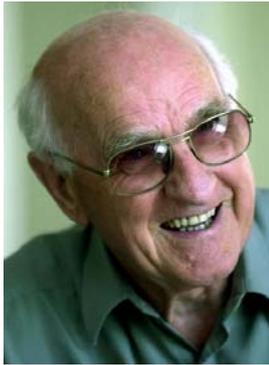


INTERSECTION

MARCH 2010

By Alana Pryor



SIR LLOYD GEERING AT ST MICHAEL'S

Presents SAGE on Friday 23 April 2010 at 11 am \$15 (inc lunch)

Guest Speaker during Sunday Service on Sunday 25 April 2010—10 am

Sir Lloyd Geering is a courageous and controversial theological commentator. His proposal of an overhaul of the Christian Faith in the 1970s saw him tried as a heretic and acquitted. He was professor of Religious Studies at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand and has written a number of provocative books including *Christianity Without God*, his autobiographical *Wrestling With God* and his latest, *Coming Back to Earth*. He continues to be a leading voice in the International Scholars of the Jesus Seminar.

A SPLASH OF COLOUR

Following the wonderful official Opening of Programs on Sunday 14 February, we are rolling ahead with guest speakers, presenters, new programs and the return of many favourites.

The official day, emphasised some of the exciting programs the community of St Michael's can look forward to this year. Colour was ever present. An



optimistic address by Dr Francis Macnab highlighted the importance in finding and making a splash of colour in your life. A DVD journey through a rainbow pathway showed us the many opportunities offered at St Michael's to help nourish and enlighten the soul – through music, meditation, the arts, discussion groups, guest speakers and more.

The service ended, and many inspired people stepped out of church and into the colonnade where the sounds of the piper accompanied the treat of a glass of wine or punch and a snack or two.

The morning was very successful and enjoyed by many. And now the year is well and truly underway. We hope people can find something that inspires them at St Michael's. If you missed this event log on to www.stmichaels.org.au to view the day.

SEARCH FOR FAITH

The first of programs began with a presentation by Professor Brian Smith in Sunday 21 February.

Prof Smith has been searching for faith. He felt "it might help me if I tried to assemble my chaotic thoughts on religion in a more ordered way," and so he started writing *My Search*

for a Contemporary Faith - Progress So Far.

At the suggestion of Dr Macnab he presented his search and the 90 people attending responded enthusiastically. Many asking for copies of the transcript.

This excellent event and response was a positive start to the year.



Copies of the transcript are available on the home page of our website: <http://www.stmichaels.org.au>

THINGS THAT MATTER

St Michael's has introduced several new programs into its Sunday timetable.

One of these is a new, lively, interactive program focused on *Things That Matter* to all of us, here and now.

We ask the question: "What on earth could religion in the 21st century possibly contribute to our contemporary concerns?" Views, visions and ideas to challenge our assumptions, disturb our complacency and stimulate creative thinking and constructive action. This program will be held the second Sunday of every month after morning service.



SESSION ONE:
Sunday 14 March 2010

TOPIC:
Imagine – a Sermon on the Moon!!

Because from the moon you can see clearly what we're doing to the planet, but you can't see dogmas, catechisms, or creeds.

(Clark Strand, interreligious spiritual teacher, author and former Zen Buddhist monk)

FACILITATOR:
Julie Hall

Commencing after morning service with refreshments and fruits of the Earth

NEW PROGRAMS 2010

Walking Group

Different walks are organised throughout the year. Get active and meet new people.

Dinner Group

Meets at various locations for an evening of good food and conversation.

Discussion Group

Discuss your views of the Sunday service. Every Sunday after service.

Men's Group

The first planning meeting is schedule for the 28 March in the Youth Room after Sunday service.

Meditation with Barry Fox

Free meditation to find inner calm. Every Monday and Wednesday from 29 March.

Book Discussion

Future of Faith by Harvey Cox.
Wednesday 17 March 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm.
South Yarra location, only 15 places!
Contact Mal Cobain at
marilyncobain@iprimus.com.au

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

TRIO ANIMA MUNDI

The brilliant *Trio Anima Mundi* return to the stage in 2010 continuing to delight with little known musical jewels and well loved pieces of piano repertoire. The trio consists of talented Melbourne musicians Kenji Fujimura, Rochelle Bryson and Miranda Brockman, recipients of numerous awards in Australia and abroad. Not only will they showcase a dynamic mix of music but they also have a philanthropic outreach, this year supporting the Cairnmillar Institute.



The 2010 three part concert series *Nordic Lights* takes audiences on a musical journey through the marvels of Finland, Sweden and Denmark.

The first concert *The French Connection* will be held at St Michael's on Sunday 28 March. The repertoire includes *Piano Trio No.1, Op. 6* by Swedish composer Wirén and pieces by Dubois, Faur and Piazzolla.

THE FRENCH CONNECTION

When: 28 March 2010 at 2 pm
Where: St Michael's Uniting Church
Tickets: Subscription for Series
\$75/\$40 Family \$190
Single Concert
\$30/\$15 Family \$70
Please contact Trio Anima Mundi
(03) 5368 2325
info@trioanimamundi.com
www.trioanimamundi.com

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LETTER FROM THE JOHN WATERS SCHOLAR

The 2010 recipient for the John Waters Scholarship has begun his studies at the Cairnmillar Institute and placement at Mingary Counselling Service. Already he has helped at the first SAGE event of the year and KFOG. Here, he writes about his work in Colombia and what he hopes to find in his experience at Cairnmillar and in Australia.

