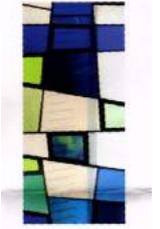


**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY
MOUNT WAVERLEY**

WELCOME



Advent 2

4 December 2016



Christmas/New Year Services

Saturday 10 December

4.30pm Mainly Music Christmas Service

Sunday 11 December

5.00pm Christmas Carol Service followed by
champagne and Christmas cake

Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve

5.00pm Contemporary Eucharist with Children's activity
11.00pm Midnight Mass - Sung Eucharist

Sunday 25 December Christmas Day

7.45 am BCP Holy Communion
9.00 am Sung Eucharist
No 10.30 am Service

Sunday 1 January 2017

9.00 am Sung Eucharist (One service only)

Sunday 8 January 2017

7.45 am BCP Holy Communion
9.00 am Sung Eucharist
No 10.30 am Service

Sunday 15 January 2017

9.45 am Joint Service
Farewell to Revd Kate
followed by Brunch



Cut out and keep on your fridge door

At Worship Today

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples
whose servant John came baptising
and calling for repentance;
help us to Hear his voice of judgment,
that we may also rejoice in his words of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

7.45 am Book of Common Prayer
Presiding: Revd Kate
Preaching: Jeff Wild - Act for Peace
Hymn 265

10.30 am Contemporary Eucharist
Presiding: Revd Dianne
Preaching: Ross Walker - Act for Peace

*The Sanctuary bell will be rung 5 minutes before the service begins
to observe a time of quiet.*

9.00 am

A Prayer Book for Australia – page 119.

Presiding at the Eucharist:

Revd Dianne

Musical Setting:

Michael Dudman

Introit:

Hymn 265

Sentence:

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news.

First Reading:

Isaiah 11.1-10

Gradual Response:



Psalm: 72.1-7 , 18 - 21

Second Reading:

Romans 15.4-13

Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel:

Matthew 3.1-12

Gospel Sentence:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All
people shall see the salvation of God.

Sermon:

Jeff Wild: Act for Peace

Offertory:

Hymn 266

Motet:

Wachet Auf, Cantata 140 - J.S. Bach

Recessional:

Hymn 283

*People of all Christian Churches, who are communicants in their own church,
are invited to share Holy Communion with us.*

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Second Reading: Romans 15.4-13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the

patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore, I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; ¹⁰and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; ¹¹and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; ¹²and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.¹¹I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Church Cleaning Bee for Christmas

Why: To spruce up the church complex for Christmas

When: **Saturday 17 December 2016 from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm**

A job list is on the notice board in the passage; please add your name even if for only an hour, and please bring your own cleaning items. *Many thanks - Bruce Chugg*



Mainly Music Christmas Service

Saturday 10 December, 4.30pm

All Welcome.



MU Australia

Part of the World Wide Mothers' Union

Celebrate St Nicholas Day on Tuesday 6 December at 1.30 pm with MU.

Listen to David Cundy, our Director of Music, talk about his musical journey, sing some favourite carols, and bring Christmas food to share.

Visitors Welcome.

Advent Devotional Booklets available at \$3.00 each. - See Revd Dianne

ADVENT

The Net will gather for our men's breakfast at 9.00 am this coming

Saturday, December 10 at the Airstream Café, Century City Walk, Glen Waverley. All men of the parish are welcome. Contact Michael Mosley on 9807 3168 if you would like further details.

Diary reminder:

Jazz Night Friday 17 February 2017



Gloria Smith is urgently needing plastic screwtop lids from milk and juice bottles. Please keep them instead of throwing them away and give them to Gloria.

We are looking forward to having **Kathryn Watt** as our Assistant Curate, starting in February 2017.



Read all about her in the Christmas Parish Magazine

MWICG

"Many Voices - One Body"

Food for Friends Collection

Thank you to all shoppers and our helpers. A total of 96 hampers were packed and cash donations totalled \$900, A fantastic result. These were divided equally between all the nominated charities.

The gifts collected under the tree in the Narthex for the Anglicare Toy Collection will be collected on Tuesday 13th December. Many thanks for your donations.



Liz Monaghan

From Your Vicar

A prophet is one who speaks for God in a particular time and to a particular society. A prophet is not one who sees into the future, but rather, looks critically at the present reality and reads the 'signs of the times.' The Baptist's words are a call to a new beginning - a realignment of the road we are taking. We are reminded that the Kingdom of God is close at hand and that, to be a part of the Kingdom, we must produce good fruit or be judged by our actions...tough words then and now.

Perhaps this week, withdraw a little from the hectic celebrations of Christmas cheer and concentrate instead on waiting and prayerfully preparing for what is to come. Give thought to the real meaning of Christmas and contemplate what the 'advent' of Christ meant and means to the world.

Pax (peace) Dianne

Christmas Office Hours

The Parish Office will close on Friday 23rd December and will re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2017.



Photos are available in the Parish Centre of The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid news about a missionary and his family who work amongst Syrian refugees at the school in Lebanon. Please pray for Emil and his family.



We welcome today Jeff Wild, (7.45am and 9.00am) and Ross Walker (10.30am), from ACT for Peace, speaking about their work and the Christmas Bowl.



