



Reflections

October 2019

Sunday Worship Services: 10am Traditional

Seek Growth Find



What's On In the Month of October

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| Outside the Box Group Tuesday 7.30pm | 1st |
| Blessing of the Pets Service 10am & 6.30 | 6th |
| Women's Spirituality Circle @ 7pm | 7th & 21st |
| Creating A Life That Matters | TBA |
| Mid Week Adventure Wednesday | 9th |
| New Members Class | 13th |
| Young Adults Gathering | 16th |
| GARAGE SALE TRAIL MCCS 9 - 4pm Sat. | 19th |
| Reconnect Lunch at Petersham RSL | 20th |
| MCCS Board Meeting | 20th |
| Meditation 2nd Tues/4th Wed | 8th & 23rd |
| DRAG BINGO Salisbury Hotel | 23rd |
| Men Becoming Real: Thursday 7pm | 24th |
| TRIVIA FUNDRAISER Saturday November 2nd | |
| ALL Church 1 Day Retreat Sat. November 23rd | |

Make A Difference

Volunteer



We need 2 people with Power-Point on their system, who would be willing to do a morning service PPT a month. See brad.

6.30pm Contemporary

Life Know Love

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,



I'd like to invite you to consider the gifts that you bring to MCC Sydney. We are so greatly blessed precisely because of the diversity of our gifts and the love we share in God. Part of good stewardship means we share that love and those gifts with others. In February next year, we'll be commencing a new program to help us each discern the gifts God has given us so that we can all; deepen our relationship with God, understand and embrace the gifts God has given us, reflect upon God's unique call on our lives, and to put those gifts and calls we have identified to work in the church and our local neighbourhood. We all have a part to play in the journey of discipleship. Being a disciple is not a spectator sport, it's an invitation into life in all its fullness, where we become transformed through an encounter with the Divine and find our purpose in that call. Here at MCC Sydney there are many ways for us to encounter God. One of these ways is through our upcoming All Church Retreat on November 23 where we will take the day to begin to discern God's voice anew. It is absolutely vital for all of us to be attentive to that soft still voice that speaks to us every day, so that we can be renewed for the work and joy of ministry. My prayer is for you this coming year, deep will call to deep in your heart of hearts, and new and wonderful gifts will be released into this community to the glory of God, building on the wonderful foundation we have been given.

Blessings, Rev Dale



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Christmas Eve Service Sydney Town Hall

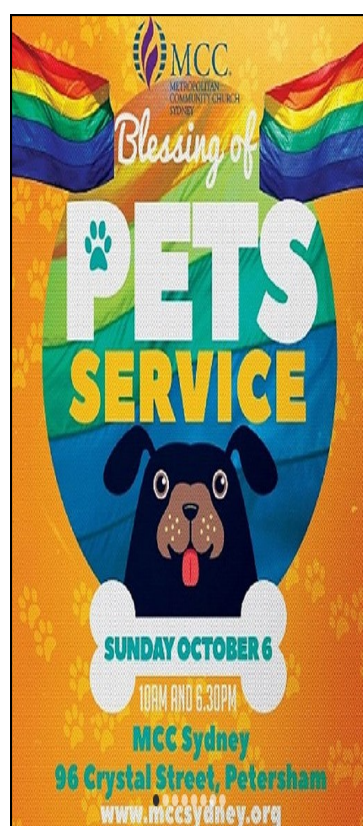
We are looking for experienced planners and Organisers...Movers and Shakers, Come and be a part of the biggest MCCS event of the year. Let Rev Dale or Pj know if you are interested.

GARAGE SALE



**MCC Sydney is on the Garage Sale Trail
October 19 (9am to 4pm)**

Bring your friends. Bring your money. Get involved. Bring donations to Lee. Cook a yummy slice or cookie. Become a seller. Help set up on Friday night Oct 18. Distribute flyers. Support this worthwhile fundraising activity.



BE THE CHURCH
Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
FORGIVE OFTEN.
REJECT RACISM.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
EMBRACE DIVERSITY.
LOVE GOD.
Enjoy this life.

I believe God wants you to know



..... that your light is seen, your heart is known, your soul is cherished by more people than you might imagine.

If you knew how many others have been touched in wonderful ways by you, you would be astonished. If you knew how many people feel so much for you, you would be shocked. You are far more wonderful than you think you are. You're doin' great. So relax. And love yourself today. Then take in God's love. Right now, take it in. You deserve it. *Your Friend, Neale Donald Walsch*

October Mid Week Adventure

Wednesday October 9

Brooklyn, Hawkesbury River by train

Meet at CENTRAL 9.30am Platform 9

Catch the 9.49am Newcastle train **OR**

Meet at STRATHFIELD at 9.30am Platform 3

Catch the 9.58am Newcastle train

Arrive at Hawkesbury River for Morning Tea at 10.47am

We can wander around Hawkesbury River (Brooklyn) together and then have a café lunch. Returning around 3.30pm

See Lee to register OR email reconnect@mccsydney.org

Or grab a flyer

Check the website for info.



MCC Brisbane turns 45

Our church siblings at MCCB are preparing a Party to celebrate their 45 years of existence. They were the very first MCC established in Australia. We are invited to join in the celebration on Sunday November 3.

NB: This is the day after our Trivia Fundraiser at MCCS.



