

St. Michael & ALL ANGELS, NEWPORT Network

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*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

Let our prayer come before you,
O Lord, incline your ear to our
cry. PSALM 88:2

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, of
your bountiful goodness keep
us from everything that may
hurt us, that we may be ready
in body and soul cheerfully to
accomplish whatever you want
us to do; 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.

Dear Friends.

Greetings and welcome to our Services today. It is good to be back – thank you for the warm welcome last week. We had a great break with some terrific experiences. I guess they will filter through over the next weeks and months. Today I would like to share with you some thoughts of Moses' relationship with God.

“Moses used to take a tent and set it up a long way outside the camp; he called it the “Meeting Tent.” Anyone who wanted to ask the LORD about something would go to the Meeting Tent outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the Tent, all the people would rise and stand at the entrances of their tents, watching him until he entered the Meeting Tent. When Moses went into the Tent, the pillar of cloud would always come down and stay at the entrance of the Tent while the LORD spoke with Moses. Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud at the entrance of the Tent, they stood and worshiped, each person at the entrance of his own tent. The LORD spoke to Moses face to face as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but Moses' young helper, Joshua son of Nun, did not leave the Tent.” (Exodus 33 v 7-11)

What must it have been like, when you had a problem, to be able to consult not just anyone, but the LORD, who had all the right answers on every subject? This is what the Israelites were able to do. “Anyone who wanted to ask the Lord about something would go to the Meeting Tent outside the camp.” Moses did not even have to sort out everyone's problems himself, for “The Lord spoke to Moses face to face as a man speaks with his friend.”

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But suppose today, I was able to meet with God in the same way? Would it do me any good? Would I actually listen to his answers to my questions? Would I take his advice? Would I be willing to follow his instructions?

Or would I, instead, argue with God and then do whatever I really wanted to do, somehow justifying my actions to myself?

An answer is provided by what I currently do in response to the Bible. For I can meet with God every day through his word, if I choose. God has already provided answers to problems, difficulties and queries which arise in my life, through His written word.

The Israelites recognised from the pillar of cloud that appeared at the meeting tent that something holy and awesome was taking place inside. But they merely “stood and worshipped” outside unable, unlike Moses, to become more closely involved. Do I acknowledge the Bible as God’s word but “stand and worship” it from a distance, not yearning to meet God, through his written word, more intimately, “face to face” as it were?

Given the choice, do I want to be an observer of God or a special friend of God, who meets him in person? How will you choose today? What little contact we did have with the Nepali church was a very encouraging one – they were thoroughly Biblical in all they did – as well as being enthusiastic and energetic for the Gospel.

Prayer

Loving Father, I long to develop and deepen my relationship with you in preparation for that day when I shall see you face to face. I know in my heart that the Bible is your personal word to me. Please help me to become more intimately involved with your word, so as to increase my knowledge of you and my enthusiasm for your son Jesus Christ. Amen

Peter Clark



COUNTDOWN TO DEPARTURE: 55 DAYS

“Our mission is to work in youth evangelism alongside existing churches to see the lives of young people transformed by Jesus”

Peter & Kara Schaffler

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:

- Praise God for the successful visa application on Thursday from the Malagasy consulate.
- Pray that God would continue to provide for this ministry through ongoing financial support to enable us to work in Madagascar in the long term.



Prayer List

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

can you Help?

We need volunteers to help out in the following areas. If you can help us, please let Karen Crosbie know ph 9918 5338

Morning Tea – 10am service.
Call Karen Crosbie 9918 5338.

Flower Arranging for 2007 –
Two volunteers are needed which will work out to be 4 times per year.
Contact Joan Stephens 9997 6753.

Library – Contact Thelma Bennett
9999 4365.

Sound System & Overheads –
Contact Scott or Fiona Avery.

Exciting Opportunity

Training on the new Audio/Visual desk will be conducted during the music practice sessions.

Ideally, 10-12 people should be trained, so come along and find out just how easy it is!!!

Music practice is held every 2nd Wednesday @ 6pm at the church.

The next session is next Wednesday, 22 November. All ages welcome!!!

Gingerbread

house making

Friday 1 December @ 8pm

This is an outreach event and a great opportunity to invite some of your non-christian friends along.

Cost is \$25 per house. (additional kits available to make at home)

Invitations available at the back of the church.

To book call Karen Crosbie 0413 002 040.

Only 50 places so don't miss out!!



LOOK OUT TOWARDS OTHERS

If you've been to *Link Up & Lock In* then you need to come to *Look Out*, 3rd episode in our series of seminars.

Look Out Towards Others – **not to be missed!** will be held on Saturday 18th November 4.00pm-6.00pm followed by dinner at 177 Garden St Warriewood (children welcome).
Please contact Warren 9979 3475 if you can make it.



BCA Stamps

Recently I delivered some 5 kilos of stamps to the NSW office of BCA. This represents some 20,000 stamps collected from parishioners of St Michaels over a period of 15 months.

Please look at the artists impression of the stamp above, the outside lines indicate the width necessary to protect the stamps during transport in bags and boxes. We will continue to accept untrimmed stamps and arrange trimming at our end!

With Christmas coming up, your volume of mail will increase. Think of BCA and keep those stamps coming! Stamps may be left at the back of the church at any time.

Thank you for your participation on behalf of BCA.

John Krabman

LINC

Volunteers and Friends.

A date for your diary.

Monday 4 December

Christmas Luncheon

Noon, Uniting Church, Avalon

Direct Giving

Bank: ANZ Newport Beach

BSB: 012-353

Acc No: 8627772

Name: St Michael and all Angels
Anglican Church Newport

For queries contact Rod Bennett
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Christians being persecuted in North Korea

Tens of thousands of Christians suffer in North Korean prison camps – victims of torture, near starvation, extreme cold and cruel “medical” experiments. Ask God to comfort and strengthen these courageous believers.

Dictator Kim Jong-II rules North Korea with an iron fist. Pray that God will reach this man and change his heart – or remove him from power.

Believers meet in utter secrecy – but churches are growing! Ask God to protect the house churches and fan the flames of revival in this land.



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: \$1,869.78 This is the amount that we received last week

Shortfall: \$1,405.22 This amount is the difference of what we received in and our budget amount