

INTERSECTION

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2011

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INTERPRETI VENEZIANI

The first concert of 2012 will be a magnificent event! On the evening of January 25th a group of master musicians come all the way from Venice, 'Interpreti Veneziani.'

Interpreti Veneziani made their debut in 1987 and immediately gained a reputation

for their '...youthful exuberance and all-Italian brio characterizing their performances.' Playing on

original instruments and specialising mostly in Baroque music, their individual talents and expertise as soloists and ensemble musicians have earned the Interpreti an



enthusiastic welcome from both audiences and critics alike.

St Michael's is very honoured

to have Interpreti Veneziani perform. It is an event not to be missed!

CHRISTMAS

The stores have been decorating since October, the decorations have gone up in homes and businesses and the shopping has begun. Yes, it's hard to believe that it's already Christmas again!

At St Michael's this year, December will focus on putting love back on the



agenda. Dr Macnab will be talking about the laws of love, ending with the fourth law of love on Christmas day - 'Love needs more than faith. Especially at Christmas.'

So come along and celebrate Christmas at St Michael's this year.

DECEMBER AND JANUARY

11 DECEMBER 10 AM

THE LAWS OF LOVE.

No. 2: Love says beware the bark beetle.

Dr Francis Macnab

18 DECEMBER 10 AM

THE LAWS OF LOVE.

No. 3: Love needs its semiquavers.

Dr Francis Macnab

25 DECEMBER 9 AM

CHRISTMAS DAY

THE LAWS OF LOVE.

No. 4: Love needs more than faith: especially at Christmas.

Dr Francis Macnab

1 JANUARY 10AM

Dr Francis Macnab

8 JANUARY 10 AM

Rev Ron Rosinsky

15 JANUARY 10AM

Dr Debra Campbell

ARCHIVE DISPLAY

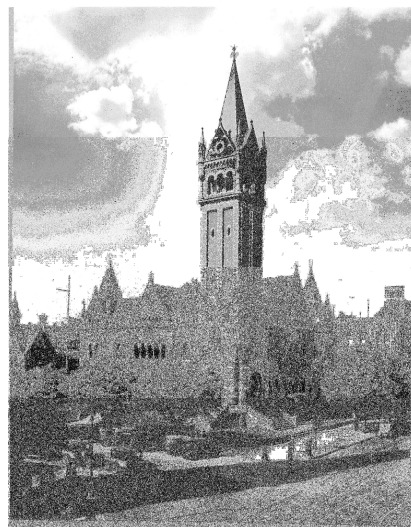
This year at St Michael's, we have been celebrating Dr Macnab's 40 years. To conclude what has been a great year of celebration, an archive exhibition that reflects on Dr Macnab's 40 years will be on display on December 18th.

Dr Macnab has brought so much to St Michael's and has made St Michael's what it is today. He initiated the restoration of the interior of the church, introduced our fantastic stained-glass windows, created Mingary the Quiet Place and established a solid connection with Cairnmillar.

In 2008 Dr Macnab introduced The New Faith and with it he brought a different approach to theology incorporating psychotherapy in his teachings. As a result, he has created an

environment at St Michael's that is nurturing and reflects his philosophy.

Please join us at this display of St Michael's and Dr Macnab's evolution on Sunday 18th December, after morning service in the Waratah room, Level 1, St Michael's Place.



ORGAN RECITALS

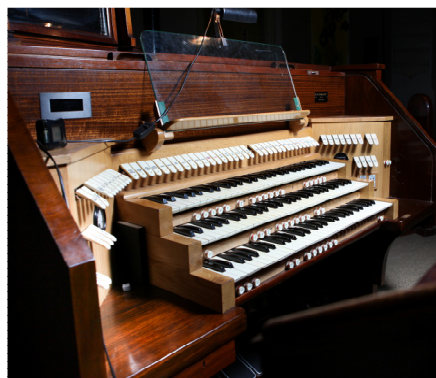
The Thursday organ recitals have been one of the highlights of 2011.

We have had some fantastic guests including Sergio de Pieri, Mario Duella, Giampaolo di Rosa, Christopher Trikili and our resident organist Rhys Boak. With 2011 coming to a close, Rhys Boak has already lined up some new, and some old faces, for the organ recitals of 2012.

