



**SUNDAY 12th Nov 2017**  
**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

***A warm welcome*** to St. Michael's Spearwood. Children are especially welcome. We do hope that you will find the worship uplifting and that your relationship with Jesus Christ is enriched through it.

If you have any questions about what we do here or about the Christian Faith in general I would be happy to make time to discuss them or any other issues with you.

Gluten free wafers are available for Communion, if you require these please speak to the service leader.

*Revd Debbie*

**Prayer of the Day:**

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

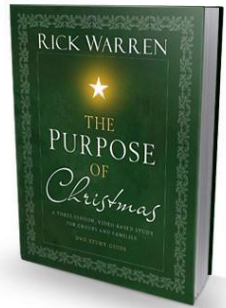
## The Purpose of Christmas:

There will be a three-session video based Advent study for St Michaels and St Edwards.

The course is entitled The Purpose of Christmas by Rick Warren and covers the following.

1. Christmas Is a time for Celebration
2. Christmas Is a time for Salvation
3. Christmas Is a time for Reconciliation.

Please look out for further details coming soon.....



## Christmas Services:

**Wednesday 13th 6.30pm** Carol Service St Michael's

**Saturday 16th 6.00pm** Carol Service St Edward's

**Sunday 24th 8.30am** at St Edward's and **10.30am** at St Michael's

**Christmas Day Communion** combined Service 9.00am TBA

## Dates for the Diary:

Alpha Group: Alpha final session on this Tuesday 6.00pm

Ladies Morning Tea: Tuesday 28th November at Coogee café \$15 hosted by the Spearwood church.

Singing Group: This group meets on Thursdays at 6:00pm Hilton.

New 2 You Sale: 2nd December 9.00 - 1.00pm Hilton.

## Day of Lament 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017

To be held at McCallum Park, Victoria Park. (Parking in Taylor Street) 3.30pm Gathering 4.15pm Lament

We are gathering people of faith to respond to the findings of the royal commission into child abuse in institutional settings, to show that we are listening, and that we are committed to justice.

At 3.30 pm, we invite you and your family/ friends to arrive with picnic rugs, chairs and afternoon tea.

At 4.15pm, please join us for a short liturgy of lament, when we will: • Lament the silence • Acknowledge the pain • Say we are sorry • Pray for healing • Commit to justice.



## **CARE PACKAGE**

If you know of anyone who is in need, at the present time and would appreciate receiving a small care package, please can you let Revd. Debbie know in the strictest confidence. Thank you.

## **Prayer Focus**

- Ask for God's Blessing on all who have celebrated birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions recently.
- Thank God for everyone who has ever invited or brought someone to Church. May God's presence be known to them in each and every moment of their lives.
- Ask God to make abundant faith grow in people's hearts, that they may not only receive His blessings but also offer their gifts for the building up of the Church
- Pray for country people at their times of harvest. Ask God to give them the yields and the prices and the systems they need to make their living.
- Pray for grateful hearts and generous giving among our church members. For a bountiful harvest for all who sow and for our generous thanks to God for his provision.
- For God Vision for us and for our willing hearts to accept His will and humility to reject our own desires when they differ.
- Give thanks for habits for healthy community life, highlighted through Church Safe training. Ask God to help us make all our churches places where no one needs to be afraid.

## Congratulations

Congratulations and Gods richest blessing to Sonia Loader and her family on the safe arrival of new Baby 'Rilee Thomas Loader' born on Wednesday at 2.13pm. Weight 3.13kg

I'm pleased to say that mother and baby are doing well.

## St Michael's Prayers and Thanksgivings

If you would like prayers to be published here, please give them to Revd. Debbie or E-mail them to [spearwoodchurch@gmail.com](mailto:spearwoodchurch@gmail.com).

Please ensure that all parties involved are happy for the information to be made public.

Date	Welcome	Reader	Prayer	LA/LMP	Sacristan	M/Tea
12th Nov	Karl	Maria Merv	June	Len Audrey T	Lorraine	Bridgid
19th Nov	Merv	Audrey June	Lorraine	Colleen June	Colleen	Bern Barb

### This Weeks Readings: 12th October

1 Thessalonians 4:9-18, Matthew 25:1-13 Psalm 78.1-7  
Joshua 24:3a,14-25

### Next Weeks Readings: 19th November

Judges 4:1-10, Psalm 123,1 Thessalonians 5:1-11,  
Matthew 25:14-30

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