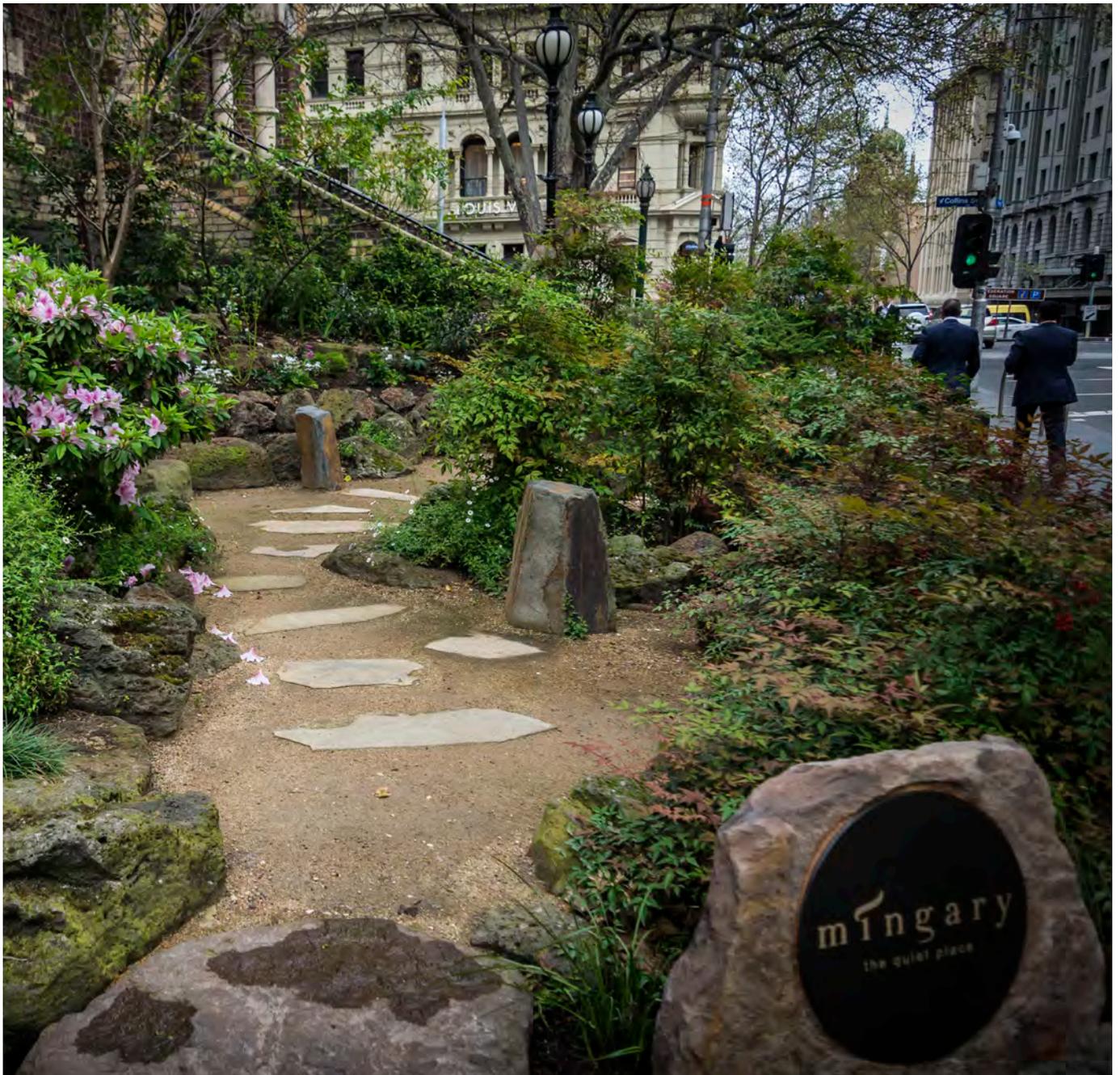


ST MICHAEL'S
UNITING CHURCH



INTERSECTION

VOLUME 3 SPRING/SUMMER 2019



ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

ST MICHAEL'S
UNITING CHURCH



CHAIR OF CHURCH COUNCIL
Laura Beckett

TREASURER
Ian Cox

SECRETARY
Maree McDonald

DEANERY I: HOUSEHOLD
Dean: Peter Anderson
Deputy Dean:

DEANERY II: CHURCH SERVICES
Dean: Graeme Adamson
Deputy Dean: Albert Phillips

DEANERY III: CONTACT & CARE
Dean: Lyndell O'Brien
Deputy Deans: Joy Arnot and Liz Green

