St Michaels & All Angels Church , Parish of Spearwood Western Australia

Michael's Monthly Message October 2024



KALGOORLIE MIRACLE BABY

A one year old baby in Kalgoorlie was found dead at the bottom of a pool. They attempted CPR and the baby was taken to Kalgoorlie Hospital where they continued CPR.

The father of the baby was driving his truck when he was contacted and so he turned his truck around and headed back to Kalgoorlie.

A local pastor who knew the family and worked in the hospital came in and started praying. He contacted his wife who was leading a prayer meeting and so they all started to pray for the baby too.

The baby and the father were airlifted to Perth Children's Hospital where they continued CPR.

After 3 hours of CPR, PCH stopped attempts to resuscitate the baby. Suddenly the baby coughed and returned to life.

RIP LEN ASKEVOLD

I would like to pay tribute to a dear man and faithful member of St.Michael's, Len Askevold, who went to be with the Lord in July this year.

Len served as an LPM for many years and with his wife Lorraine, took communion to the folks at Amberley.

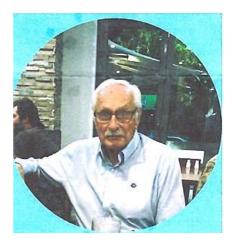
Len faithfully served the church for many years, helping out in any way he could. He always had a smile and an encouraging word, he made the best cheese cake around.

Sadly, as his and Lorraine's health deteriorated, they were not able to come to church and eventually had to move into a nursing home in Rockingham. Len loved dancing and attended many dances and bootscooting classes in the area.

Lorraine suffers from dementia but is very happy in her own little world. Please hold her in prayer.

RIP Len and thank you for all you did at St Michael's.

Blessings, Maxine Smith.



COMING UP.... BUNNING'S SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Come along to Bunnings Spearwood and support our fund raising event on **Saturday,9th November 2024.**

We also need VOLUNTEERS to help out at the sausage sizzle. Please see Sara Davies, Dena, Nellie or Kayla for more information.

FROM REVEREND DEBBIE;

HIGH TEA

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise and supported the High Tea fundraiser at St Michaels this month. It was a most enjoyable occasion and included a special game of Bingo, a door prize and even a raffle. The sandwiches, scones and cakes were a real treat as usual and the selection of teas, prosecco, juice and raspberries a delight. This has become a popular event at St Michaels and even the long weekend and the beginning of the school holidays did not stop our team raising \$1768.05 towards our fundraising efforts. Well done.

PLANT SALE OCTOBER 20th!

There will be a plant Sale on October 20th following the morning service. (approx11.30am) A wide selection will be available to purchase but more donations are very welcome. Please come along and support this fundraiser and be sure to invite your friends and neighbours.

SPEARWOOD PARISH BANK DETAILS

Thank you to everyone that makes direct transfers to St Michaels Bank account, however, please ensure when making donations to the church that you enter the correct bank details. The Anglican Community Fund had received a couple of payments for St Michaels that had the incorrect account number, thankfully they were able to allocate the donation to the right account and we thankfully received the donation.

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MINISTRY at ST MICHAELS

Please continue to pray for solutions to clear the debt that St Michaels church owes the Anglican Diocese. Approx \$30,000

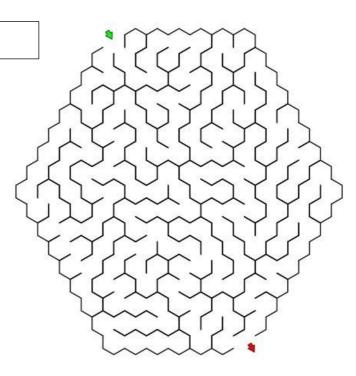
Church Council will be meeting with Bishop David to see if there is a way of paying off the debt in a timely manner that would avoid cutting ministry hours of your priest. Bishop David and the Diocesan Finance team have suggested that Pastoral and Ministry hours to St Michaels be reduced by half which we would hope to avoid. Three days priestly ministry is not sufficient for the needs of our growing parish. Please pray that other solutions would become apparent.

