

INTERSECTION

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MELBOURNE OPEN HOUSE

St Michael's will again be participating in the Melbourne Open House.

Melbourne Open House is a not-for-profit association that was started in 2008. The vision was to provide the public with a free and rare opportunity to explore and see first-hand some of the most beautiful architecture (often hidden) that Melbourne possesses.

For the first year, 8 buildings opened their doors to the public. With over 30,000 visits across that first day, the event has now grown and expanded and this year 75 buildings will open for the event.

It is an opportunity to engage

directly with key elements of our great city – from globally significant buildings to roof top gardens – that reflect the fascinating past of Melbourne. Well-informed volunteers will discuss the significance of these buildings within the Melbourne context, and provide a valuable contribution to the visitor's experience. St Michael's will be opening its doors to the public, for Melbourne



Open House, on Sunday 31st of July from 12.00pm to 4.00pm. During this time the church will be open for people to explore, observe the windows or just sit in peace. There will also be an archival display in the Waratah Room on the first floor of the administration building, at the end of St Michael's Walk.

Fourteen volunteers from our congregation will be present throughout the day to assist guests and provide valuable insights into the St Michael's story.

For more information, or for a list of buildings participating in Melbourne Open House, please visit

www.melbourneopenhouse.org

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE, NEPAL

Bhumethan is an area in the Ramechhap district of Nepal. While it is home to some 10,000 people, Bhumethan is isolated from basic health care and information. The people of Bhumethan suffer from treatable conditions such as diarrhoea, respiratory infections, eye infections and nutritional deficiencies. The closest health posts are approximately 6 hours walk away, and the district's only hospital is located in the district capital which is an 18 hour walk.

In 2007, a program was started to

provide basic health care and information to the local villagers, through the implementation of a



community health centre. The centre provides health programs – including health education – and regular health checks to the people of the region. Since its completion, the Bhumethan

Community Health Centre has contributed in lowering maternal and infant mortality rates, as well as having seen a decrease in preventable diseases.

St Michael's Uniting Church has contributed \$2,000 towards the health centre and towards the ongoing health education in the Bhumethan area.

For more information on this project, or to make a donation, please visit www.bhumethancommunityhealthcentre.org or contact megan-tingate@hotmail.com.

CLUSTER BOMB PETITION

Cluster bombs are large weapons that open to release hundreds of small bombs which rain down over a wide area. Many do not explode on impact and continue killing for decades.

Australia has signed the international ban on cluster bombs and is about to endorse it.

However, the proposed legislation contains some serious flaws which undermine the whole purpose of the treaty. The treaty contains a



clause which allows state parties to continue cooperating in military alliances with countries not party to the treaty. This clause protects troops of state parties if they are inadvertently involved in cluster bomb use during these joint operations. This is necessary, particularly for Australia, considering that our major ally, the United States of America, has no intention of joining the ban on

cluster bombs. Not only this, but the legislation explicitly allows non-state parties to stockpile cluster bombs on Australian soil and permits them to transit cluster bombs through Australian ports and airspace.

These exemptions are directly counter to the treaty's intent by setting a precedent which explicitly facilitates the ongoing use of cluster bombs.

A petition to eradicate cluster bombs and put an end to the suffering they cause, has been established. St Michael's has signed a letter of appeal to the Defence Minister and is lending our support to amending this loop hole. If you would like to join the petition to continue to move towards a safer world without cluster bombs, please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/petition2fixthebill/>

MUSICAL NEWS

Our resident organist, Rhys Boak, will be away for the month of July. Replacing him will be the talented Colin Jenkins. Colin will play for Sunday services and two of our July organ recitals.

In other news, St Michael's is pleased to announce that Sergio de Pieri, in association with Organs of Goldfields Ballarat, will

present a magnificent orchestral concert on 25th January 2012. A musical group from Venice 'Interpreti Veneziani' will be performing with the rich sounds of cello, violin, double bass and harpsichord to present a selection of music from Vivaldi.

This event will be an exceptional performance and not to be missed!

Creating Successful
Life Events (CSLE)

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WORKSHOP PROGRAM

These interactive small group workshops are for people who want to create their own happiness and enjoy a brighter future.

Next workshop: Friday 15th July

'But I'm delightful, so how could they not like me?'

Dr Lynette Kramer, Director of the Mingary Counselling Service, will conduct this interactive workshop. The session will explore the harsh realities of being rejected by others, the potentially debilitating effects of fear of rejection, and how to deal with criticism and rejection in relationships.

