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WELCOME REVEREND ST MICHAEL'S NEW

**Rev Dr Margaret Mayman addresses the question:
What direction would you like to take St Michael's?**

It's early days to be talking about my direction because our future direction will be shaped by the Congregation, Church Council and Minister working together. My first task is to get to know the people of St Michael's, to learn the stories of who you are, and who you hope to become as a congregation.

Last year the Rev'd Terence Corkin led the congregation in a Strategic Planning Workshop. His report provides us with an aspirational basis from which to develop our identity and our mission in the next decade.

He noted a desire in the congregation to express:

- spirituality and religion in a contemporary and progressive ways;
- constructive and effective communication, and ways of handling disagreement; and
- sustainable and effective use of resources (people and property).

I warmed to prioritising of partnerships with others who have common goals and principles through cooperation with theologically progressive groups, and working with the Uniting Church on social issues. Very dear to my own heart, there was a desire for St Michael's "to be an outward looking church" that addresses not just on the needs of current members but also focuses on drawing people into the life of St Michael's – inviting people to experience progressive faith and spirituality; connecting with a younger demographic; and serving the needs of the community through support of Mingary and other activities that address mental health needs.

I have passions that have grown out of 25 years of ministry in three liberal/progressive congregations, two of those in CBD locations like St Michael's. I hope to support St Michael's to engage more deeply with the communities of people who live, work, study and play in the city of Melbourne – to be a meeting place where people come together to reflect and act ethically for the common good. More and



AND DR MARGARET MAYMAN MINISTER



more, I wonder if we have a role to play in bringing together diverse groups to foster 'courageous civil conversations' about what really matters. I dream of a church that is committed to nourishing the spirits of city dwellers, building social connectivity through the arts, social justice, and hospitable, inclusive community. This is genuine evangelism, which is based not in a desire to convert, but in love for the world, for

people and creatures and our planet home.

These are a few 'big picture' thoughts but I'm aware that church life is always going to have to attend to the every-day earthly realities. St Michael's is my third heritage church, and all of them have needed major roof repairs!

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TWENTY-FIVE QUESTIONS WITH REV DR MARGARET MAYMAN



1. **What are you most excited about these days?** Living in Melbourne and getting to know as many people as possible at St Michael's. (Hint – please wear your nametag and help me out here!)
2. **What's your favourite holiday?** Exploring new places in Australia – most recently Alice Springs and Uluru.
3. **Favourite season?** Equally spring, summer, autumn – winter not so much.
4. **If you could switch lives with someone for a day who would it be?** Lord Mayor of Melbourne.
5. **What is the best thing that happened this year?** The glorious, warm, hopeful, emotional service for my induction at St Michael's. (Packing up and moving was the worst thing, but worth it!).
6. **Best way to decompress?** Hanging out with Clare and our friends.
7. **What's your favourite country to visit?** Peru
8. **Country you wish to visit?** Spain (we've been to Barcelona but there is so much more I'd like to see).
9. **What makes you smile the most?** Beauty (music, art, nature, faces of the ones I love).

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10. **If you could go to any concert past or present, what would it be?** I have to choose two. The 2020 Gala Opening of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (Cheetham, Circa and Beethoven's 9th). Also front row seats at KD Lang in Wellington, NZ in 2009.
11. **What's your favourite movie of all time?** Cheating here but the Elements Trilogy by Deepa Mehta (Fire, Earth, and Water).
12. **If you could make a documentary, what would it be about?** Australian stories about ordinary people of differing races, religions, politics, etc work together for the Common Good.
13. **What is the skill still unmastered?** Time management.
14. **You are stuck on an island, you can pick one food to eat forever without getting tired of it, what would you eat?** Gelato (especially raspberry and chocolate)
15. **Favourite colour?** Rust-orange
16. **What's your favourite activity to do in your hometown?** Coastal walks with my father.
17. **If you could master one instrument what would it be?** Saxophone
18. **One thing you can't live without?** Music
19. **What's one cause that's dear to your heart?** Care of planet earth. We only have one.
20. **What's your favourite sport?** I'm a disappointment as a NZ citizen and Australian resident – just not really that interested in sport, though I think I could get into tennis watching in Melbourne.
21. **Do you play any musical instruments?** Abandoned piano at grade two. Best for all concerned.
22. **What book is currently on your bedside table?** The Testaments by Margaret Atwood.
23. **What is something you always travel with?** Noise cancelling headphones.
24. **If you weren't a minister, what do you think you would be doing?** Human rights lawyer.
25. **Best meal you've had in Melbourne so far?** Tapas at Rice, Paper, Sister in Hardware Lane.