DEANERY IV: PROGRAMS
Dean: Lorraine Woolley
Deputy Dean: Val Gill

OFFICE
Phone: 03 9654 5120
Email: office@stmichaels.org.au
www.stmichaels.org.au

facebook.com/stmichaelsmelbourne
instagram.com/stmichaelsmelb
soundcloud.com/stmichaelsuniting-church
twitter.com/stmichaelsmelb
youtube.com/StMichaelsChurch

MINGARY COUNSELLING
Director: Dr Lynette Kramer
Phone: 03 9654 5120
mingarycounselling.com.au

REVEREND DR. M

THE ST MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY WELCOMES THEIR NEW
MINISTER REVEREND DR. MARGARET MAYMAN.

CONGREGATION MEETING

At a Congregation Meeting held on Sunday 8 September 2019 members of the congregation overwhelmingly endorsed the call of Reverend Dr. Margaret Mayman as the next Minister of St Michael's Uniting Church.

JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In seeking and having conversations with a number of potential candidates, over a period of two years, the members of the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC): Reverend Alistair Macrae (Convenor); Reverend Gavin Blakemore; Laura Beckett (Chair of the Church Council); Neil Blood; Simon McCall; Val Gill; Lorraine Woolley; Evelyn McLaren; and Anita Sawatzky were seeking a candidate who would:

- Meet the requirements of a unique church such as St Michael's with its proud tradition of preaching excellence
- Demonstrate a non-traditional theological approach
- Possess the capacity to lead the congregation of a large city church in the 21st century
- Demonstrate a commitment to pastoral care, and
- Demonstrate a consultative leadership style

In their comprehensive report and video presentations to the congregation members of the JNC detailed Dr. Mayman's:

- Academic qualifications and extensive ministerial experience
- Progressive approach to theology and liturgy
- Advocacy and leadership of a wide range of social justice issues
- Insightful and inspirational preaching
- Collaborative leadership style
- Compassionate, warm and engaging personal manner

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Dr. Mayman has the following academic qualifications:

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Religious Studies
- Diploma of Ministry
- Bachelor of Theology in Biblical and Pastoral Studies
- Master of Sacred Theology
- Master of Philosophy
- Doctor of Philosophy

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

ARGARET MAYMAN



SUMMARY OF MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

Dr. Mayman was ordained as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand in 1982 and her first appointment was at West Dunedin Union Church. This was followed by a move to New York where Dr. Mayman continued her studies and lectured in Christian Ethics and Religious Studies.

In 1995 Dr. Mayman took up the position of Minister at St Ninian's Presbyterian Church, a theologically liberal suburban congregation in Christchurch.

In 2002 Dr. Mayman became the Senior Presbyterian Minister of St Andrews on the Terrace, a large city church in Wellington New Zealand. The congregation numbers had been dwindling and needed revitalising.

As a result of this situation she initiated a number of changes in conjunction with the Church Council. These changes significantly increased the numbers attending worship. In addition, a strong presence was developed in the city through a ministry which engaged the community and focused on social justice

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH



and sustainable models of church community.

Dr. Mayman was also involved in a large scale \$3.5 million capital works project to renovate the church which became a thriving hub of civic, artistic, spiritual and communal activity.

In 2013 Dr. Mayman became the Minister of Pitt Street Uniting Church in Sydney. During her tenure of six years the membership, drawn from across Sydney, has grown and the congregation's identity and purpose have been articulated and expressed in fresh ways. A Mission Plan has also been developed focusing on the work of the church and seeking to engage the city in the life of the church.

In 2016 Dr. Mayman became a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church in Australia. Dr. Mayman lectures in Theological Ethics at the United Theological College, North Parramatta and is well known in the progressive theology network, has been a keynote speaker at numerous conferences and is sought after for comment by the mainstream media.

In summary Dr. Mayman has extensive experience in contemporary progressive ministry, social policy,

community engagement, theological and social ethics and advocacy.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PASTORAL CARE

In relation to her commitment and concern for her congregation Dr. Mayman has noted that:

"In the life of a faith community, I am committed to expressing the inclusive love of God for all the glorious diversity of people and planet in language and practices that dismantle the hierarchies of race, gender, religion, ability, class, gender identity and sexual orientation."