These are some of the upcoming titles;

Fri 12 Aug - Self-administered psychological acupuncture.

Fri 9 Sept - Healthy obsession. When is fixation okay?

Fri 7th Oct - Difficult people. Dealing with the toxic terrors in your life.

Cost: 10.00 per session (includes materials and refreshments)

Time: 11.00 am to 12.30 pm

Location: Waratah Hall, 1st Floor, St Michael's Place, 120 Collins Street.

Contact: Dr Lynette Kramer

No bookings required.

HIROSHIMA SUNDAY

2011 will mark the 66th anniversary of end of WWII. As a part of this remembrance day, St Michael's will present a special Hiroshima Peace Day Concert featuring Japanese flute and Wadaiko drum ensemble, Fuefukuro, Taiko drummers, Wadaiko Rindo, Noriko Tadano, Adam Simmons and the Yukari Echo Choir. The Fuefukuro drummers consists of three passionate musicians who bring their diverse talents together to play original compositions, using traditional 'Shinobue' bamboo flute and 'Wadaiko' drums. Their graceful performances are a visual spectacle and are sure



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to entice audiences with their dynamic sound. The concert will take place on Sunday 7th August 2011 at 12.15pm at St Michael's. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.00 and all proceeds will go towards the Japan Disaster Relief Fund.

PROGRAMS AT ST MICHAEL'S

MEDITATION

Sundays - immediately after service

POETRY GROUP

Every 3rd Sunday - after service

WOMENSPACE

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

MENS GROUP

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

FREE 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 through out the year.

TRIPLE R - REVIEW, REFLECT, RESPOND

Discussion group. Every Sunday, after morning service.

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

WEEKDAY TOURS

Tours of St Michael's Uniting Church are offered to the public from Monday to Friday from 10:30am - 1:30pm. These tours allow people the chance to marvel at our magnificent church and to learn about its history.

Our tour guides are well informed in all aspects of the architecture and the history of the building. The weekday tour guides are a valuable part of the

St Michael's volunteer team and are integral to bringing new



people into the church and representing St Michael's as a

place where everyone can feel welcome.

"We have a lot of fun doing this. You get to chat to different people and enjoy a variety of company," says tour guide, Noelle Christiansen.

If you would like to become part of our team of weekday tour guides, please contact Caitlin at the St Michael's office on 9654 5120.

SAGE

SUCCESSFUL AGEING, GROWTH AND ENHANCEMENT

FRIDAY 29TH JULY

**Your Older Years.
The Ailment. The Illness.
The Mood. The Mind.**



With Dr Francis Macnab

Time: 11 am to 1 pm
Where: St Michael's Hall
120 Collins St,
Melbourne, 3000
Cost: \$18 inc. Lunch

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COUNSELLING SERVICE

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Low cost service

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Monday - Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

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to be available.

Consultations by appointment only.

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**St Michael's Place
120 Collins St, Melbourne 3000**

A NEW VENTURE - A NEW ERA

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Debra Campbell to a new position at St Michael's. She will be our Well-Being Project Manager. We believe this is the first time a church in Australia has made such an appointment.

It reflects the new energy that we have been working to create at St Michael's. This appointment will combine the work of programs manager, pastoral care, and community belonging and development.

All of us want to experience and embrace a higher level of well-being. But it is difficult to create that well-being, when we have not learned how to create it. We might be very much aware of our aches, our anxieties, our depression, but lose sight of our quality of life, the enjoyment of our activities, and the importance of sustaining a real

vitality in our life. The key words here are quality, enjoyment, and vitality. Add to these: good moods, positive emotions and satisfying fulfilment - and we are seeing many of the critical ingredients of well-being.

Dr Campbell brings to this position her energy and enthusiasm, her well established career in psychological practice, her leadership involvement in yoga and her sensitivity in discerning people's needs and aspirations. Her work will naturally involve a collaborative relationship with the Mingary program which is now well established, and will continue under the leadership of Dr Lynette Kramer.

We are most fortunate to have a staff of such outstanding people and they value the part they play in St Michael's.



EVENTS TO WATCH OUT FOR AT ST MICHAEL'S!

Sunday 10th July

Cancer Council Arts Awards

Friday 15th July

CSLE

Sunday 17th July

Sherene Hassan explains Islam

Tuesday 26th July

VCASS Young Performers Series

Monday 31st July

Melbourne Open House

For more details please see the events page of our website.

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