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THE INDUCTION SERVICE FOR REV DR MARGARET MAYMAN: SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2020



On the afternoon of Sunday, February 9, 2020 the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra inducted Rev Dr Margaret Anne Mayman to serve as Minister of the Word to the Congregation of St Michaels Uniting Church.

This was a significant and important event in the life of the Church as our last Induction service was held in 1971, some 49 years ago.

Planning for the service commenced in November 2019. Meetings were held with Rev Ross Pearce, Chairperson, Presbytery of Yarra Yarra who generously guided us through the process.

Given the importance of the occasion, invitations were sent out to politicians, Melbourne City Council and members of clergy from other denominations in the city of Melbourne. In addition, all members of St Michaels were invited to attend the event.



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An important part of planning involved music. Rhys Boak, Organist and Manager of Music in conjunction with Rev Dr Mayman developed a superb programme that celebrated and acknowledged the significance of the occasion.

The music was arranged to enhance each component of the Service. The processional music was chosen for its beauty and impact. As the musicians and choristers performed their opening piece by Bach, the members of Presbytery, visiting clergy and those leading the worship processed into the Church.

The Church was full and there was a great sense of expectation and occasion. Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Councillor Phillip Le Liu and Mr James Newbury MP representing the Leader of the Opposition, the Honourable Michael O'Brien were in attendance.

The Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania were represented by Rev Dr Mark Lawrence, General Secretary and Mr Ross Grinton, Presbytery Secretary. Unfortunately, the Moderator, Rev Denise Liersch sent apologies due to ill health.

Also, in attendance were representatives from other Uniting Church Presbyteries and clergy from other denominations.

Rev Pearce conducted the service with Rev Alistair Macrae, Minister Wesley Church and Chair of the Joint Nominating Committee giving the Sermon. The service was designed in discreet sections. The service opened with a Call to Worship, Hymn of Praise and then an Acknowledgement of Country and Words of Reconciliation. The Congregation was then led through the Service of the Word which included the Sermon, and an Affirmation of Faith.

The Service of Induction followed and was an intimate exchange between Rev Pearce and Rev Dr Mayman. Dr Mayman was asked to commit to St Michaels and minister to its congregation. Representatives from St Michaels were part of this sacred exchange. The Bible and the elements of baptismal water, bread and wine were presented to Dr Mayman. Then, the St Michael's Staff and a scroll representing the membership roll, were also presented. My thanks to



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Graeme Adamson, Joy Arnot, John Foster, Roz Rimes, Errol Hayden-Free, Maree McDonald and Catherine Jones who represented our congregation so well.

Following the Declaration of Induction, Dr Mayman was presented by Rev Pearce to the Presbytery, the Congregation and Council, and representatives from other churches and faiths as Minister to St Michaels Uniting Church. It was a wonderful and emotional moment as many people offered their hand in acknowledgement. Dr Mayman then had the opportunity to speak to the Congregation for the first time and we were delighted when she and her wife, Rev Clare Brockett sang to us in Maori.

Prayers for the new Minister were then delivered by Val Gill and Neil Blood as St Michaels representatives on the Joint Nominating Committee. Both prayers were beautifully written, and heart felt. They have been reprinted in this edition of Intersection so those not in attendance can read them. I thank them both for their considerable contribution to the JNC and the service.

