

INTERSECTION

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THE UNVEILING OF 'CELEBRATED LIGHT'



There is a vibrant addition to St Michael's. A modern piece of art, completely different from all other decorative aspects of the church now adorns the wall where those sitting in the pews can admire it.

The tapestry has been awhile in the making and is now a special part of St Michael's history. We were fortunate to have Lara Merrett, a Victorian artist, create a painting that was inspired by Dr Macnab's poem "The Traveller Meets the Tapestry". This art work was then woven by the skilled artists at the Victorian Tapestry Workshop (now the Australian Tapestry Workshop).

It was a spectacular day and rewarding to finally see this work in the church on Sunday 20 June – the official unveiling. It brought a light in the midst of the winter solstice, one of the shortest days of the year.

It was an important moment as many people who have been a part of making this tapestry happen were present. We were honoured with the presence of the artist, some of the people from the Victorian Tapestry Workshop, as well as the many donors, members and friends of St Michael's, without whom the tapestry would not have been created.

It was a special day. We heard how the tapestry came into being, listened to the poem that inspired such beauty, sang the hymn to the tapestry and watched as the tapestry was unveiled by Jonathon Welch. Those there became the first to admire the tapestry and the painting together.

The celebratory and smooth sound of the St Michael's Brass Ensemble enhanced the service. Dr Macnab's address revealed more about what lies behind the tapestry and what it means to St Michael's. "Celebrated Light" is more than an abstract work of art and decoration. The tapestry "Celebrated Light" with its bold colour enhances the experience of visiting St Michael's. For some there is much positive energy within the piece, an uplifting energy and beauty there as well. What do you see when you view it?

The tapestry hangs on the north wall – another piece of art to enjoy while at St Michael's. We invite you to view this beautiful piece, either while you are listening to the service or

when the church is open on weekdays between 10.30 am and 1.00 pm.

BECOMING A NEW MEMBER

Are you interested in becoming a part of a positive community?

Please join Dr Macnab and the New Members' Committee in the Waratah room for two more meetings on Sunday 11 and 18 July where you can learn how to become a member.

Two information leaflets are available from the Information table in the Hall after service as is a sheet to register your interest if you wish. For further information, please see Lyndell O'Brien or Joy Arnot of the New Members Committee.



New Member Meetings:

After service
Sunday 11 July
Sunday 18 July
Waratah Room, Level 1,

CEILING REPAIRS

The organ has been unwrapped and the upstairs gallery freed of its scaffold and trappings. Thank you for your patience and understanding as the church underwent repairs.

When the storms of February and March hit Melbourne, the church



was affected. Repairs to the church ceiling were necessary and unfortunately they had some effect to the church's appearance over the period of May and June.

Though the Week Day Tours programme was cancelled (the church had lost some of its

usual resplendence) we were fortunately still able to run the popular Thursday lunchtime recital and Sunday services continued.

We were pleased that these repairs ran according to schedule and we were able to present the church in its full magnificence for the unveiling of "Celebrated Light", an important moment for St Michael's.

CANCER COUNCIL ARTS AWARDS

The Cancer Council Victoria established the Arts Award Program as a means for people touched by cancer to communicate their experiences in a creative way.

There are seven categories and one Outstanding Entry prize is awarded in each category.

The 2010 prizes will be presented in

a ceremony at St Michael's on Sunday 11 July. The presentation will then be followed by the official opening of the 2010 Exhibition at 120 Collins Street Foyer.

This free display of winning entries and a selection of other works will be open for viewing until Friday 30 July.

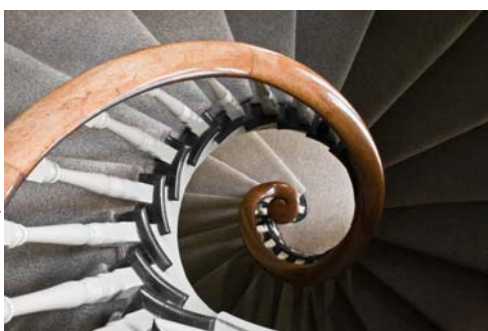


Come and see these moving pieces that reflect the experiences of those touched by cancer.

MELBOURNE OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday 25 July, St Michael's opens the doors to take part in an exciting new venture. For the first time St Michael's will be a part of the Melbourne Open House (MOH) programme.

MOH has successfully introduced Melbournians and visitors alike to the wonders of this city by opening selected buildings of architectural and historical significance to the public in one day. The previous two years of MOH have seen almost 51 000 visitors wander through the buildings of Melbourne, some of which are usually closed to the public.



The event is free of charge and is a wonderful opportunity to really look into this city. Many of those who regularly attend Sunday service are already familiar with

church. But on this Sunday there will be other areas on display –the church's backstage and St Michael's organist Rhys Boak will play the organ on each hour. Have a nosy into the vestry and the Minister' office and see the church at a different angle.

Not only is this an opportunity for those who have never seen this

beautiful part of Melbourne history to come and take a peek but it is also open for regular attendees to take another look.