Dr. Mayman has also had significant leadership roles in:

- Achieving marriage equality in civil and church contexts
- Engaging the church in theological reflection and action to address climate change
- Support and advocacy for refugees and asylum seekers
- The living wage movement in New Zealand
- Abortion Law Reform in New South Wales

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

She has also:

- Advocated for people with a disability for appropriate education and services
- Participated in the Walking on Country pilgrimage to indigenous communities with the Synod of NSW and the ACT
- Developed and resourced an effective pastoral care system which has similarities to the system of pastoral care operating at St Michael's

THEOLOGY, LEADERSHIP AND CONSULTATIVE PERSONAL STYLE

Dr. Mayman has noted that theology:

"is not about believing a set of claims about God and Jesus, but rather a reflection on a path or way of transformation that leads to participation in the sacred", and that "I accept the historic creeds of the church, recognizing the ecclesiastical and political contexts in which they rose. However, I seek to express timeless theological truths in language that is accessible and meaningful."

And in relation to successful leadership that:

"Hierarchical and individualistic leadership is no longer a viable model for ministry. I am committed to a leadership style that is engaged, relational, collaborative, interdependent and empowering of others. Leadership requires self-knowledge and self-care. It demands attention to one's own spiritual journey."

A leader must be a listener discerning the vision and hopes of the faith community and reflecting them back to the community in conversation and in worship that nourishes and inspires."

It has been noted that Dr. Mayman is a passionate and compassionate person and has a warm and engaging personality with pastoral care as a valued part of her Ministry. She has outstanding presentation and preaching skills and is inspired by the Gospels in her public theology and actions. She is a leader in the Uniting Church of Australia through her progressive and thoughtful preaching, social advocacy, and in the

care and compassion she has for the members of her congregation.

FAMILY LIFE AND EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

Dr. Mayman shares her life with the Reverend Clare Brockett, her partner of 23 years. They were married in New Zealand in 2013. Reverend Brockett is currently Education Coordinator for Chaplaincy and Pastoral Practice with Uniting NSW/ACT and has had many years' experience as a chaplain in aged care. Reverend Brockett will seek a placement in chaplaincy or chaplaincy education in Melbourne. Dr. Mayman has an adult son, Andrew Park, who lives in Auckland NZ. Andrew, who is a person with autism, visits Australia regularly and will be part of Dr. Mayman and Reverend Brockett's household for two to three months each year. Dr. Mayman attends to her physical well-being through exercise as a commuter cyclist. For recreation, she spends time with family and friends, enjoys nature and cultural pursuits, and travelling with Clare in Australia and overseas. Paying attention to her emotional and spiritual state is vital, and she values the importance of professional supervision in her ministry.

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

On 17 September 2019 the Secretary of the Congregation received correspondence from Dr. Mayman accepting the call that was issued on behalf of the congregation. In her letter she stated that:

"I am delighted to confirm my decision to accept the call, and the invitation into a covenantal relationship with the St Michael's congregation. I look forward to my ministry with you beginning in February 2020".

NEXT STEPS

The Church Council will be working with the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra who will be responsible to induct Dr. Mayman into her Ministry. The date for the Induction ceremony will be advised to the congregation when the detailed planning for this event has been completed.

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

COUNCIL CORNER COMMUNIQUE



COUNCIL GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURE

At a Congregation Meeting held on Sunday 6 October the congregation voted by an overwhelming majority to endorse the Church Council's recommendation to "restructure the Church Council and reduce its size to 14 elected members plus the Minister with the ability to co-opt members of the congregation with specific expertise".

Prior to the vote Terence Corkin's presentation noted the:

- Significantly increased responsibilities of the Church Council
- Focus of the church council on governance rather than day to day administrative issues
- Better decision making and accountability of a smaller Council

The Chair of Council, Laura Beckett, thanked the serving council members for their contribution during 2019 and outlined how the transition to a smaller council would be undertaken. She noted that:

- 25 of the current council members had indicated that they would resign from council
- 2 members had indicated that they would continue on the council until their term of office expired

Therefore, an election for 12 members of council would be held on November 24 to elect a new council.

Maree McDonald, Secretary, outlined the responsibilities and specific skills requirements of council members including:

- Taking a high-level view of issues
- Strategic thinking and managerial ability
- Written and verbal communication skills
- Analytical skills and sound judgement

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

Peter Anderson, Dean of Household and member of the Finance Committee noted the importance for Council members to have:

- Financial literacy
- To meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission

The Deans, Graeme Adamson, Peter Anderson, Lyndell O'Brien, and Lorraine Woolley detailed how the Deaneries could be expanded to include the skills and abilities of members of the congregation.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for the 2020 Church Council will be held at 12 noon on 24 November in the Church.