Throughout the service, the music and hymns were uplifting and transcendent. The musicians and choristers performed an Anthem by Elgar and the

Postlude was again Bach. There were twenty-one choristers, eleven string players, four brass players, one flautist, one bassoonist, one oboist and two keyboard players. My sincere thanks to Rhys Boak, for the magnificent music and the work he did to prepare and rehearse the musicians.

Prior to the Postlude Rev Mayman gave the Blessing and then with Rev Pearce lead the procession of clergy out of the Church.

It was a splendid afternoon and we celebrated at an afternoon tea wonderfully catered for by Heather Martin. Thank you, Heather, for the delicious food and beverages especially the sausage rolls.

My final thanks to members of Council, Congregation and staff who worked tirelessly on ensuring the Induction of our new Minister was an event to remember.

We look forward with optimism and welcome Rev Dr Margaret Anne Mayman as our new Minister of St Michaels Uniting Church.

- Laura Beckett, Chair of Council

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The First Prayer of the People is for Margaret and her family.

Spirit of God

We, the people of St Michael's, are excited and truly blessed to have as our new Minister, the Rev Dr Margaret Mayman.

We also know that the answering of the call to St Michael's brings with it the very human challenges of significant change.

For Margaret, for Clare, for Andrew, and for family members and friends, each in their own way face the challenges and uncertainties of a new State, a new city, a new home, new work and a new church.

We pray that whatever the challenges and impacts are for Margaret and all those near and dear to her, may they know the all encompassing love, strength and guidance of the Spirit in all new beginnings. May they experience fulfilment and joy.

May the people of St Michael's embrace Margaret and Clare with open hearts, love and support.

And may Margaret be blessed with the Fruits of the Spirit, as together we begin this new journey, and she leads us, in the name of Jesus, into future ministries and service, here at St Michael's, in this City and beyond.

Amen.

- Val Gill



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**The second Prayer, 'Prayers of the People': is for
St Michael's Church, our Congregation and
Rev Dr Margaret Mayman's ministry**

At the commencement of a new era for St Michael's church, new beginnings for our congregation and a new ministry for Reverend Dr Margaret Mayman.

We recognise St Michael's history, one of inspiration, resilience, a place where people could find acceptance, healing, new hope, purpose and strength to cope. Solid foundations indeed for a congregation to build on and grow, and better understand our individual response to the world we live in.

As we commence a new era

May we be open to new inspiration
May we search for a better understanding of
our environment
May St Michael's community be known as a
place to find acceptance and reconciliation.
May we stand by those who struggle for justice
and forgiveness.
May we know the joy and energy that comes
with new inspiration.

May the spirit of peace and love guide
St Michael's community to make a difference
to this city of Melbourne and beyond.

We give thanks for the decision the Rev Dr Margaret Mayman has made to join and lead St Michael's community.

We look forward with a spirit of expectation to Margaret's ministry.
May St Michael's community encourage, nurture and embrace Margaret, her unique gifts, abilities and the resources Margaret brings to this ministry.

May this congregation, guided by our new minister and drawing on the resources, spiritual insights and compassionate values of the gospel message, contribute to the welfare of the society around us and beyond.

These are our thoughts – our hopes.
This is our prayer.
Amen

- Neil Blood



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REVEREND PETER BURNHAM: A REFLECTION ON 11 MONTHS AT ST MICHAEL'S



As one moves into the autumn of one's life, or the second half of life as Jung expresses it, there are many opportunities to reflect and to consider one's contribution to ministry with people. For over 35 years my ministry was in schools as a chaplain, working with students, parents and teachers. Much of my thinking and theology was shaped by working in a secular environment. My first contact with St Michael's was in 2005 when Dr Macnab invited me to preach when he was overseas.

I must confess, that it was with fear and trepidation that I accepted Graeme Adamson's invitation to consider a supply ministry to St Michael's. I had many of Dr Macnab's books on my shelves, and I knew of his reputation around the world as a psychotherapist. I also knew of his vision in establishing the Cairnmillar Institute and the Mingary Counselling Service at St Michael's. So, I thought I can't be Dr Macnab, I will be myself.

