

INTERSECTION

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40TH YEAR CELEBRATION SEMINAR

On Sunday 23rd October, Dr Leslie Cannold will present the next seminar in the 40th year celebrations.

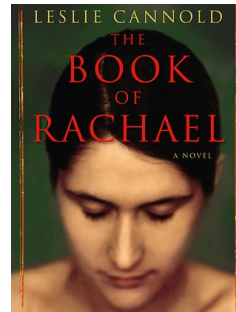
Dr Leslie Cannold is an award-winning columnist, an author, ethicist and activist. In April of 2011 Leslie was presented with the Australian Humanist of the Year Award, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to public debate on bio-ethics, especially issues affecting women



(advocacy of abortion rights) and family life.

In 2011 she released her debut novel, 'The Book of Rachael', which was received with rave reviews. The Book of Rachael tells the story of

Jesus' younger sister, who is 'ambitious, passionate and unconstrained by her upbringing', and who 'falls in love with Judah



of Iscariot, Joshua's best friend and the man who will change their lives forever'. She extends

this story in an expert manner, showing the reader the reality of the women in Jesus' life through engaging and fast-paced prose.

Join us at 11.45am in the Waratah Room, Level 1, St Michael's Center, to hear Leslie discuss the themes and her inspirations for this book.

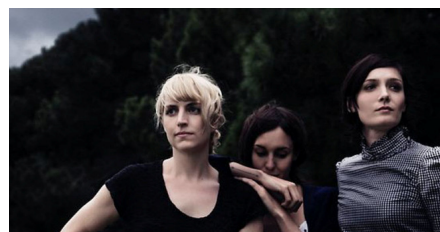
SEEKER LOVER KEEPER

In November of this year, alternative music group, Seeker Lover Keeper, will perform at St Michael's Uniting Church as a part of their 'Heavenly Sounds' tour.

Seeker Lover Keeper is comprised of Sally Seltmann who specialises in dreamy, sweeping pop, aided by layers of cotton-soft vocals and piano, Holly Throsby who is known for summoning melodies that sound beautifully crumpled and decades old, and Sarah Blasko who writes haunting songs that

veer from intimate ballads to orchestral showstoppers.

The girls have each produced their own albums and after



meeting, decided to make a band and record together. The music they have produced together can only be described as peaceful but

powerful. Utilising synthesisers, piano, acoustic guitar and simple drum beats, Seeker Lover Keeper are an easy-listening group who can be enjoyed by all!

The tour is called 'Heavenly Sounds' and the concert will visit St Michael's Uniting Church on 28th and 29th of November, commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Ticketek www.ticketek.com.au

For more information please visit www.seekerloverkeeper.com

ETHICAL PAPER PLEDGE

The production of woodchips for pulp and paper is the largest driver of forest destruction in Australia. Australia currently has a vast amount of plantation wood available, so there is no excuse for paper to be produced from the destruction of our native forests. Reflex paper is currently produced from this practice. Logging native forests damages wildlife habitats, affects water catchments and releases a huge amount of carbon into the atmosphere. The mountain forests east of Melbourne are some of the most carbon dense

ecosystems on the planet and these trees need to be protected as critical carbon stores.

So how can we help the campaign to stop this process? Simple, don't buy Reflex paper. In 2006 St Michael's took a stand against using Reflex paper and we continue our stance today!

For more information about this please visit

www.ethicalpaper.com.au



HOMEMADE HEART

As I was browsing the internet a few weeks ago, I came across a blog post by a lady named Talia Lynch. Talia and her husband Grant were married at St Michael's in October of 2008

and had their daughter Tabitha baptised at St Michael's on December 12th 2010.

Talia's blog post

is about her daughter's baptism and is a vibrant appraisal of St Michael's and of Dr Macnab.



She comments, 'it was a really, really lovely service [...] (we were) impressed by the way Dr Macnab conducted the ceremony, and the significance placed by him on the event.'

If you would like to read the full article, please visit her website at

www.homemadeheart.blogspot/2010/12/baptism.html

Creating Successful
Life Events (CSLE)

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WORKSHOP PROGRAM

These interactive small group workshops are for people who want to create their own happiness and enjoy a brighter future.

