

St. Michael & ALL ANGELS, NEWPORT Network

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THE SECRET. Being poor in spirit

There is one basic fact that we should all face: We came into the world with nothing and we will leave this world with nothing. Where do churches and people get the notion that our idea of success and God's idea of success are the same? Mostly, it is OUR idea transferred to God (a part of making God in our own image). People do all sorts of clever things in their lives – and who is it all down to in the end? God! He gives us the gifts of intelligence, imagination, personality and physical energy. Without these where would any of us be? We have nothing apart from God's infinite mercy and love. We came out of nothing – and if we have ended up anything – it is because of God (there is no such thing as a “self made man” – how offensive to God). If God were to hold back the breath of life – even for an instant, our physical existence would shrivel into nothingness.

The secret then (which is no secret at all if we read our Bibles) is being poor in spirit – recognising our creatureliness and our sinfulness – and, being ready to confess our sin and renounce them.

“By the grace of God I am what I am” 1 Corinthians 15:10

Have a great day,

Peter.

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

Lord, be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me; for your Name's sake lead me and guide me. Psalm 31.2-3

Collect

Let your merciful ears, Lord God, be open to the prayers of your people; and so that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as will please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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



We were saddened to hear to the death of Ella Farmilo earlier this week. Her service was held here at St. Michael's last Thursday.

Monday Night Men's Growth Group... is up and running for another exciting term. All men welcome 7.30pm – 8.45pm. We are continuing on in our series on Paul's letter to the Romans.

Attention Women... Working through the week... and yet you would like the support of an evening Growth Group and Bible Study? See Sarah Hawling, there is possibly one starting on Wednesday evenings.

Annual Vestry Meeting Please note the change in date – it has been brought forward to Friday, 9th March, 2007 at 8pm. Any reports to the Rector by Friday, 23rd February please.

Next Tuesday Evening 13th February at 7.30pm in the Church....a DVD on Church History. Hosted by the Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study. All are welcome.

School Scripture Teachers and Helpers. Please collect your books etc. on Friday, 16th at 2pm. Classes start on Tuesday 20th February.

What Is The Best Kept Secret At Our Church?

ANSWER: THE EVENING SERVICE NOW AT 5PM

The Evening Service is now at the new time of 5pm. The reason for this is an attempt to make it more accessible for families AND as an option if families cannot be at the morning services. It is a great Service to be a part of – there continues to be a friendly bunch of people who attend. The Bible teaching is first class and the music is terrific. It concludes with a delicious meal



We want to thank Joan Stephens VERY MUCH for organising the flower roster for many years! Unfortunately she has to give this up now due to ill health.

Pat Allen and Heather Clark have kindly offered to fill two vacant spots on the roster. We need one more now to replace Joan. Perhaps two people could job share? That would only mean doing the flowers twice a year. So do ring me on 9979 9447. Ros Tugwell.

Discover FOR YOURSELF the irrefutable evidence of

God

True or False?

"He was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon him and by his wounds we are healed?"

Isaiah 53:5

Women's Bible Study Monday Mornings @ St Michael's

COMMENCING: 5th February, 2007

MORNING TEA: 9.30am to 10.00am

DISCUSSION & STUDY: 10.00am to 11.15am

Running alongside M&M's Playgroup. Children Welcome.

Bring your questions and come on an amazing journey of discovery and wisdom as we delve deep into the Word and as God reveals the secrets of His kingdom to "those with ears to hear and eyes to see."

What is the kingdom of God? Who is the Strong Man? Must he be crushed? What are the promises of God? What about all the other gods? Why does God allow suffering in this world?

Phone Deborah Banks for details 9918 4272



Prayer List

Rosemary and Frank Spence