As I came out of a grief situation at the end of 2018, I remembered the words of Tolstoy: "Only people who are capable of loving strongly can also suffer great sorrow, but this same necessity of loving serves to counteract our grief and heals us." This in a sense became my mantra for my ministry to the congregation at St Michael's.

PASTORAL CARE:

I have had the privilege of listening to many people from the

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congregation who have trusted me with their stories and experiences. Sometimes that has been face to face, or sometimes by phone. I have discovered through the people of St Michael's that spiritual reality is often found more in the wintry seasons of the heart and life than in the summery ones. A big thank you for those life affirming experiences.

SPECIAL TIMES:

I will always remember with great affection the "Saving Jesus" program held for 12 weeks after the morning service. It is always hard to take the teacher out of myself, but I appreciated greatly the willingness of people to share their views and opinions in an open and accepting context.

St Michael's week and the 20th Anniversary of Mingary was also a time of celebration and community building. It was a significant worship service on the Sunday attended by many people and also Dr Macnab and Dr Lynette Kramer the Director of Mingary.

BAPTISMS:

Over half a dozen baptisms were conducted over the 11 months, and even one that was not booked in the office, but we all coped thanks to Joanne and Carol.

ADDRESSES:

One of the pressures of a ministry to St Michael's was to maintain the standard of excellence that the

congregation had experienced under the ministry of Dr Macnab. I was very familiar with the theology and Progressive Christian stance of St Michael's, so I have tried to emulate that and to take the congregation into some new pastures. Working in schools, I have always been conscious of the privilege granted to chaplains to use the English language, and to remember it wields great power. In the addresses I have given at St Michael's I have been mindful of the symbolic quality of words, their capacity to bless, to throw open doors onto truth, to inspire and to challenge. Each week has been a privilege to share with you my own spiritual journey, and because it is a human/divine interaction to be aware of the sensitivity of what is happening in people's lives. I was conscious that if what I was saying week by week, it had to have the capacity to reach deeply into another person's life as an announcement of good news. In that way words become a sacrament.

And finally, a big thankyou to all the members of Council, to Laura and to Graeme who kept a watchful eye on me, and to the support of Michelle, Glen and Carmen in the office. Also, I thank the congregation for the wonderful fountain pen presented to me at my farewell. As I use it, I will remember the people of St Michael's.

Tom Stoppard once wrote: "Every exit is an entrance somewhere else."

Blessings, Peter



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REVEREND PETER BURNHAM: FINAL THOUGHT FOR THE ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH COUNCIL DECEMBER 2019

(WITH APOLOGIES TO GILBERT AND
SULLIVAN)

"I am the very model of a modern parish minister.
My versatile efficiency is positively sinister;
In preaching I dress solid meat with rhetoric
rhapsodical,
In church administration I'm fantastically methodical,
My counselling is much admired for insight
psychological;
My RE lessons in the schools are marvels pedagogical,
I run a snappy meeting and think nothing of a fete or
two;
I am my own typist and work the photocopier too.

A dinky-die Uniting with interests ecumenical,
A forward-thinking liberal, progressive evangelical;
My versatile efficiency is positively sinister,
I am the very model of a modern parish minister.

I swiftly deal with apathy and even with antipathy,
Whenever anybody's ill I know it by telepathy;
I visit all the membership and many who are not, too,
I make them feel they ought to come but never say
they've got to.
As for office-bearers I'm a dab hand at recruiting them,
And also getting rid of them by other means than
shooting them;

When I preach on politics I'm careful not to trouble
you;
And soon, I'll have a men's shed that will join the
Greens party too.
A triumph I can publicise and play down a disaster;
But nowhere will you find a more proficient pastor.
My versatile efficiency is positively sinister,
I am the very model of a modern parish minister.