Three Things from Parish Council

- Removal of tree on our boundary and fence replaced
- Upgrade of Vicarage security being investigated
- Appointment of Kathryn Watt as Assistant Curate

Mt Waverley Chadstone InterChurch Council invites you to

The 5th Community Carols in the Village

Friday 9th December
Hamilton Place, Mt Waverley

Come One, Come All!

Community Singing from 6.30pm to 8pm

Supported by Monash Council and Mt Waverley Traders
www.mtwaverleychadstonechurches.org.au



Afternoon Meditation Gatherings

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Chapel, based on Ignatian Spirituality. A Sacred Space where you can find rest and stillness, listen and centre yourself. Spiritual food is offered to aid reflection and meditation. Contact Val Dyke on 9807 3168.

Next Session - this Wednesday, 7 December final for the year.

Evening Meditation Gatherings

2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 7.30pm in the Old Church, based on the Contemplative Traditions of Christian Meditation. Contact Michael Mosley on 9807 3168. Our last Meditation session for this year will be on **this Thursday December 8 at 7.30pm** in the Old Church. Our first session for 2017 will be on **Thursday January 12 at 7.30pm** in the Old Church.

THIRD THURSDAY EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - December 15 2016

For catering purposes could parishioners intending to come to this service please add your names to the list in the parish centre?

We are also asking for a donation of \$5 (per head) to cover costs. Please note the later time starting time of 11am.

COME AND JOIN IN - ALL VERY WELCOME

CHRISTMAS TREES :

If you would enjoy the fragrance of fresh pine in your home this Christmas, consider supporting the fundraising efforts of our Lawn Mowing Team, and order your tree from the WEVERLEY HELPMATES – and they will deliver for a small fee.

Green Order Forms headed “WEVERLEY HELPMATES FUNDRAISING” are located at both entrance doors to the Church..... **Enquiries: Chris Knight or HELPMATES Ph. 9807 3168**

Advance Notice

Christianity, Sexuality and the Modern World

A discussion on sexuality and Christianity, marriage equality and discrimination of, and laws for, gay people in modern society.

Presented by

Bp Graeme Rutherford

David Cundy

Fiona Sawyer

Saturday 21st January 2017, 10am,
Parish Centre,
followed by refreshments.



Dates to put in your Diary

Diary Dates:

Sunday	4 December - Advent 2
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist (SE)
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist (CE)
Tuesday	6
10.30 am	Mainly Music
1.30 pm	MU Event—visitors welcome
Wednesday	7
10.30 am	Mainly Music
10.30 am	Friendship Group
2.30 pm	Meditation Session
Thursday	8
10.00 am	Thursday Eucharist and Morning Tea
7.30 pm	Meditation Session
Friday	9
6.00 pm	Carols in the Village
Saturday	10
4.30pm	Mainly Music Christmas Service
Sunday	11 December - Advent 3
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist (SE)
10.00 am	Contemporary Eucharist (CE)
5.00 pm	Carol Service followed by Champagne and Christmas Cake
Thursday	15
10.00 am	Thursday Eucharist and Christmas Luncheon
7.30 pm	Amnesty International
Sunday	18 December - Advent 4
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist (SE)
10.00 am	Contemporary Eucharist (CE)
Saturday	24 December
5.00 pm	Contemporary Eucharist with Children's activity
11.00 pm	Midnight Mass - Sung Eucharist
Sunday	25 December
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist (SE) No CE Service

Next week: Advent 3 Readings

Isaiah 35.1-10
Song of Mary
James 5.7-10
Matthew 11.2-11

Stewards/Welcomers:

BCP	Elaine Fasken Celia Gant
SE	Margaret Noblett Bill Noblett Helen Warren
CE	Melissa Harvey Bill Harvey

Readers:

BCP	Jill De Lacy
SE	Sue Retschko Gillian Leembruggen
CE	Emily Skingsley

Eucharistic Assistants/Chalice Assistants:

BCP	Frank Miller
SE	Ron Ritchie Jenny Brown Howard Brown
CE	Bruce Chugg Becky Sims Jean Clarke

Intercessor:

SE	Ron Ritchie
CE	Rowena Ferguson

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Priest The Revd Dianne Sharrock
(Day off - Monday)

Assistant Curate The Revd Kate Lord
(Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sun)

Theological Student Garry Deverell

Children's and Families' Minister Becky Sims
(Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Music Director David Cundy

Treasurer Helen Warren

Office Administrator David Cundy

Churchwardens: Brian De Lacy, Bruce Chugg, Sue Retschko

Parish Council: Geoff Crawford, Elaine Fasken, Doug Hastings, Fiona Nicholson-Stocker, Peter Northwood, Elizabeth Taplin, Helen Warren, Joan West

Pastoral Care Ministry:

Home Communion and General Visiting:

Aged Care Chaplaincies:

Hospital Visiting:

Funeral Ministry:

Contemporary Eucharist Contact:

Pastoral Associate (Emeritus):

Ian Smith

Bruce Chugg

Clergy

The Vicar

Rowena Ferguson

Trevor Bickerstaff

Spiritual Director Val Dyke

Prayer Chain contact Margaret Syfret

SERVICES: Sunday

7.45am

9.00am

10.30am

Tuesday

Wednesday - Friday

Thursday

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sung Eucharist (APBA)

Contemporary Eucharist (Children's Participation)

9.15am, Morning Prayer

9.00am, Morning Prayer

10.00am, Eucharist