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Sergeant Monteduro, a member of Victoria Police Critical Incident Response Team, provided a presentation to the Council of the role and responsibilities of the Critical Incident Response Team and the assistance that would be provided to the church if ever there was a major threat to the congregation.

An initial training session was also given to Council members in relation to fire and internal and external threats. Additional Fire Warden training is to be undertaken by council so that a church evacuation can be undertaken in an efficient and orderly manner in the event of a fire incident. The Church will appoint Chief Fire Wardens and Fire Wardens who will be responsible to manage an evacuation process.

PROPERTY MATTERS

Works are planned to be carried out at 120 Collins Street with a proposed realignment of St Michael's Walk. The works are to include a major refurbishment to the lobby area of 120 Collins Street which will have a glass façade. Building works will take 12 to 18 months but will involve weekend work. The church has requested continuing meetings with Investa, the Project Manager, architects and the proposed builder so that our requirements for noise reduction, access and safety are met including issues that are relevant during the conduct of the Sunday Service.

As a planning application was submitted to Melbourne City Council that included works to the church's side of St Michael's Walk without our knowledge or



ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

permission, a formal objection has been submitted and acknowledged by the Planning and Building Branch of the City of Melbourne.

The Council has approved works to be undertaken to upgrade the electrical wiring and cabling in the church.

An updated report and estimate of cost have been prepared by the consultants in relation to potential works to the church roof. These reports will be examined by the Council in due course.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

The Synod has made a decision in relation to the Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017: To give permission within Victoria to UCA institutions (Uniting Vic.Tas and Uniting AgeWell) and the UCA-affiliated hospital group Epworth HealthCare to make voluntary assisted dying allowable within the context of their facilities and services for their patients, clients and residents.

The Moderator Reverend Denise Liersch noted that: “The decision was made after a long period of careful consideration, discussion, and prayer” and “as followers of Jesus, we affirm that all human life is precious and has God-given dignity. We believe allowing voluntary

assisted dying in our agencies, under the constraints of the legislation, is consistent with this belief.

“The Synod will prepare pastoral responses and resources that reflect the Synod’s decision. As outlined in the legislation, any individual in our agencies or Church members may act in accordance with their own conscience in this matter”.

Reverend Liersch said that she “was impressed with the way in which the Synod members grappled with this issue openly, honestly and faithfully with its theological and practical implications.”

At a recent meeting of the Synod it was resolved to support the Statement from the Heart made at Uluru as a consensus position of 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders from across Australia as the preferred pathway towards reconciliation, and urge the Commonwealth government to implement:

- The establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution
- The establishment of a Makarrata Commission
- And to advise the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition of the Synod’s resolution

The Synod commended the statement to Congregations for prayerful engagement and discussion.



ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

ST MICHAEL'S COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for the 2020 Church Council will be held at 12 noon on 24 November in the church. Those wishing to nominate for Council must be members of St Michael's and will have to complete two forms: a Nomination Form and Nomination Statement which are available from the St Michael's office by emailing office@stmichaels.org.au or by contacting the office by phone on 9654 5120.

Voting will be by secret ballot and candidates will need to receive 50 percent plus 1 of those members voting at the meeting to be elected. As there are only twelve (12) places available for election the twelve (12) candidates who achieve the most votes of 50 percent plus 1 will be elected. Nominations close on 31 October at 5pm. Late applications will not be accepted.



The counting of votes will be presided over by Ian Smith, Chair of the Congregation, and four (4) scrutineers will be appointed, two (2) members from the current council who are not nominees and two (2) members from the congregation.

The Secretary of the Council will provide the results of the election to all members as soon as practicable after the election.

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Mingary Counselling Service was invited to be an exhibitor at the launch of Mental Health Month at the Melbourne Town Hall on Monday 7 October. Dr Lynette Kramer attended with three Mingary interns.

The theme this year, *Better Mental Health for All*, is a celebration of cultural diversity and youth mental health.

The opening address was given by Mr Jim Goodin, Chairperson for Mental Health Foundation Australia and member of St Michael's. He was followed by Lord Mayor Sally Capp and other distinguished speakers including the Mental Health Complaints Commissioner, the Manager of Mental Wellbeing at VicHealth, and the CEO of Mental Health Victoria. Other exhibitors included Relationships Australia,



(L-R) Lynette with Mingary Counselling Service interns, Shirin, Emily & Nicholas

Swinburne University, JobCo and Delmont Private Hospital and Carers Australia Vic.

This was a great opportunity to hand out Mingary Counselling Service brochures and spread the word about the work of Mingary and St Michael's Uniting Church.