Given the high numbers of visitors and the growing number of buildings that are included in the programme we are looking forward to participating this year and being able to show off this Melbourne treasure.

MELBOURNE OPEN HOUSE

St Michael's will be open
on Sunday 25 July
12 pm to 4 pm
Free Entry.

For more information about
Melbourne Open House
please go to:
www.melbourneopenhouse.org

BAN CLUSTER BOMBS EXHIBITION

Cluster bombs have killed and injured thousands of civilians during the last 40 years. As weapons go they are extremely destructive.

When deployed they release many more smaller bomblets. This means they cover a wider area and are a high risk to civilians, while the bombs that fail to detonate on impact can cause injury and death much later after the conflict has ended.

In 2007, 46 governments met in Oslo to conclude a legally binding document that would **ban the use, stockpiling and production of these bombs** and provide assistance to affected areas. After several more meetings around the world, 94 countries have signed the treaty.

On Sunday 1 August the *Convention on Cluster Munitions* formally enters

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all Cairnmillar students who graduated at the ceremony on Wednesday 9 June.

This was, as always, a fantastic night, full of celebration, as the hard work of the students was officially recognised.

Among the students graduating at the ceremony were interns from the Mingary Counselling Service.





Cluster Munitions kill and maim for decades after conflicts end.

The CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS comes into force on 1 August 2010.

Join us as we celebrate with an exhibition of photos

Deadly Legacy

by internationally renowned photo-journalist John Rodsted.

WHEN: Sunday 1 August
12.00pm to 5.00 pm

WHERE: Waratah room, Floor 1,
St Michael's Place

into force and all signatories must meet the obligations of the treaty.

To mark this day, the *Australian*

Seven fellows were inducted and presented with the purple fellowship sash and a certificate to acknowledge their contribution to Cairnmillar.

One of the fellows was Mingary Manager, Lynette Kramer.

Since establishing the Mingary Counselling Service under the auspices of St Michael's Uniting Church, 54 Cairnmillar students have participated in the internship program at Mingary under Dr Kramer's guidance.

Network to Ban Landmines is holding a photo exhibition at St Michael's. Photo-journalist and co-Nobel Laureate John Rodsted has spent his career travelling the world's troubled spots documenting people dealing with the trauma of war. He is the official photographer of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. His exhibition *Deadly Legacy* focuses on the impact cluster munitions have made on communities and the people - demonstrating how harmful, insidious and dangerous they are.

A provoking insight into who is really affected by warfare, and how extensive the damage is, this exhibition is not to be missed.

A copy of John Rodsted's *Lebanese Diaries* will be available read from the St Michael's Library after Sunday service.

FREE CAR PARKING IN JULY!

July is cold and wet. If you are coming to St Michael's on Sunday mornings park your car for free with a validated ticket.

For ticket validations see below.



Where and How:

Car park Facility: "InterPark" car park only on Little Collins Street next to the Stamford Hotel.

Validation: Your car park ticket **must be validated** in St Michael's Hall after service. After you validate your ticket, please give this to the parking attendant in the car park. Non validated tickets will be charged full-price.

Time Limit: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm



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with Dr Francis Macnab

FRIDAY 30 JULY

WHAT THE 70 YEAR-OLD DOES BETTER THAN THE 30 YEAR-OLD



Time: 11 am to 1 pm
Where: St Michael's Hall
120 Collins St,
Melbourne 3000.
Cost: \$15 inc. Lunch

No Bookings required.

For more information please
call Cairnmillar on 9813 3400

The Mingary Counselling service
has a new website. Take a look:
www.mingarycounselling.com.au

RED NOSE DAY SERVICE

The annual Sids and Kids Red Nose Day Remembrance Service was held at St Michael's on Friday 25 June. It was a moving service, where families who have lost a child are able to come together to remember. The service finished with a balloon release in the courtyard. A beautiful commemoration.



SAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY

On Friday 25 June the monthly SAGE meeting was 120 people, including 20 visitors from Lynch's House in Flemington.

This was part of a program funded by Melbourne City Council to broaden the outreach of SAGE to the wider community of Melbourne City.

St Michael's organised a bus to bring visitors from Lynch's House into the city for a great morning out. Our visitors enjoyed a morning tea before attending SAGE and followed this with a tour of Mingary.

Sugandha Gupta of Lynch's House, said of the day, *I would like to thank you for the SAGE program. The arrangements were fantastic. I got the*

feedback from Residents that they enjoyed the program very much & had a nice day. I strongly agree with that. That's a good thought & approach from your side especially for elderly people.

I hope you will come up with more ideas & programs soon that suits our residents, & we would love to join you again. Good Work!! Keep it up.

Thank you once again for making a usual day special for us!!!

Overall this was a successful day and something we will do again.

Thank you to those who helped make the day possible: Heather Martin, Lynette Kramer, Alma Hexter, Marion Robertson and the entire SAGE team.

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