

# INTERSECTION

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## QUESTIONS FOR THE NEW FAITH

People are curious about the New Faith. Over the months it has generated interest and community discussions across Melbourne, Australia and the world.

The New Faith debate continues, and people still have questions. Due to popular demand, Dr Macnab will step into the 'Witness Box – Where Faith Meets Reason'

for a second time this year on Sunday 12 July after Sunday service. The session will be chaired by Melissa Iddles who will put to Dr Macnab several pre-selected questions that people have about the New Faith.

During the first session in March,



many relevant questions were answered, but there remains much to discuss. This Question and Answer

session is another opportunity for people on both sides of the debate to seek further information about the New Faith. Some may be on the quest for further knowledge to help their own understanding or

perhaps come to their own conclusions, others perhaps would like to hear more so that they can eloquently participate in the debate.

St Michael's wants to continue the conversations that have started

around the New Faith and so provide this opportunity to keep the conversation flowing and the energy and interest at St Michael's growing and continue the global focus on enhancing the human experience.

This session will be a fun experience for those who want to expand their knowledge.

Any potential questions must be lodged with Gwen Waters or sent to [reception@stmichaels.org.au](mailto:reception@stmichaels.org.au) before the event.

## WHERE FAITH MEETS REASON

**When:** Sunday 12 July 2009 at 12 pm

**Where:** St Michael's Uniting Church

After service and normal refreshments in the Hall.

## TWELVE IN TUNE

The beauty and majesty of the twelve French Horns playing together in St Michael's struck the right chord with many. In a unique Melbourne event, twelve of Melbourne's best French hornists warmed our souls during service. Part of the Winter Solstice celebrations and a welcome for our 38 New Members on Sunday 21 June this was a highly anticipated event which impressed many. It was

such a grand moment that lived up to the expectations of the large audience.

It was a joy to see talented musicians play the specially selected repertoire with such mastery. Classical pieces by Schumann, Bach and Haydn combined with contemporary blues by Holcombe lifted many from a dreary winter day into a wonderful world filled with music and inspiration.

It was an amazing approach to

welcome our New Members and a special way to warm us from the winter cold.

With such brilliant moments happening at St Michael's we wonder what musical marvel will inspire us next.



## SONG FOR STUART

Get ready for an intimate evening of concert and song at St Michael's.

On Friday 7 August, St Vincent's hospital will present *A Song for Stuart*, a fundraiser concert, at St Michael's Uniting Church.

It's evening of sensational acts and familiar voices, featuring some of Australia's renowned popular musicians: Paul Kelly, Renee Geyer, Kate Ceberano, Vika and Linda Bull, Phil Ceberano, Nigel Maclean, Gerry Hales's 'Uncle Bill', and Russell Shayer and Jex Saarelaht.



Join them as they celebrate the life of Stuart Speed, and his contribution to music, the art of improvisation and the joy of audiences Australia wide.

This is a great opportunity to see some of Australia's best performers in one venue.

Funds raised will go towards supporting the gastroenterology unit at St Vincent's hospital.

### *SONG FOR STUART*

**When:** Friday 7 August 2009

**Where:** St Michael's Uniting Church

**Tickets and Enquiries:**  
St Vincent's Hospital

9288 3365 or [www.svhm.org.au](http://www.svhm.org.au)

*Funds raised support  
St Vincent's Hospital*

## CONVERSATION AND FAITH

St Michael's continues to support the Parliament of World Religions (PWR) as they move towards their pinnacle Interfaith meeting in Melbourne during December. In the lead-up to the event they are hosting a "Who am I?" series of monthly free public conversations, two of which will be held at St Michael's. These events aim to create public dialogue between people of different backgrounds and religious traditions.

*Who am I in sickness and in health, spirituality and wellbeing*, to be held in the St Michael's Hall on Monday 20 July features speakers Ian Gawler OAM and Rob Moodie.

Ian Gawler, Director and founder of the Gawler Foundation, is an authority on mind-body medicine and the therapeutic use of meditation and nutrition. His personal experience as a cancer survivor and his many books and CDs on cancer management,

meditation healing and nutrition have positively affected many.

Rob Moodie is currently Professor of Nossal Institute University of Melbourne. He was CEO of Vic Helath and Chair of the National Preventative Health Task Force and has worked for a number of not-for-profit organisations including *Save the Children Fund*, and *Medicins Sans Frontieres*.

With two great speakers we look forward to an informative and insightful event.

### "WHO AM I IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH?"

**When:** Monday 20 July 2009 at 5.30 pm

**Where:** The Hall, St Michael's Centre,  
120 Collins Street, MEL-  
BOURNE 3000

**Bookings:** [reception@stmichaels.org.au](mailto:reception@stmichaels.org.au)

Light refreshments (tea and coffee) will be provided from 5.30 pm. **No Charge.**

### *ST MICHAEL'S NEW FAITH DISCUSSION GROUPS*

are scheduled for the following  
dates after morning service

**5 July**

Dynamics and energy of the new  
faith: *Session 3*

**19 July**

Gifts: *Session 1*

**26 July**

Lister Hannah

**9 August**

Themes

**16 August**

Gifts: *Session 2*

**13 September**

**October 4**

Gifts *Session 3*

**22 November**

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## WARM WELCOME

It may have been the Winter Solstice and cold outside, but St Michael's was definitely a place of warmth and welcome on Sunday 21 June.

