an individual address, all you need to do is pay the difference to receive the others from this series.

For more information, or to order yours, see the Recording Table in the Hall after service or contact the St Michael's Office.



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OFFICE FAREWELL

Alana Pryor is leaving us. She will be greatly missed. For four years ten months, she has been a major presence in our church office.

Always obliging, very creative, ready to show initiative, and keen to be a talented member of the administration. One of her initiatives has been the monthly Intersection. She leaves us to take up studies in Clinical Myotherapy. We thank her very warmly and wish her well.

Dr Francis Macnab

MAGICAL MUSICAL MORNINGS

WITH JONATHON WELCH AM

Come and join Jonathon on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at St Michael's Uniting Church as he takes you on a trip down memory lane with some of Melbourne's most talented singers and musicians.

First concert: *Viva the Diva!*

Tuesday 15 March at 11 am

Tickets:

\$15 or; 5 concerts for \$60

Call: 9699 3611

(tickets also available at door)

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

In the first week of December, the Global Concerns Committee at St Michael's organised a stall selling their delicious (and beautifully presented) homemade treats. The stalls



have become anticipated events where one can find fantastic gifts in

the lead-up to Christmas and know the money raised will be going to a good cause.

The stall on Friday 3 December raised \$3490.35 which will go to

the various organisations supported by Global Concerns.

ARTS FOR RIGHTS

The Arts for Rights Committee would like to thank all those who supported the last quarter's Human Rights project *Villa Maria's* new accommodation residence in Alphington, Victoria's first purpose specific residence for young adults with acquired brain damage and injury, blending nursing care with rehabilitation and

community inclusion.

This support was given by generous donations or through supporting our Arts for Rights outings.

The commitment achieved was for \$2,500.00 to purchase a 'tilt-table' to assist residents from wheelchair to various other positions.

The Arts for Rights Committee

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