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

ST MICHAEL'S OUTREACH - GLOBAL CONCERNS

The Global Concerns committee of St Michael's work hard as a St Michael's outreach group, raising and donating funds for various local and international charities and causes.

The Global Concerns' main form of fund raising is through items sold at the Global Concerns Table. Each week after Sunday service you can find volunteers at the Global Concerns Table in St Michael's Hall providing a wide range of homemade goods for sale. The sandwiches quickly disappear, the delicious jams and chutneys are definitely top sellers, and few can say no to the sweet treats on offer. Other items, including homemade cards and aprons and quality secondhand books are also for sale. The Global Concerns Table is managed by Judy Adamson and Anita Sawatzky and the team of dedicated volunteers.

Across St Michael's Hall you will find Jeanette Noy, in charge of the Information Table. Jeanette is there each Sunday helping to keep people, particularly newcomers, in the know about St Michael's and the programs and events offered by the church. If you have

a question about St Michael's, Jeanette and her team can help or direct you to the right person.

The funds raised at the Global Concerns Table, any substantial monetary donations given at the Information table and loose change donations into the *Big Tent Jar* have gone to *The Big Tent Project*. This program, established by Dr Francis Macnab and the Cairnmillar Institute supports vulnerable pre-school aged children and their families by providing access to counselling and parenting programs.

The fund raising efforts are also focused to a cause closer to home, our own Mingary Counselling Service. The service offers low cost counselling to people with no need of referrals, or means tests. The service also provides Cairnmillar psychology students the necessary hours and valuable experience to register as practising Clinical psychologists. The Mingary Counselling service is an important resource for the Melbourne community.

Judy Adamson and Anita Sawatzky from the Global Concerns Table and Jeanette Noy from the Information Table thank all the wonderful volunteers and members of the congregation for their outstanding support of the *Big Tent Project* and the *Mingary Counselling Service*.



Q. What to do with your small change?

A: Global Concerns has provided a nice jar to collect those five cent pieces that fill your pockets. Collectively those small coins can help the *Mingary Counselling Service* continue to provide support and guidance for those working through various personal issues. Head to the Global Concerns table at the far end of the Hall after service, or to the St Michael's office during the week to give.

Their collection jar is the perfect place for your loose change.

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

CELEBRATING ST MICHAEL'S WEEK: SHINING THE LIGHT ON MINGARY



GRETA BRADMAN AND THE JOE CHINDAMO TRIO

On Thursday 19 September, St Michael's was pleased to host highly acclaimed soprano Greta Bradman who performed accompanied by St Michael's Manager of Music, Rhys Boak on piano and organ. Hundreds of people attended the lunchtime concert as the stunning soprano sang some of her favourite works including Dvořák's *Songs my Mother Taught Me*, *The Nightingale and the Rose* by Rimshy-Korsakov and von Flotow's *The Last Rose of Summer*. Many of those attending found her performance beautiful and moving. Taking a break during the concert, Greta, herself a psychologist, spoke positively of the Mingary Counselling Service, affiliated with St Michael's, commending the low cost counselling service, effectively run by Dr Lynette Kramer, for enabling people from all aspects of life access a quality counselling service.

This successful event was then followed on the evening of Friday 20 September with the lively jazz performance from the Joe Chindamo Trio. The Trio explored classic jazz canons from the "Great American Song book".

The concerts were free, however St Michael's was collecting donations towards the excellent work of the Mingary Counselling Service. A substantial amount was raised, and St Michael's would like to acknowledge the generosity of the patrons for supporting the valuable service.

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

CELEBRATING ST MICHAEL'S WEEK: SHINING THE LIGHT ON MINGARY

ST MICHAEL'S DAY

Completing the week of celebrations was the extra special St Michael's Day service on Sunday 22 September. The emphasis was on shining the spotlight on our beautiful sanctuary of healing and peace: Mingary, the Quiet Place.

The day began with an impromptu blessing and horn solo in the Ceremony Garden at the front of St Michael's, led by Rev Peter Burnham. It was a fine wake up to the early morning start.

