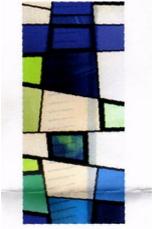


Epiphany 7  
19 February 2017



## Two Questions

“What difference does it make to  
my self-understanding and behaviour  
if I believe myself to be held in  
God’s loving accepting gaze?”

“What difference does it make to  
our understanding  
of how we might live together  
if we believe that each and everyone  
of us is held in  
that same loving regard?”

Mike Higon  
“Difficult Gospel”

# At Worship Today

## Prayer of the Day:

Hidden God,  
whose wisdom compels our love  
and unsettles all our values:  
fill us with desire to search for her truth,  
that we may transform the world,  
becoming fools for her sake,  
through Jesus Christ,  
your Word and Wisdom made flesh,  
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

7.45 am Book of Common Prayer  
Presiding: Revd Dianne  
Preaching: Revd Garry  
Hymn: 433

10.30 am Contemporary Eucharist:  
Presiding Revd Dianne  
Preaching: Revd Garry

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

9.00 am

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Presiding at the Eucharist:

Revd Dianne

Musical Setting:

Michael Dudman

Introit:

**Hymn 614**

Sentence:

Your Father in heaven makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful

First Reading:

Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 3.10-17

Gradual:

**Hymn 428 (Tune 429)**

Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel:

Matthew 5.38-48

Sermon:

Revd Garry

Offertory:

**Hymn 433**

Recessional:

**Hymn 650 vss 1, 2, 3, 6**

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

**First Reading: Leviticus 19.1 - 2, 9 - 18**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. <sup>9</sup>When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup>You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. <sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. <sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.10 - 17**

<sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup>For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup>Now if

anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - <sup>13</sup>the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. <sup>14</sup>If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup>If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup>If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

**Gospel: Matthew 5.38 - 48**

<sup>38</sup> 'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup>and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup>and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. <sup>43</sup>You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## From Your Vicar

There are three chapters of Jesus' teaching on the mountain beginning with the Beatitudes. So, this week the Gospel continues the theme of going beyond what is required by the law, but here Jesus takes the teaching much further. More than honouring the spirit of the law over the letter of the law, Jesus advocates what must have sounded like the ravings of a madman to his hearers. Don't allow a person to strike you once; offer them the other cheek as well. If asked, don't just give away your coat, give your cloak as well! Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. What was Jesus thinking?

It is in the final verse of this text which gives us the clue to the meaning of this demanding passage. In essence, what Jesus is saying is that believers must emulate God's own actions. God is a God of total self-giving. God is a god of unbounded generosity, even to those who may not seem to deserve such magnanimity. God is a God whose love and self-giving embraces all, both the honest and the dishonest. The offer of the kingdom of heaven is open to all who seek to be God-like in their dealings with others. Go beyond the minimum this week and reach out in generosity to someone you may not ordinarily associate with. Offer friendship or material support to someone who may be seen as an outcast in our society.

*Pax (peace) Dianne*

# Teddy Bears' Picnic



"Mainly Music Teddy Bears"  
Picnic'

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

11.30am - 1pm

Open to all parishioners!

RSVP: February 26<sup>th</sup>

Becky 9807 3168



**Youth Group is on  
tonight!  
Sunday 19 February**

**5pm: dinner**

**6pm: games**

**8pm: finish**

**Cost: \$5 each**

**Your friends are  
always welcome!**

**For more information  
phone: 9807 3168**

### Afternoon Meditation Gatherings

1st 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 9807 3168. **Next Session: 1 March at 2.30 pm.**

### Evening Meditation Gatherings

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Next session will be on **Thursday 23 February, than 9 March at 7.30 pm** in the Old Church.

### WEAR GREEN FOR PREMMIES

We have been asked to support the Wear Green for Premies Day on Wednesday 5 April 2017 by knitting green hats for premature babies as we did last year.

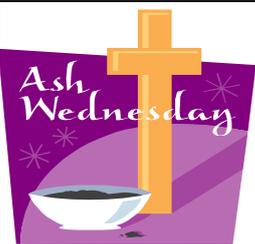
Patterns and wool are available in the Parish Centre. Please see Joan West if you have any questions. *Thank you*

### TCCV (Tamil Christian Community of Victoria)

Some months ago the congregation was advised that the TCCV would be worshipping here. Their commencement service is next **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm**. Bishop Paul Barker will be preaching and presiding at this Eucharist. As a show of support I encourage you to attend and, as a light supper is being provided by the people of TCCV, we need to know numbers. Could you, please, put your name on a signup sheet, if you are intending to come along?

The Tamil congregation will be worshipping here on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month from 3pm and will be using our facilities from time to time. We welcome them and look forward to sharing worship with them on various occasions.

*Dianne*



If you have any palm crosses at home, please bring them to the church to be burnt into ashes for



Ash Wednesday. With thanks.



### Lenten Quiet Day

*Time out to journey towards the Cross*

**Saturday 25 March 2017**

10am - 3.30pm

Morning/Afternoon Tea provided

BYO Lunch

Parish Centre

Info: 9807 3168

### “Lent to Easter” Parish Magazine

**Deadline: Sunday, March 5:**

**Articles...life stories, special holidays, poems, pictures, etc.**

716 words per article in size 12 Arial Narrow font (if possible) would be helpful.

Please email to [helenedur@netspace.net.au](mailto:helenedur@netspace.net.au)

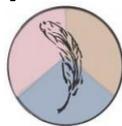
### GalahKookEmu - Wednesday 22 February

The 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.00 pm dinner/gathering off site at Mitcham. Exploring how to follow the Benedictine way of life in today's world.