Lifewords

THE SALT OF THE EARTH

Read [Matthew 5:13](#)

"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavour? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. (NLT)

Salt has two functions. One is to add flavour; the other is to prevent decay and rot. Jesus wants his followers to add flavour and taste to the world and also to be preservatives to stop the world getting worse than it is.

If at social gatherings you mention you are a Christian, something like a wet blanket may descend on the conversation. People see Christians as moralistic bores who frown at anything remotely enjoyable. Jesus didn't seem to fit that description and nor should his disciples. Any social gathering or group should be enlivened by the fact we are in it.

That doesn't mean we just go along with prevailing ideas in order to win popularity. We also seek to make the world a better place by speaking and acting against all that would dehumanise and destroy. Which means we will have opposition. Not everyone will appreciate our flavour and not everyone will want to see the world a better place.

If we lose our distinctiveness, we are not much good to anyone. Christians who lack taste and flavour, or who don't seek to preserve the good in the world, are not being true to their destiny. We are to be neither timid compromisers nor bigoted eccentrics. We are to be different, yet positively different. Bit like Jesus actually.

Blessings, David Reay



DOUBLE your Inner Peace

LGBTQI Meditation at MCC Sydney

Every **2nd & 4th Wednesday** 7-8.30pm

Come and join us at MCC Sydney to experience deep inner peace and joy: a deeper connection with your heart and soul in



a loving, nurturing and safe environment.

Simple and practical techniques and beautiful guided meditations.

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A Blessing For You

May you be blessed by the God who knows you and loves you when you feel separated and excluded from your surroundings and overlooked by those around you. May you honour the truth of your own being and be willing to stand in it...even when you must stand alone. As you search for the "truth within you," may you discover "God within you" and know them to be one and the same and that you are never really alone. May the God of Honour bless you.

Maxine Shonk, OP

WOMENS SPIRITUALITY BOOK CIRCLE ♥

WHEN: Monday 7 & 21, 2019

TIME: 7-8.30pm

PLACE: MCC SYDNEY

**Then fortnightly
New Material each session**

**A Womens (and those who identify
as Women) Sacred Space for
learning, growing and being.**

**All Enquiries please call or text
Vita on 0409 030 092**

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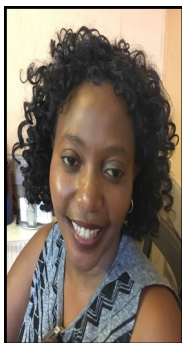


Congratulations to Paul Houghton

Paul received well deserved recognition for his work with St John's Ambulance Service at the recent NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards. Fantastic work Paul.

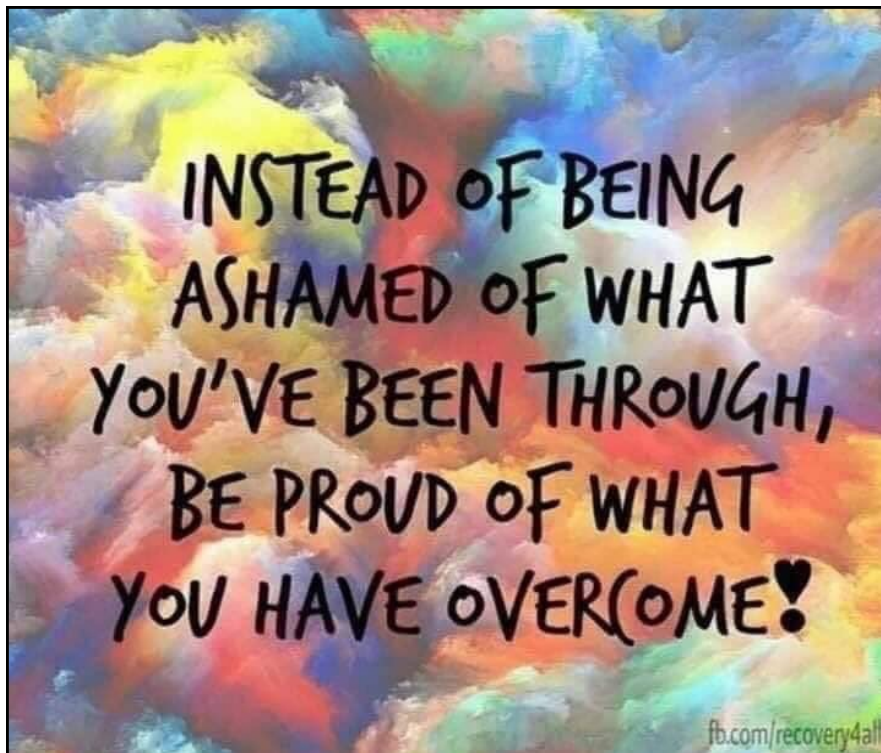


We are very proud of your achievement.



Congratulations to Sylvie Katenta

After a stress-filled 11 year wait, our Sylvie has finally been granted a Protection Visa to remain in Australia. We can finally say,
WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA!



More and more people are paying **electronically**. It's so easy to organise and takes the worry out of having to bring change with you. It helps the church budget for the future too. Here are the details:

BSB 082-048

Account no.509412200

PAYPAL is also an option.

Let's get behind the church

Leadership and support, financially, the work and needs of our church.

Imagine what we could achieve then.



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Disability access

is via Crystal St
Hearing Loop is
connected.



Parent's Room is available
for those noisy moments.

Morning Tea & Supper are served
after each service.

Everyone is welcome