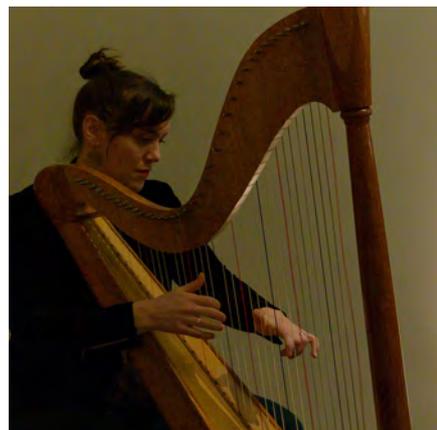
The service by Rev Burnham continued the theme of Mingary and mental health with the address *Forgiveness, Mental Health and Wellbeing*. Dr Lynette Kramer, Director of the Mingary Counselling Service was invited to elaborate on Mingary, the Quiet Place and the Counselling Service and its positive impact on the Melbourne community. Dr Kramer also announced the release of a new book, *Mingary The Quiet Place, Rock, Water, Light* by Dr Francis Macnab chronicling the history, conception and symbolism of Mingary, the Quiet Place. In attendance as a special guest was the founder of Mingary, Dr Francis Macnab. In St Michael's fashion music played a large part of the service and we were treated to the sounds of the Academy of St Michael's, The St Michael's Brass Ensemble and The St Michael's Singers led by conductor and composer Joe Chindamo.

After the service people were invited to process through Mingary the Quiet Place, while a Celtic harp played. This was the moment where we were reminded of how remarkable St Michael's really is and the multiple ways this church has made a difference to the community.

The day ended with refreshments in St Michael's Hall, Dr Macnab signing copies of his book and the camaraderie between the people of St Michael's.



ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH



ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

THE PEOPLE OF ST MICHAEL'S

ALISON DAVIDSON

Alison attended her first Sunday at St Michael's at the encouragement of a friend. The minister of her church had left and Alison was looking for somewhere else to worship.

Alison walked through St Michael's doors 36 years ago and has regularly attended since. She has always loved St Michael's for the services, the programs and music.

She has celebrated some special occasions at St Michael's including her daughter's wedding, where she recalls a beautiful service and a church filled with flowers (in preparation for St Michael's Day which was the next day). Her family has also witnessed the baptism of two of her grandchildren.

Since first attending Alison found herself within a



wonderful circle of friends which included her work friend Sylvie; they taught together and attended church together. Even now, years on, they still attend together, catching a taxi in a program organised by St Michael's Contact and Care team. It was these friendships and her work that kept her going after the death of her husband.

In her time at St Michael's Alison has done a lot of pastoral care, visiting friends and fellow members, ensuring those people get to church or enjoy social outings together. In her view this is no more than helping out her friends but in reality she has, over many years, been providing a wonderful outreach and connection for St Michael's members who may have otherwise found themselves unable to attend or increasingly isolated.

Her generous and caring nature saw Alison taking her friends out monthly; driving from Essendon to Balwyn and onwards to Surrey Hills to pick everybody up, eventually heading to a favourite cafe in Canterbury. This same group of friends would regularly visit another member out in Woodend and enjoy a potluck picnic lunch.

Alison's kind acts included regularly speaking with friends over the phone if she wasn't able to meet face-to-face, making patchwork quilts for birthdays (Alison was a textiles teacher), sending flowers and visiting those in nursing homes.

At St Michael's, Alison volunteered for the Arts for Rights group and helped in organising numerous morning teas held for members. She still attends lunches after service with a circle of St Michael's friends and feels happy to have these wonderful people in her life.

For Alison, St Michael's has meant inspiring addresses, beautiful music and close, supportive friendships.

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

THE PEOPLE OF ST MICHAEL'S

BILL MORGAN

Bill Morgan has been attending St Michael's since 2001. His presence at church on Sundays and for various activities throughout the week has been admirable along with his dedication to volunteering for church events.

Recently Bill has retired from his role as Dean of Household. St Michael's has been very appreciative of Bill's commitment and the effort he has put into helping ensure St Michael's has run smoothly in his years as Dean. We would like to thank him for his time and skills given.

Bill himself tells of his time at St Michael's so far and what St Michael's has meant to him:

"I first came to St Michael's on Easter Sunday 2001. My interest in St Michael's came about when I heard Dr Macnab being interviewed on radio. I was extremely impressed with how he viewed religion, so impressed in fact that I decided to come to St Michael's and check it out. On walking into the Church I was amazed, the church was full and it took a little time to find a seat.

The service, the music and the friendliness of the people was terrific and I decided then and there that I



would come every Sunday. I have never regretted that decision.

After a short period of time I became a member. Not long after, I joined the Church Council, volunteered to be a member of the security team and later on as a member of the Household Deanery. Eventually I was asked to become Dean of Household. After retiring from my business I became active with weekday tours.

I enjoyed the activities involved in those positions and the friendships. To sum it up, my time and involvement with St Michael's is a very enjoyable part of my life."



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE – ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

St Michael's has committed to implementing the Keeping Children Safe policy of the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria.