However, we are delighted to announce that these wonderful

free recitals will continue over Christmas and new year!

So if you are looking for something to do over the Christmas and New Year break, come along to one of these free recitals and enjoy some beautiful music!



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THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS:

15 DECEMBER

Colin Jenkins

22 DECEMBER

Rhys Boak

29 DECEMBER

Rhys Boak

5 JANUARY

Robert Stove

12 JANUARY

Jennifer Chou

Thursdays 1 pm - 1.30 pm
Free entry.

ARTS FOR RIGHTS

On Friday December 16th, *Arts For Rights* will celebrate another wonderful year at St Michael's. We will celebrate with a luncheon to honour our commitment to Indigenous Australians and to thank all those who have supported our programs in 2011.

We have visited many varied and exciting areas of the arts in both Melbourne and regional Victoria, made many new friendships and raised significant funds for Human Rights.

The Human Rights Programs we have supported have been -

'Villa Maria,' the new autism street accommodation residence for young adults with acquired brain injury; 'The Indigenous Medicine Academic Resource

Award." and 'The 20th Man Fund' - founder Les Twentyman. The total money raised was \$5,400, which includes a



generous donation from Global Concerns of \$1000 who has

supported the Indigenous Medicine Academic Resource Award and donation from members of St Michael's who have

shown interest and concern for Human Rights issues.

We look forward to another good year in 2012.

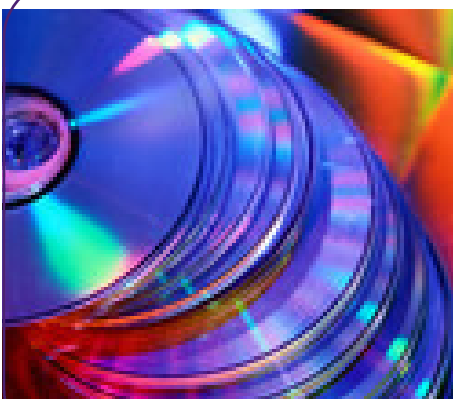


Medicine

MEET THE MINISTER

The last meet the minister morning tea for the year was a great event with more than 60 people coming along.

Thanks to Jeanette Noy for organising it.



NOVEMBER - THE MONTH TO GET ON WITH YOUR LIFE DVD AND CD ON SALE NOW

The *Month to Get on With Your Life* series by Dr Macnab is now available on one DVD. \$20.00 includes the first three November 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.

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.

SPECIAL ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

In February, Rhys Boak (our resident organist) will present an exciting concert series of 'The Complete Organ Symphonies of Charles-Marie Widor.'

Charles-Marie Widor was born in 1844 into a family of organ builders. Widor seized the multi-movement plan of the orchestral symphony and translated it to the organ. He pushed organ technique to the limit and exhausted the tonal possibilities of the instrument.

Aside from his renowned work as an organist and composer of organ music, Widor published works including music for a variety of

chamber ensembles, solo piano, voice, chorus, orchestra symphonies and the theatre. While some of this music is beginning to make a comeback, especially on CD, it is Widor's magnificent organ music that has remained his prominent legacy.

Rhys Boak will be performing this series of Widor's complete organ symphonies, from Monday 6th February to Friday 10th February, at St Michael's Uniting Church from 7.00pm -9.00pm.

We hope you will come along and enjoy this exciting concert series!

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The St Michael's office will be closed between 23rd December - 3rd January

Mingary will be closed between 23rd December - 9th January.

Some Mingary counsellors will be on call during this period, so please contact the office if you are in need of assistance on 9654 5120.

40TH YEAR SEMINARS

As a part of the 40th year celebrations, we ran a series of seminars with some special guests.

Our final seminar, by Jenny Cheng, received an excellent turnout. Jenny spoke about her experience with stroke, about the Booroondara Stroke Support Group which she established, and also about how to prevent stroke.

We thank all our guests who led these seminars and all those who attended.



EVENTS TO WATCH OUT FOR AT ST MICHAEL'S!

Sunday 11th December	December Conference
Sunday 18th December	40 Years Archive Display
Sunday 25th December	Christmas Morning Service 9am
Wednesday 25th January	Interpreti Veneziani

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

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