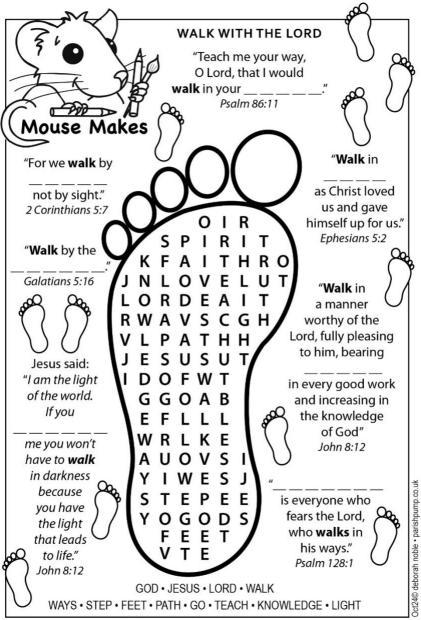
VACUUM CLEANER NEEDED

If anyone has a vacuum cleaner that they no longer need, please consider donating it to St Michaels Church who are looking to acquire one for the cleaning of the church. Please speak to one of the wardens. Maxine or Sara. Thank you.



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Find the words from the questions too!

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Across

1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)

4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)

7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)

8 See 19 Across

9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest(Luke 9:46) (8)

13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5)(3)

16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)

17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)

19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)

24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)

- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)

27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)

2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had avision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)

3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile inBabylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)

- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born '(John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)

13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)

14 'This is my - -, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)

- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)

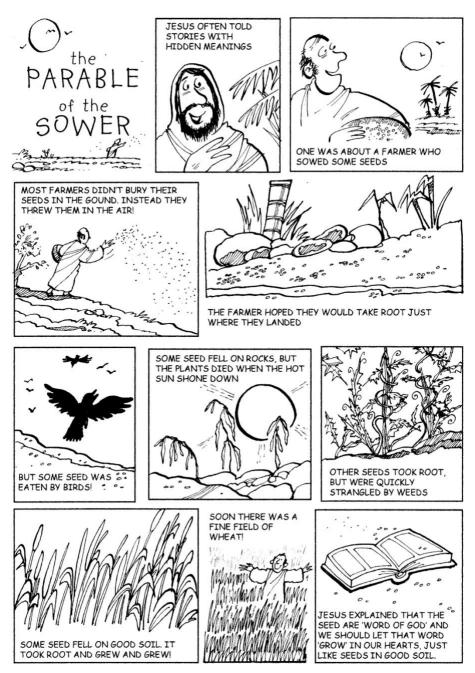
21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran,

- fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

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Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market. DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.





Quotes

- Worship is no longer worship when it reflects the culture around us more than the Christ within us. *Tozer*
- Never undertake more Christian service that you can cover by believing prayer. Alan Redpath
- We do the works, but God works in us the doing of the works. *Augustine*
- A time will come when instead of shepherds feeding the sheep, the Church will have clowns entertaining the goats. *Spurgeon*
- If you don't believe in the devil's existence, just try resisting him for a while. *Charles G Finney*
- Satan does not work haphazardly, but attacks systematically. Thomas Cosmades
- Satan is not fighting churches; he is joining them. He does more harm by sowing tares than by pulling up wheat. He accomplishes more by imitation than by outright opposition. *-Vance Havner*
- What part of "THOU SHALT NOT" don't you understand? A clear conscience makes a soft pillow. The wages of sin is death. Repent before payday. Don't let the littleness in others bring out the littleness in you.
- Exercise daily walk with the Lord.
 We don't change God's message His message changes us.
 The best thing parents can do for their children is to love each other.
- Harsh words break no bones, but they do break hearts.
- To get out of a difficulty, one usually must go through it.
- We take for granted the things that we should be giving thanks for.
- For every minute you are angry with someone, you lose 60 seconds of happiness that you can never get back.
- Do what you can, for who you can, with what you have, and where you are.
- From parishpump

<u>Jokes</u>

My six-year-old son was excited about choosing his Halloween costume. "I'm going to be the Pope," he announced proudly. "But Ian, you can't be the Pope. You're not Catholic," I explained.

"You're Church of England."

My son was silent for a few moments, while he considered his alternatives. "Well, is Dracula Church of England?"

Signs of our times? Pew-sheet notices that didn't come out quite right...

Would the person who took the church step ladder last week please bring it back, or further steps will be taken.

After Sunday morning coffee, please empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

Hymn of Invitation: 'Whoever He Leads I'll Go'

Our visiting monster today is the Revd Jack Bains.

Church toilet out of order. Please use floor below.

Worshippers are asked to wail, until the choir has been served Holy Communion.

Pray for continual growth for our teens, that a food foundation will be laid in their lives.

We are always happy to have you sue our facility.

The activity will take place on the church barking lot.

Hymn: 'I am Thin, O Lord.'

When children meet liturgy...