This commitment ensures the creation and maintenance of a child safe culture to ensure the care, protection and safety of all children and vulnerable adults.

Working with Children Checks are required from all ministers, appointed leaders and volunteers.

We have appointed a Culture of Safety Contact Person, Val Gill, who is available if you have safety concerns.

Please contact Val: Telephone: 03 9654 5120 Email: office@stmichaels.org.au

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH



BEQUESTS

Have you considered giving to St Michael's?

Every gift, no matter how large or small, can make a lasting difference to the ongoing work of St Michael's. If you have been thinking about making a bequest to St Michael's please contact the St Michael's office for a Bequest brochure and information.

Leave a lasting gift to the community you care for and who cares for you.



FLOWERS

Each Sunday the Church flowers are donated by those wishing to remember a special person or event in their lives. We are grateful for the stunning flowers we enjoy each week in the church and welcome your contribution to this program.

If you would like to donate the flowers for a Sunday Service in celebration or remembrance of a special person or moment please contact the St Michael's office.



PROCESSIONAL STAFF

The Processional Staff is carried each Sunday by a person wishing to remember an occasion or person in their lives. Carrying the Staff is a great way of participating in the Sunday Service.

Those wishing to volunteer to carry the staff are encouraged to put their name down at the Enquiries Table in the Hall any Sunday or contact the St Michael's office.

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

CONTACT AND CARE

The members of the Contact and Care Team are available to talk with, or assist people, who are experiencing difficult times. All matters remain confidential.

Rev Peter Burnham is available to provide support and Pastoral Care to people from St Michael's congregation. St Michael's is engaging Peter to provide support, so there will be no cost for anyone who wishes to meet with him.

If you would like to speak with us: find us on a Sunday (our name tags have 'Contact and Care' printed in red beneath our names), or contact a member of the team via the St Michael's Office.

Lyndell O'Brien - Dean of Contact and Care



PRAYER TREE

We are a small group of caring people committed to sharing the load with those going through difficult times. We have welcomed the positive outcome experienced by those whom we have supported.

If you would like your own name put on our 'Prayer Tree' please speak with Catherine Jones directly, or contact the St Michael's office and ask for a message to be forwarded. All personal information is treated with respect and confidentiality.

*If this request involves another person, please seek their permission first.

OUR PILLARS OF ST MICHAEL'S PATRONS



*We would like to acknowledge our
Pillars of St Michael's patrons:*

Gladys Baker
Barbara Bedford
Leslie Bradley
Judy Bruce
Geoffrey Clarke
Marilyn Cobain
Irene Curren
Marlene Drysdale
Lois Noelene Elmer
Paul and Sandra Fowler
Margaret Garrett
Joan Isabel Garrett
John Grutzner
Jan Hart
Dorothy Claire Harvey-Kelly
David Hunt
Laurence Frederick L'Estrange
Donald Marshall
Heather Martin
John Dewar Milne
Judy and Ian McNally
Marie McVeigh
Lorraine Nelson
Sylvia Rhodes
Smeeth Family
Patsy Stubbs
Kay and Klaus Wiegel

Interested in becoming a Pillar of St Michael's?
Call the office on 9654 5120 or download an
application form: www.stmichaels.org.au

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

m i n g a r y
COUNSELLING SERVICE



ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH

MINGARY COUNSELLING SERVICE

Confidential, professional, low-cost counselling.

If you are seeking relief from painful or stressful experiences, assistance with major life changes or help reducing anxiety, fear and uncertainty, call Mingary Counselling Service to make an appointment today.

Monday to Friday | 9am to 5pm

03 9654 5120 | www.mingarycounselling.com.au

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Help yourself be in the present moment. Find your calm. Leave your stress. Reset and refresh with Karen Ellis as your guide.

Meditation has long been part of Karen's life, with 40 years of personal practice. For the last 10 years, her interest has extended to sharing this with others for health and wellbeing, including in her role on staff in a large acute hospital, working in the area of grief and loss.

For dates: check the Order of service and website. | 11.30am | The Wellbeing Studio

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Enjoy a magical moment at the St Michael's Lunchtime Organ Recital.

Weekly Organ recitals are held at St Michael's Uniting Church every Thursday lunchtime.

They give our visitors a moment to take a break and soak up the beauty of this remarkable church and its grand organ and the excellence of our musicians.