My services begin on time and finish with exactitude,
The sermons steer a middle course, 'twixt novelty and
platitude.
I'm keen on causes local but don't neglect the
missionary,
I always choose some modern local hymns to balance
the traditionary.
I'm witty at a wedding, take a funeral with great
dignity,
I jolly up the elderly and baptize with alacrity,
I'm skillful at encouraging the musician who nervous
is,
And never lack a gimmick to appeal at family services.
Take any other minister, her skill than mine will grab
you less,
Both young and old and middle-aged agree that I am
just fabulous.
My versatility efficiency is positively sinister;
I am the perfect model of a modern parish minister."





THE PEOPLE OF ST MICHAEL'S

JOY ARNOTT

In the early 1960's when she was doing her nursing training at the Alfred, Joy had started attending the Prahran Presbyterian Church, where Dr Francis Macnab and Rev Hugh Eady were the ministers. It was a progressive Church and a place where Christianity was made relevant to everyday life. There was an emphasis on spiritual as well as emotional and psychological wellbeing and people cared for one another.

Joy had come from the country and from a very traditional background where going to church was a big part of her life. A huge group would attend, including some from the Teachers College and they

were all from different denominations. It was very inclusive.

On returning to Melbourne in 1988/1989, after living in Bairnsdale in East Gippsland, Joy followed Dr Macnab to St Michael's and found that the same culture she had experienced in Prahran had been cultivated – but on a larger scale.

Joy feels that “St Michael's is a place that feeds her spirit” but she felt she wanted to give back. It took her some time to even gather the courage to attend morning tea but by 1996 she had become a member and had started helping out on door duty. She then joined the book group and is still attending over 20 years later. It continues to be a wonderful welcoming group, not only sharing the reading of a book but also providing genuine care and support for each other.

Not long after joining the Book Club she was elected onto the Church Council and she has served as Dean and Deputy Dean of Contact and Care.

Joy has enjoyed raising funds for Mingary and seeing the birth of ‘The Quiet Place’ and the growth of the counselling service. For Joy, Mingary has been a very special place, especially when she was facing a serious illness in 1999-2000.

Joy loves that she can use her skills as a nurse to contribute to the Church community. She gets great satisfaction from the work that she does with the Contact and Care Deanery and the feeling of being able to give something back to the church that continues to give her so much.

Joy says, “St Michael's continues to be a place that I go to be rejuvenated, challenged and inspired through the sermons, the music and the community. I am excited to be part of the next chapter of life at St Michael's as we start the new decade with the Rev Dr Margaret Mayman.”



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ALBERT PHILLIPS

I first attended the Collins Street Congregational Church in the late 50's when the ministers were the Rev Lyle Dixon and Rev Henshaw. It was a great church then as well as now. I attended my local church in East Malvern for the morning service and attended St Michael's for the 7.00pm service. There was a youth group and we often met in homes after the service for a good social time. Two other members from the East Malvern church also attended St Michael's and sang in the choir which was situated in the choir stalls where the rostrum is today.

I had a break for several years while overseas during which time I attended the City Temple in London and enjoyed hearing Leslie Weatherhead.

At our Mt Waverley church we ran a study group and had such speakers as Michael Morwood. This was highly opposed by the minister whose thinking was stuck in the dark ages and about 10 members moved to St Michael's. Carole and I started to attend St Michael's to embrace modern thinking from Dr Francis Macnab and have never looked back. We were delighted to have had Peter Burnham who has continued with such great services. We always left St Michael's with a strong message to lift our spirits.



Carole and I were on Church Council for a number of years and enjoyed being involved in the ongoing direction of the church. I have been involved with the Pastoral care team, visiting a church member who was no longer able to attend church. Both Carole and I have been on the Communion team and I have been on the welcoming and door duties for a number of years. I have also assisted Graeme Adamson as Deputy Dean. A great strength of St Michael's is the wonderful fellowship.

St Michaels has been in very good hands and we trust this will continue under Rev Dr Margaret Maymam.



