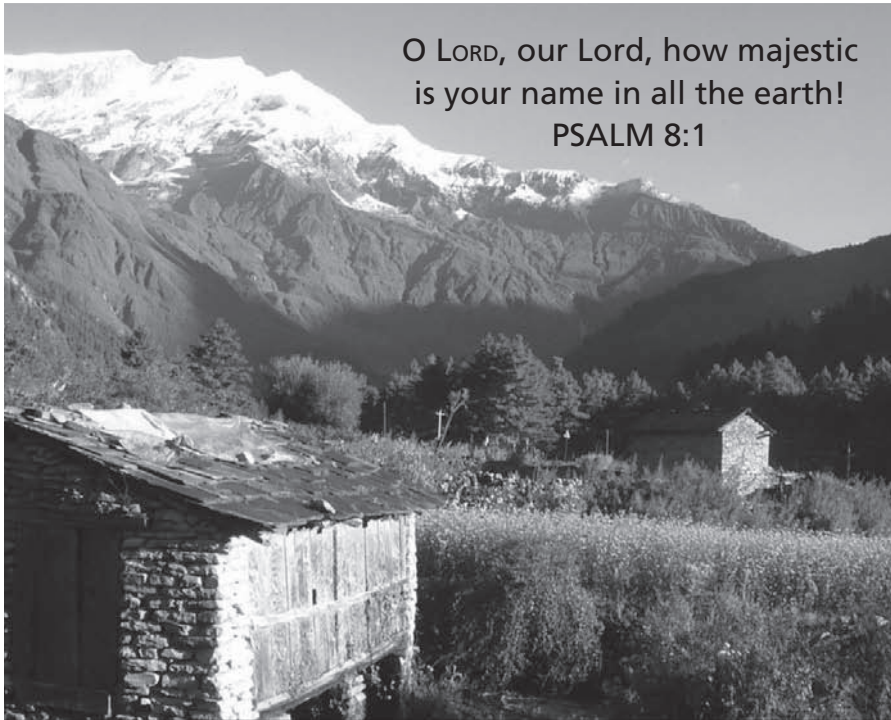


St. Michael & ALL ANGELS, NEWPORT Network

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Sunday 26 November, 2006



O LORD, our Lord, how majestic
is your name in all the earth!
PSALM 8:1

Photo courtesy of Peter & Heather Clark, Nepal 2006

Dear friends

The LORD said to Moses, "Cut two more stone tablets like the first two, and I will write the same words on them that were on the first stones which you broke. Be ready tomorrow morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Stand before me there on the top of the mountain. No one may come with you or even be seen any place on the mountain. Not even the flocks or herds may eat grass near that mountain."

So Moses cut two stone tablets like the first ones. Then early the next morning he went up Mount Sinai, just as the LORD had commanded him, carrying the two stone tablets with him. (Exodus 34:1-4)

Are you ready? "For what?" you might ask. Are you ready for anything – to do all that God may ask of you – at any time?

God gave Moses an unusual request. Moses had to cut stone tablets and be ready the next morning to go up Mount Sinai. Not only was Moses asked to do the hard labour of cutting the stone tablets, this was not the first such request! Yet does Moses moan, "I've already done this once before?" No. Moses readily responds and gets on with the job. He "cut two stone tablets like the first ones. Then early the next morning he went up Mount Sinai, just as the LORD had commanded him."

So are you ready? To respond to God's call, no matter how strange it may seem? Are you prepared to go where he wants you to and do what he asks you to, even if you appear to be repeating what you have done in the past?

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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

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Revelations 5:12; 1:6

Collect

God our Father, whose will is to bring all things to order and unity in our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that all the peoples of the world, now divided and torn apart by sin, may be brought together in his kingdom of love; 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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Or are you so spiritually weighed down by your own baggage that you are unable to hear his voice, let alone do anything he might ask you?

If your life resembles this last scenario, then isn't this a good day to let go of everything that is not of God? So that when God's next call comes to you, you can respond, "I am ready, Lord."

Prayer

Father of all comfort and peace, I want to be ready to hear your voice and to respond in faith to your call. Help me to put aside all in my life that you do not want for me. Release me of all earthly baggage so that I may be spiritually free; ready to respond to whatever you may ask of me following the example of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Peter Clark



Christmas Carols this year are on Friday evening, 15th December, commencing at 6pm with a BYO picnic in the church grounds and activities for children. Carols to commence at 7.30pm. There will be battery "candles" and wrist bracelets for sale.

MENonly . . .

Monday night **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets again this Monday night at Peter and Victoria Taylor's home, 1521 Pittwater Road, North Narrabeen at 7.30pm.

MEN'S DINNER coming up at Warren & Andrea's home on Saturday, 2nd December, please RSVP to Warren on 0411 876 963. Speaker: Steve Ross.



COUNTDOWN TO DEPARTURE: 41 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 we would go to Madagascar with God's agenda not our own. That God's purposes for us in Madagascar would be fulfilled as He leads and guides us.
- Pray for practical preparation of moving Peter, Kara, Luke and Josiah for mission in Madagascar.



Christmas SERVICES

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

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

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Prayer List

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



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

LIBRARY OPEN

IN THE FOREST ROOM

Borrowers now wanted!

List of all books is in the library folder in the Forest room.

When taking out a book please put your name, name of the book and date taken on the first page of the library folder.

Unless it is a recourse book, please return with in 3 weeks.

There will be a box in the library for book donations and suggestions of new books or ideas.

Thelma Bennett will be near the library after 8 am and before 10 am service most weeks if you have questions.

We Need YOU!!

We still 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 – Fiona and Scott will be away during the Christmas period and we shall need someone to operate the sound system in their absence. Training sessions are planned every second Wednesday during band practice. Please call Scott or Fiona if you can help in this area.

PRAYER MEETINGS

The Core Activity Of The Parish

Join with us on . . .

Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 8.30pm OR

Friday Mornings 6.30am to 7.15am.

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: \$1,812.58 This is the amount that we received last week

Shortfall: \$1,462.42 This amount is the difference of what we received in and our budget amount