

St. Michael & ALL ANGELS, NEWPORT Network

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The Light of Newport

Jesus said confidently about Himself, "I am the light of the world". His light pierced the darkness of the world – the world that was initially created good, a world spoilt by the disobedience of the very people put in charge of the world. The darkness is still very much evident in the world. We just have to read the newspaper or look at the nightly news to be reminded of that.

When we are called out to follow the Lord Jesus, we are not taken out of this world – out of the darkness, rather we are told to be "in" the world, but not "of" the world. We are to continue here in this world, but not be shaped by it. This is the rub – most of us are shaped by the world – not only are we in the world but we are of the world also.

The process that should be happening in our lives is that His light should be penetrating our darkness and changing us.

Jesus gives us a daring commission – "YOU are the light of the world", he says. "I want you to shine with my light. Let your character and words draw attention to our Father."

What a privilege – and what a responsibility.

Peter Clark

Money Matters

Weekly Budget:	\$3,275.00	This is the amount of money that is needed in donations to cover our costs each week
Received last week:	\$1,990.58	This is the amount that we received last week
Shortfall:	\$1,284.42	This amount is the difference of what we received in and our budget amount

It is also noted that 4 people have responded to the Children's & Youth worker program with donations so far of \$2,835.00 WATCH THIS SPACE as more come in.

Here at St. Michael & All Angels we exist to...

Love God and His people

Make disciples by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ

Mature together while serving Christ.

Sentence

Hear the word of the prophet Isaiah: Shake yourself from the dust, says the Lord, arise, O captive Jerusalem; loose the bonds from you neck, O captive daughter of zion. Isaiah 52:2

Collect

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, encouraged and supported by your holy Word, we may embrace and always hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Archbishop's Prayer

Our Gracious God, we pray that you will help us to proclaim our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, so that everyone around us will hear his call to repent, trust and serve Christ in love, and be established in the fellowship of his disciples, while we await his return. May we continue to pray, to depend on your Holy Spirit, and glorify you. Amen.


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Notices

Thankyou – Heather and I would like to thankyou for 10 wonderful years in the Parish of Newport. We have very much enjoyed ministry here and pray that we have been useful in serving God. Thankyou too, for the gathering that has been organised today.

Welcome to Peter Keegan, with us today from WORLD VISION.

Flower arranging for 2007 – We need two volunteers to arrange flowers next year. You will be called on only 4 times in the year. Please tell Peter or Joan Stephens on 9997 6753

A big thank you to all the ladies who have worked hard again this year creating our wonderful flower arrangements every week, they always look so beautiful. Happy Christmas, Joan Stephens.”



Christmas SERVICES

Christmas Carols: Friday 15th commencing at 6pm with a BYO picnic in the church grounds and activities for children. Carols to commence at 7.30pm.

Christmas Eve: Sunday 24th
8am – Holy Communion
5pm – “Christmas for Children”
11.30pm – Holy Communion

(Note: On Sunday, 24th December there will be no service at 10am but there will be a service at 5pm.)

Christmas Day: Monday 25th
7.00am – Holy Communion
9.00am – Family Service

MISSION MADAGASCAR

www.missionmadagascar.info

COUNTDOWN TO DEPARTURE: 27 DAYS ONLY!!

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.”
And, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.”
Luke 10:27*

We would love it if you could keep us in your prayers. Here are some specific things to bring before our great God in prayer:

- Pray that God would prepare our hearts, minds and souls for ministry in Madagascar. That we would love the people of Madagascar like Jesus loves them.
- Pray that God would raise up a support team to support us in prayer and finances.

WANTED: Our brother and my ministry colleague Philip Rawlings is undertaking a Master’s Degree in Counselling. He has asked our congregation for assistance. In 2007 it is a requirement of his course for him to complete 200 hours of counselling. This means that he is to listen and speak to 5 or 6 people each week (for approximately one hour each). He has used Heather and I as guinea pigs earlier this year – and it was a very good and useful experience. It is a great opportunity. There is of course, full confidentiality and no cost whatsoever. If you have some burden that you want to share or if you have more anger than you think you should have, or if you are sadder about your life and circumstances than you would like to be, or anything else – take up the opportunity. Ring him on 0412 037 251.



Prayer List

Diane Bezer, Patrice Sillar,
Max Wrench, Sally Bailey,
Jenny Morris, Thomas Woodley,
Rosemary & Frank Spence,
Glenn Milham, Margaret Partridge