"Give us this steak and daily bread, and forgive us our mattresses."

"Hail, Mary, full of grapes."

"He suffered under a bunch of violets." (Pontius Pilate)

Laodicean hymns

The Laodicean Church was described in the Bible as being lukewarm. So here is a list of some of the hymns they might sing:

Teach Me, Lord, Thy Easy Way

We Are Milling Around in the Light of God

When Peace, like a Trickle

When the Saints Go Sneaking In

How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?

What do you mean CHANGE??? That light bulb was given in memory of my grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time AND the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes all of a sudden, Vicar, you've got another think coming!

Growing up

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

Definitions

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Congregation to lip-sync.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at a church service, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left. JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

Right resting place

The new vicar was a bit of an efficiency expert, whose obsession was to move around the hymnbooks, the notice-sheets, the magazines, the guides, and most of the other portable things in his church, in search of the perfect place. From porch to display stand to table to vestry to side chapel – round and round various things went, week by week. After several months, a visitor approached a harassed churchwarden before church one morning, and asked if he could tell her where the copies of the church guides were kept. "No, I'm sorry," he said wearily.

"But if you just stand here a while, I'm sure you'll see them go by!" Ghost stories

"I'm a great lover of ghost stories."

"So am I, pal. Let's shake."

Fish

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

Lend

If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

Truth

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Bug

Some days you are the bug; some days you are the windscreen.

Judge

Good judgement comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.

Quick

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.

Mouth

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

Lips

Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

Experience

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Too eloquent?

Fresh out of seminary, a young pastor found an associate position at a prestigious church. One Sunday early on, he was given the opportunity to preach. He prepared diligently - perhaps a bit too excited to use all the learning he'd acquired - and worked hard to make his words eloquent and smooth. Shaking hands at the end of the service, he was approached by one of the older ladies who was known and respected in both the church and community. "Sir," she said with a smile, "your sermon was like the peace of God!"

The young preacher's grin widened and his chest puffed a bit ... until she continued on, "it surpassed ALL understanding!"

Retirement

The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off.

Visiting the sick

The vicar had been summoned to the bedside of a local Baptist woman who was quite ill. As he went up the walk, he met the little daughter and said, "I'm very glad your mother remembered me in her illness. Is your Baptist minister out of town?"

"No," answered the child. "He's at home, but we thought it might be something contagious, and we didn't want to expose him to it."

Passwords

An elderly vicar got a call from a scammer who said, "I've got all of your passwords." The vicar replied: "Excellent! What are they? Just wait while I grab a pen."

Car wash

Ever feel like life is a car wash and you're on a bicycle?

Stress

Reality is the leading cause of stress.

QUIZ ON MARK'S GOSPEL

- Who is the first prophet quoted in the Gospel of Mark? Jeremiah, Isaiah, or Hosea
- In whose house did Jesus dine with publicans and sinners? Peter, John, or Levi
- On what day did the disciples pluck ears of corn, much to the anger of the Pharisees? Sabbath, Day of Atonement, or first day of the week
- *What sin does Jesus say is unforgivable?* Greed, murder, or blasphemy against the Holy Spirit
- Where was Jesus when He taught the parable of the sower? In a boat, on a mountain, or in the temple
- *Which relation of Jairus did Jesus heal?* Nephew, daughter, or mother
- What did Jesus tell the Twelve to shake off their feet if people refused to hear the gospel message? Spiders, dust, or hay
- At the feeding of the 5,000, how many fish did they have? 6,4, or 2
- Complete the quote: "This people honours me with their ____ but their heart is far from me." Ears, lips, or hands

Rosters										
	Welcome	Reading	Prayer	LPM/LA	Morning Tea	Flowers				
6/10/24		Sara Davis	Tony Jones	Maxine	Penny	Tongan Church				
13/10/24		Eugene	Maxine	Colleen	Lisa	Taryn				
20/10/24		Kayla	Diana	Sara Dryden	Dena	Taryn				
27/10/24		Sara Dryden	Philip	Maxine		Colleen				
3/11/24		Zoe	Sara Davis	Philip	Penny	Colleen				

Church Information

For all church enquires contact Rev. Debbie May 0473 368 268 Church Wardens; Maxine Smith 0417-992-798 and Sara Dryden 0467 861 700....

Meetings; Holy Communion Sundays, 10.30 am Morning Prayer; Tuesdays 10 am, Coffee & Chat, Thursdays 10 am Bible study – every other Wednesday at 7.30pm (See Wayne)

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