And what an occasion! In a big St Michael's event, we officially

received 38 New Members during service to a full church and the magnificent sound of twelve French horns.

After service, our New Members, their family and friends mingled at morning tea where they were joined by numerous St Michael's members



wishing to make their acquaintance.

At St Michael's, each individual is a vital part of the community, bringing their own story and colour. Each person has the potential to help St Michael's grow and move forward.

We welcome our New Members and look forward to their presence and

contribution to the community.

We hope they enjoyed and continue to enjoy their time spent at St Michael's.

*On request we have published Marilyn Cobain's speech Welcoming the New Members on 21 June 09.*

"On behalf of the Council of St Michael's, it is a delight to welcome you into membership.

What a moment, what a place! Your moment, your place!

This place, a gestalt of excellence, is easy to fall in love with, and many people have had an affair with St Michael's.

But today, in this service you are making a commitment, a commitment to an enduring relationship. Each of you knows just what this means for you, today.

Some of you are reasonably new to St Michael's, and some of you have been sitting in the pews for a long time (one person told me since 1970!)

I know it is possible at St Michael's

to find your niche....

Some of you have done that already...or you wouldn't be here.

Find your niche, yes, or create a niche that others may join.

Be assured, New Members of June 21 2009, that you are joining a committed group of already members who value the search, the connectedness, openness, kindness and compassion. Who knows the importance of two way relationships, maybe a love affair at first but one that demonstrates commitment over time? Commitment to the organization, commitment to each other.

So you joining us and we joining you has both solemnness and celebration to it.

## JUNE 2009 NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our newest members:

Bill & June Andrews

Russell Baker

Julie-Anne Bennet

Robert & Karen Boscarato

Joan Bowe

Jenny Cheng

John & Joan Cherry

Sally Clarke

Johanna Corp

Leila Cropley

Stan Dawson

Jan Dillon-Gibbons

Anna Field

Piers Gooding

Josephine Kerestes

Ramesh Kumar

Catherine Le Maistre

Kristian Lind

Geoff & Jean Maslen

John Moray

Celia Nicholson

Lois Osborn

Tracey Pace

Albert & Carole Phillips

Bill & Jennifer Raper

Cledwyn Stafford

Debra Stoter

Enis Stubbs

Jorge & Yvonne Torrico

Dorren Wilson

## SAGE

### SUCCESSFUL AGEING, GROWTH AND ENHANCEMENT

FRIDAY 31 JULY

### “LOOK BACK - LEAN FORWARD”

Some People I know...  
Keep Remembering Things  
Longsince Past.



Friday 31st July

### How Can I Help Them MAKE THE MOST OF THINGS PRESENT

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

For more information  
please call Margaret Karafilowska  
at Cairnmillar on 9813 3400

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## FUNDING FOR 'KIDS UNDER COVER

*Trio Anima Mundi (TAM)* returns to St Michael's on Sunday 8 August to continue their exploration into the passion and energy of the Romantics.

Their concert, *Moods of Romanticism*, is an intriguing repertoire that embodies the elegance, whimsy, passion and beauty of Romanticism. Their program follows TAM's 2009 theme, featuring a Prix de Rome winner - this time Theodore Dubois' beautiful *Piano Trio No.1 in C minor*. Schuman's *Piano Trio No.3 in G minor, Op.110* and Dvorak's *Piano Trio No.4, op.90 'Dumky'* like Dubois' trio, are also wonderful examples of the romantic spirit.

As well as presenting an audience

with a beautiful concert of superb trios, TAM aim to raise funds for *Kids Under Cover* a Melbourne organization

which supports young people who are homeless.

Enjoy the beauty of the Romantics and the help improve the life of others.



### TRIO ANIMA MUNDI *Moods of Romanticism*

**When:** 9 August 2009 at 2 pm  
**Where:** St Michael's Uniting Church  
**Tickets: Subscription for Series**  
\$75/\$40 Family \$190  
**Single Concert**  
\$30/\$15 Family \$70  
Please contact Trio Anima Mundi  
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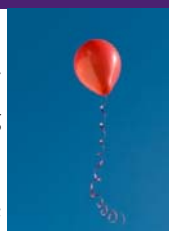
## FORWARD THINKING

On Sunday 26 July, we welcome Lister Hannah, an international educator, as guest speaker. In an answer and question session he will talk with Dr Macnab during service on the theme "St Michael's: Looking Forward."

## SIDS AND KIDS

On Friday 26 June, *Sids and Kids* held their annual Remembering Service at St Michael's.

It was a touching service filled with music, song and wonderful memories. The service ended on a poignant note when 100 red balloons were released from the courtyard.



## WEEK DAY TOUR GUIDES



In appreciation of your commitment we would like to invite you to attend **Weekday Tour Guides Morning Tea** and Information Exchange

**When:** Sunday 19 July 2009

**Time:** After morning service

**Where:** Grevillea/Jacaranda,  
1st Floor, St Michael's Centre

Please consider sharing your experiences and answer any questions from others who would think about joining as volunteers.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP to the Church Office  
9654 5120 by 15 July.