My name is Camilo Martinez, and I am a 26 year old psychologist from Colombia in South America.

My questions and passion for understanding social and individual behaviour started around ten years ago when I was still at school, volunteering with an NGO working with homeless children. At the same time I worked in the church of my school doing activities and supporting groups of displaced people in my country. As a result, I think that at that early age I started to empower others and myself, through strengthening the psychosocial resources of these vulnerable communities.

From then on, I have been working, as a psychologist or volunteering its for more than six years with victims



of sexual abuse and domestic violence. These people were mainly victims of socio-political violence; victims of forced displacement, victims of torture, families of missing persons, families of massacred persons; in general, different types of persons who have been severely traumatised and have experienced post-traumatic stress disorders and other different emotional disorders as a result of the multiple losses and difficult experiences that they have lived.

From these experiences, I realized that I needed to improve my psychotherapeutic skills in order to give better support to these people who are suffering because of the war and their poverty resulting in a lot of unmet needs all over the population.

In the future, with the help of the Cairnmillar Institute education, I dream of running a human rights foundation for people traumatized because of the different forms of violence, wishing to help them to cope better with their lives and to empower new forms of building social justice and peace.

EASTER SERVICES

**THURSDAY 1 APRIL 7 PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Let us take time to stand in awe of the great moments of human life.

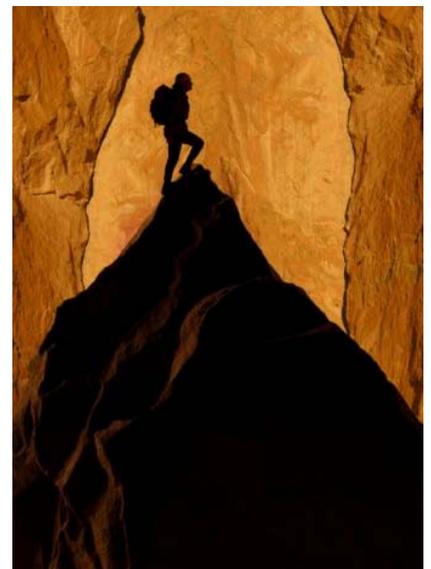
Dr Francis Macnab

**FRIDAY 2 APRIL 9 AM
GOOD FRIDAY**

Having some control over the final things.

Dr Francis Macnab

Judith Dodsworth—Soprano
Rhys Boak—Organ
An excerpt from Shostakovich's
14th Symphony
(The Poet's Death)



**SUNDAY 4 APRIL 10 AM
EASTER SUNDAY**

**The astonishing alternative—
to inner deadness**

Dr Francis Macnab

The St Michael's Brass Ensemble

**Feeling the Pressure?
too many tasks?
too many deadlines?**

**Centre and Calm Yourself with
30 minutes free meditation.**

**Mondays and Wednesdays
5.30 pm - 6 pm
from 29 March 2010**

Camellia Room,
Level 2, St Michael's Centre
120 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000
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W: www.stmichaels.org.au

SAGE

SUCCESSFUL AGEING, GROWTH AND ENJOYMENT

FRIDAY 26 MARCH

Ageing Body
Ageing Mind
Ageing Anxiety
AGEING SURPRISES



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

For more information please
call Cairnmillar on 9813 3400

23 April
Sir Lloyd Geering

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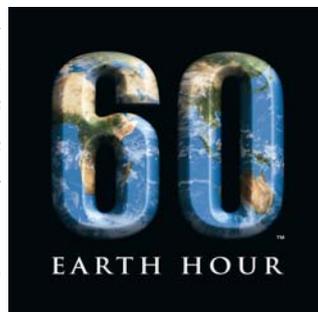
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TURN OFF THE LIGHT

In 2007 World Wildlife Fund (WWF) set up Earth Hour. In three years it has become one of the world's biggest mass participation event. Simply switch off your lights for one hour and demonstrate your support to better the state of our planet. St Michael's has joined the cause, which has seen numbers of participants increasing and global icons like the Sydney Opera House, the Eiffel Tower and even Google, turning out their lights.

This year we will do it again. On Saturday 27 March at 8.30 pm, St Michael's will make sure its lights are off. This message is positive. We



demonstrate our concern at the destruction of Planet Earth and our hope that others will join us in lessening our environmental footprint.

If you can, we urge you to join St Michael's during Earth Hour between 8.30 pm and 9.30 pm. Participating is fun, easy and free. In one small action we can make a difference.

For more information or to pledge your support visit www.earthhour.org.au. For tips on how you can help save our planet for future generations *St Michael's Saves Planet Earth* place weekly tips in the Sunday Order of Service.

WHO SPEAKS FOR LIFE

A human life lasts a bit less than one century, and humans have been around for about 1 million years; all a blink of the eye in cosmic terms.

But for how long will our species continue? What are the prospects for life into the future? Is the future species assured? And what can we do about it?

Len Halprin & George Galanis present:

WHO SPEAKS FOR LIFE?:

The Big Picture of the
Search For Meaning and Purpose (and
maybe some answers)

When: Sunday 7 March after Sunday
Service

Where: Waratah Room, Level 2
St Michael's Administration Building
After service



ST MICHAEL'S AGM

The St Michael's Uniting Church AGM will be held on Sunday 18 March in the church from 12 pm.

Members of St Michael's are welcome

to attend.

AGM Submission are due by Sunday 28 March.

Dr Francis Macnab's New Book

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