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 PRAYER TREE NETWORK

Val Kelly undertook the very important role of Leader of St Michael's Prayer Tree for ten years, beginning in 2009 and resigning from the position early in 2019. Val was supported by husband, John, who forwarded the regular email communications to the members of the network.

A celebration was planned to thank Val and John early in 2019 for the very important roles they had undertaken during those years, but needed to be postponed for some months.

We were very pleased that Val's health had improved greatly and that both Val and John were able to attend a Sunday service in November, where their most important work to ensure so many people felt supported in difficult times, was recognised.

A Morning Tea was held for Val and John with the other members of the network after the service, at which Maree McDonald, on behalf of the Chair of Council, Laura Beckett, thanked them for the valuable contributions they both made to the life of St Michael's.



VALE



MALCOLM JOHNS

Malcolm Johns, a St Michael's member, passed away on Tuesday 14 January, 2020.

Malcolm and Joan have been members of St Michael's since 1996 and were involved in many ways in past years. St Michael's has always been a very special place for them both. Unfortunately Malcolm had been unable to attend and be involved in the life of the church for many years.

A Service of Celebration for Malcolm's Life, conducted by Rev Alistair Macrae, was held at St Michael's, at which Malcolm was warmly remembered by his family and friends.

WAL BERRYMAN

Wal Berryman, who passed away on Monday 2 December, 2019, was a Member of St Michael's for 23 years, a Member of Church Council for 21 years and a Member of the Executive for many years.

Wal made a significant contribution to the life of St Michael's in many ways, including being involved in the restoration of the church, the organisation of Inter Faith activities, the Prayer Tree, Welcoming Teams and Regional activities.

A Celebration of Wal's life was held at the Le Pine Funeral Chapel in Camberwell and was attended by several St Michael's people.

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ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH COUNCIL 2020

The St Michael's Council elections were held on Sunday 24 November 2019.

Mr Ian Smith, Chair of the Congregation, in charge of counting the votes, advised the following members were duly elected to the Council for 2020:

Graeme Adamson
Peter Anderson
Laura Beckett
John Coppock
Ian Cox
Val Gill
Maree McDonald
Lyndell O'Brien
Cheryl Power
Lorraine Woolley

Members also on the Council for 2020 will be Jeanette Noy and Wilf Sawtazky who have previously been elected as Council Members by the congregation.

It should be noted that the Minister Reverend Dr Margaret Mayman will also be an important member of the Church Council.

We would like to thank all members of the congregation who participated in the voting process and take the opportunity to congratulate all Council members for 2020 and we wish them well in their important task as Church Councillors.



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.

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.

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BUSH FIRE APPEAL

To support those affected by the bushfires the St Michael's Council determined that an immediate donation of \$10,000.00 would be given to Frontier Services, an Agency of the Uniting Church of Australia, to help fund a Bush Chaplain in the Greater Gippsland Region.

In addition, the Council determined that \$2,702 collection on Sunday 2 February 2020 would also go to Frontier Services to support those affected by bushfires in the Gippsland area.

For more information about the appeal go to:
<https://frontierservices.org/>



RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

When you look at your old glasses, do you think, "I paid a fortune for these! I don't want to see them go to waste. Could someone else get some use out of these?"

Yes! You can donate your specs.

St Michael's along with Lions Recycle for Sight Australia can help put your old specs to a better use rather than sitting in the bottom of a drawer. Lions Recycle for Sight Australia is part of the Lions Club International Worldwide Eyeglass Recycling Program.

Over 26 years Lions Recycle has operated the program, has delivered over 7 million pairs of refurbished quality spectacles to men, women and children in need in Africa, Europe, Middle East, Indian Sub-continent, East Asia, and the Far East, China, the countries of the Pacific Rim and Southern Asia and Oceania.

Please bring your unwanted specs and place them in the donation box located next to the enquiry table in St Michael's Hall on Sunday's or drop them in to the St Michael's Administration office.

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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.

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MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Learn to be in the present moment. Reset and find your calm with Karen Ellis as your guide. Meditation has long been part of Karen's life. For the last 10 years, her interest has extended to sharing her 40 years of personal practice 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.
Sundays at 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.