Next workshop: Friday 11th November

'Missed opportunities, perseverance.'

Dr Lynette Kramer, Director of the Mingary Counselling Service, will conduct this interactive workshop.

This will be the last CSLE session for 2011.

Cost: 10.00 per session (includes materials and refreshments)

Time: 11.00 am to 12.30 pm

Location: Waratah Hall, 1st Floor, St Michael's Place, 120 Collins Street.

Contact: Dr Lynette Kramer

No bookings required.

BOOK LAUNCH

On Sunday 30th October hymn composer George Stuart, will be launching his new hymn book 'Singing a New Song.'

George Stuart is the writer behind some of the songs that we sing each Sunday at St Michael's.

The launch will take place during the morning service.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

On Sunday 23rd October, St Michael's will celebrate United Nations Day. United Nations Day is an international observance to mark the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations on 24th October, 1945. In the spring of that year, representatives of fifty

'devoted to making known to the peoples of the world, the aims and achievements of the UN and to gaining their support for the work of the United Nations.' As a part of United Nations Day, the Young Voices of Melbourne Choir will be presenting the music during this morning



nations gathered in San Francisco to put the finishing touches on a document of far-reaching consequence – the Charter of the United Nations. The October 24th date marks the day when a sufficient number of ratifications had been obtained to launch the new United Nations officially. A new global institution had emerged from the chaos and destruction of the Second World War to 'save succeeding generations from the scourge of war [...] to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedoms.' October 24th was henceforth officially called 'United Nations Day' and is

service. The Young Voices of Melbourne are regarded as one of Melbourne's finest children's choirs. In 2006, the choir performed for the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games. They have presented many concerts around Melbourne, won competitions in Thailand and have recently returned from a trip to Samoa. They have also been widely heard singing the theme music for Chris Lilley's popular TV shows, *We Can be Heroes* and *Summer Heights High*. So come along on Sunday 23rd October and celebrate United Nations Day with the delightful sounds of this impressive choir.

PROGRAMS AT ST MICHAEL'S

MEDITATION

Sundays - immediately after service

POETRY GROUP

Every 3rd Sunday - after service

WOMENSPACE

The last Sunday of the month - after service (except April and September)

MENS GROUP

The last Sunday of the month - after service (except April and September)

FREE ORGAN RECITALS

Thursdays at 1 pm

GLOBAL CONCERNS

Sundays - after service

ARTS FOR RIGHTS

Activities held monthly at various locations.

WALKING GROUP

Walking at various locations throughout the year.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Various events through out the year.

TRIPLE R - REVIEW, REFLECT, RESPOND

Discussion group. Every Sunday, after morning service.

Visit the St Michael's website or check the Order of Service for details of latest groups and activities.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Notice is officially given that Council Elections will take place on Sunday 16th October in the church, after morning service.

The installation of counsellors has changed from Sunday 23rd October, to Sunday 27th November.

SAGE

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FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER

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Cost: \$18 inc. Lunch

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NATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK

National Psychology Week (NPW) begins on Sunday 13th November 2011. NPW aims to increase public awareness about psychology, psychological issues and the role that psychologists play in community wellbeing. During this week, psychologists across Australia will be hosting several events, presentations and displays, there will be a national media campaign to assist public understanding of psychology and there will also be a research survey on a topic of community interest. National Psychology Week is an initiative of the Australian Psychological Society (APS), which is the largest professional association for psychologists in

Australia. The APS advocates for psychologists at all levels and is committed to consulting with government, public and private bodies, the media and other professional associations on behalf of the profession. The Society's goal is to represent psychology and psychologists within the context of improving community wellbeing and scientific knowledge.

During National Psychology Week, the Mingary Counselling Service will be offering free initial consultations and vocational assessments to new clients.

For more information on National Psychology Week, please visit

www.psychologyweek.com.au



EVENTS TO WATCH OUT FOR AT ST MICHAEL'S!

Sunday 13th October	National Psychology Week begins
Sunday 16th October	Council Elections
Tuesday 18th October	Magical Musical Mornings
Sunday 23rd October	United Nations Day
Sunday 23rd October	Leslie Cannold Seminar
Sunday 30th October	George Stuart Book Launch

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