Free entry | Thursdays at 1pm (doors open at 12.30pm)

ST MICHAEL'S PODCAST

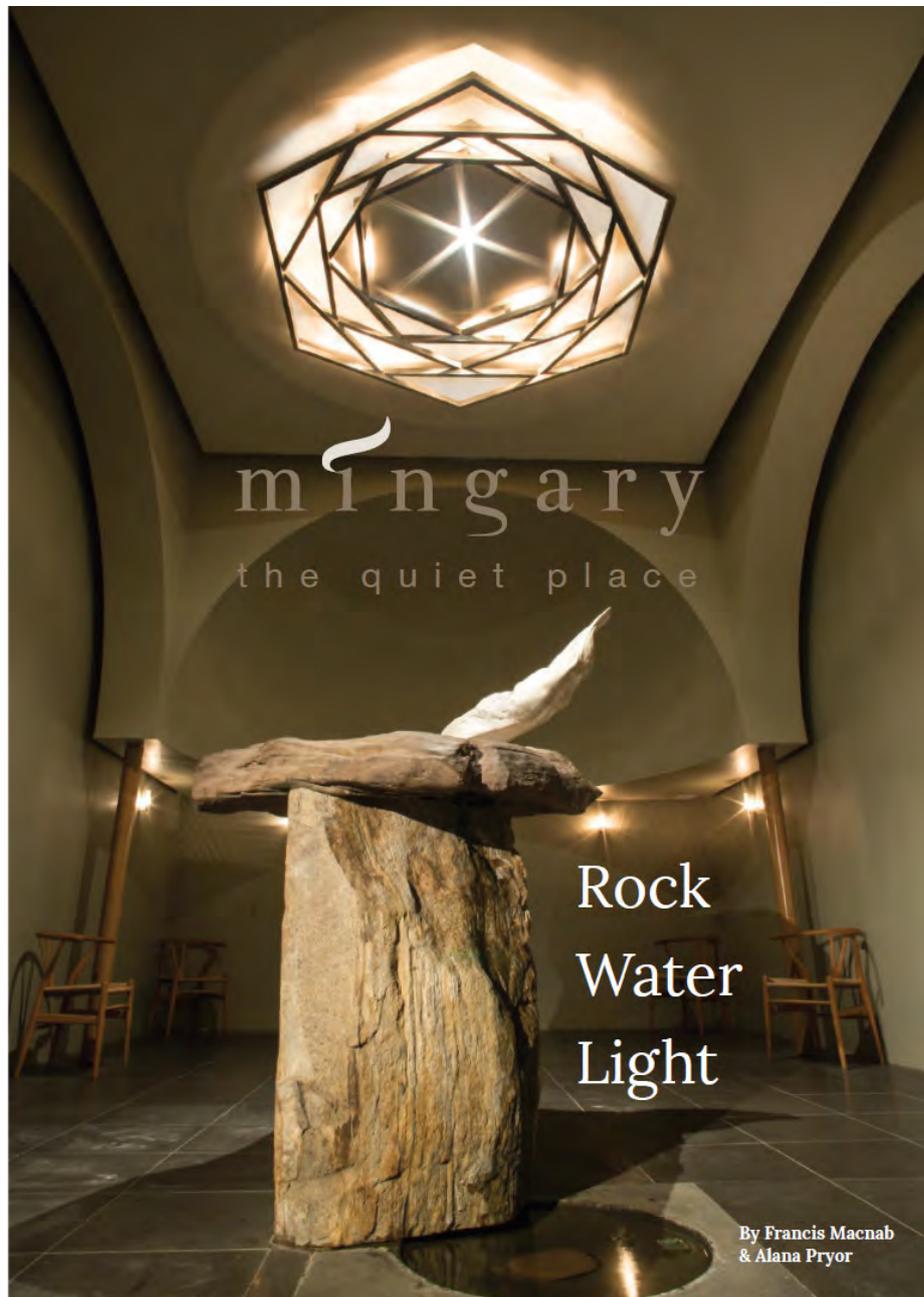
St Michael's Sunday addresses are now available as a podcast for your listening pleasure.

To listen to the podcast directly on SoundCloud, go to:

www.soundcloud.com/stmichaelsunitingchurch

Or head to the home page of our website: www.stmichaels.org.au

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH



MINGARY - THE QUIET PLACE ... ROCK WATER LIGHT

Marking the celebration of 20 years of Mingary, The Quiet Place, St Michael's has launched *Mingary - The Quiet Place ... Rock Water Light*. As a reference book, it provides an explanation of the origins and meanings of Mingary - The Quiet Place, a gift from the community of St Michael's for all.

You can obtain your copy of *Mingary - The Quiet Place ... Rock Water Light* at the Information Table in the Hall after the service or from the St Michael's Office.

\$10 All proceeds will go towards the continuing good work of Mingary Counselling Service.