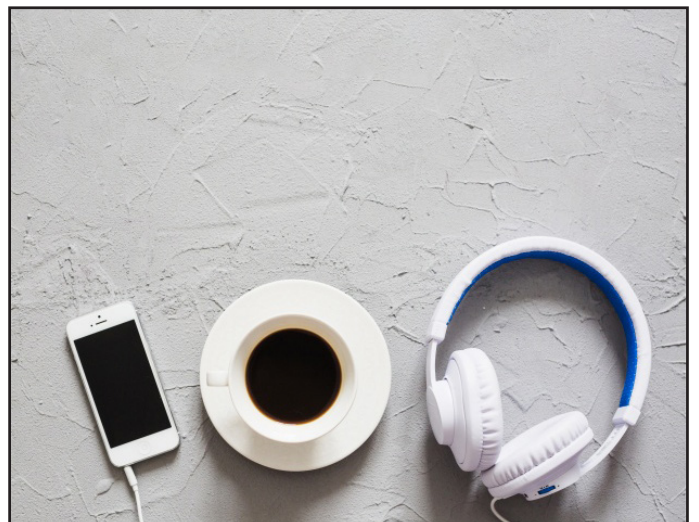
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MINGARY COUNSELLING SERVICE REPORT BY DR LYNETTE KRAMER

2019 was a busy year for the counselling service. There were 2960 hours of client consultations compared with 2383 hours in 2018. It's great that we have been able to offer more assistance to the people of Melbourne. This is due to an increase in supervisory staff, which allowed us to have a greater intern presence across the working week. There were nine interns at Mingary in 2019 who are now at various stages of applying to become registered psychologists. Several already have jobs, while others are taking well-deserved breaks before embarking on their new careers.

The new interns who will be with us for the duration of 2020 are off to a great start. Before commencing their work with clients on 3 February, they attended Orientation at Mingary on 30 and 31 January. At the

end of the first day, members of the Council met the interns and welcomed them to their internship year at St Michael's. It was beneficial for the interns to hear about St Michael's and the different roles undertaken by the volunteer members of the Council. The interns spoke about their different pathways to choosing to become psychologists.

The different professional, personal, cultural and religious backgrounds of the interns are quite impressive. They range in age from 23 to 64 and speak a number of languages. Five were born overseas (Iraq, Pakistan, Germany, Mexico, and England) and the rest have parents who were born overseas (Cambodia, Mauritius and Macedonia).


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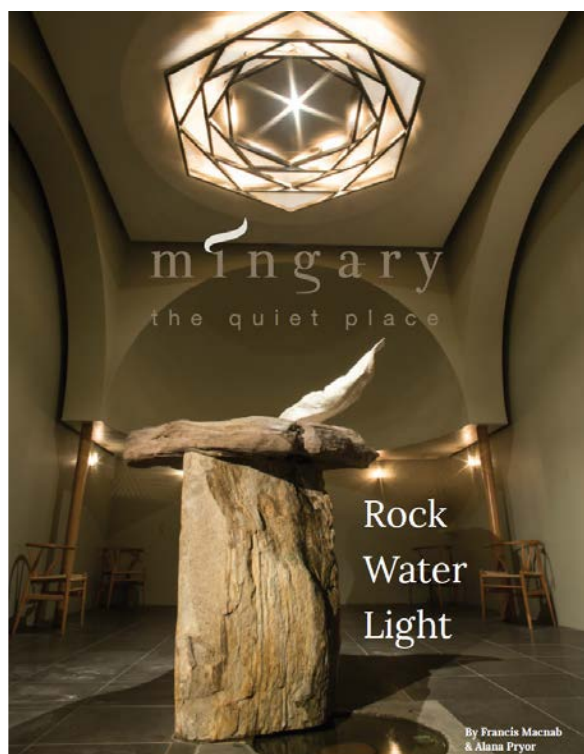
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