[www.monasteriesoftheheart.org](http://www.monasteriesoftheheart.org).

Visitors are always welcome.

Contact 9807 3168.



**Ash  
Wednesday  
Services  
10.00am &  
7.30pm**

The Mainly Music Team cordially invites all parishioners to attend a music session any Tuesday or Wednesday morning during term time at 10.30am. “Come and see” what God is doing in this place!



Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no Shrove Tuesday Pancake evening this year.

## Lenten Programme

### Ash Wednesday Services:

1 March at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

### **Tuesday Evenings**

commencing 28 February with Val Dyke  
7.30 – 9.00 pm

(Hope – where there is mercy, there is hope)  
\$10.00 pp

### **Wednesday Evenings**

“From Gethsemane to the Cross”

15 March (*Gethsemane - Matt. 26.36-46*)

22 March (*Betrayed with a Kiss - Matt. 26.47-56*)

29 March (*Before the cock crows - Matt. 26.57-75*)

5 April (*Blood Money - Matt. 27.1-10*)

12 April (*Silence of the Lamb - Matt. 27.11-31*)

with Bishop Paul Barker

8.00 – 9.00 pm

held in the Church.



### **Friday Afternoon**

commencing 3 March with Revd Kathryn Watt  
2.00 – 3.30 pm  
in the Chapel

(Hope – where there is mercy, there is hope)  
\$10.00 pp

**Signup Sheets in the Narthex and Parish Centre**

**MU Australia**  
Part of the World Wide Mothers' Union

THEME FOR 2017

### **Faith in Action**

**28<sup>th</sup> February** will be our first meeting for this year.

All are welcome to join us at 1.00pm in the Chapel for a Eucharist and the Commissioning of the MU Office-bearers.

This will be followed by a short meeting, then afternoon tea and time for fellowship as we welcome the ladies from the Tamil Congregation.

### **A date for your diary...**

*Martha & Mary Women's Ministry Conference*

**Saturday 18 March - 10am-3pm**

St Stephen's & St Mary's Parish Centre. More information nearer the date.

**“Sanctuary for Lent 2017” - Devotional Books for sale \$3 ea. Available in the Narthex and Parish Centre.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 4pm** Evensong at St Stephen and St Mary, followed by refreshments. If you enjoy singing in a choir, or just love music, come along and experience an evensong, a service that is becoming rare in Australia. The members of **The Friends of Anglican Music** are all singers who enjoy an evensong four times a year. Well worth coming along to church on that day.

*The Friends of Anglican Music Inc.*

### **NAME TAGS**

We ask that all parishioners please wear their name tag, not only during the next few weeks as we welcome our new Assistant Curate, but at every service you attend. If you need a name tag, please request one via the Connection Card in the pews.  
*The Wardens*

We would like to congratulate and thank Chris and Pam Knight for their considerable hard work and dedication in starting and running the Garden Group from its inception in 1994/1995 to today. Thanks also to Maggie and Graeme Dellora for taking on the Garden Group.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm. **Bush Dance** - Monash Uniting Church Hall, 1939 Princes Highway, Clayton North. Barbecue from 6pm, dancing from 7pm, stagger home at 10pm. RSVP; 27<sup>th</sup> February if you can come. lil@deverell.net or garry@deverell.net

# Dates to put in your Diary

## Diary Dates:

### Epiphany 7 - 19 February 2017

8.45 am BCP) Book of Common Prayer)  
9.00 am (SE) Sung Eucharist  
10.30 am (CE) Contemporary Eucharist Youth Group

Monday 20

Tuesday 21

10.30 am Mainly Music

Wednesday 22

10.30 am Mainly Music

10.30 pm Friendship Group

7.00 pm GalahKookEmu (see notice)

Thursday 23

10.00 am Thursday Eucharist

With morning tea

7.30 pm Meditation Session

Friday 24

Saturday 25

### Sunday 26 Epiphany 8 2017

8.45 am (BCP) Book of Common Prayer

9.00 am (SE) Sung Eucharist

10.30 am (CE) Contemporary Eucharist

## Next Week: Epiphany 8 - 26 February 2017

### Readings:

Isaiah 49.8-16a

Psalms 131

1 Corinthians 3.18-4.5

Matthew 6.22-34

### Stewards/Welcomers:

BCP Avril Foerander

Hugh Foerander

SE Graeme Dellora

Maggie Dellora

Tony Syfret

CE Judith Gibson

Rowena Ferguson

### Readers:

BCP Frank Miller

SE Gillian Leembruggen

Ron Ritchie

CE Larelle Skingsley

### Eucharistic/Chalice Assistants:

BCP Joanne Burns

SE Bev Anderson

Jenny Brown

Howard Brown

Val Dyke

CE Geoff Crawford

Christine Mallouhi

### Intercessor:

SE Jenny Bowers

CE Judith Gibson

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<b>Priest</b> (Day off - Monday)	The Rev'd Dianne Sharrock
<b>Assistant Curates</b>	The Rev'd Kathryn Watt The Rev'd Garry Deverell
<b>Children's and Families' Minister</b> (Tues, Wed, Thurs)	Becky Sims
<b>Music Director</b>	David Cundy
<b>Treasurer</b>	Helen Warren
<b>Office Administrator</b>	David Cundy

**Churchwardens:** Brian De Lacy, Bruce Chugg, Sue Retschko

**Parish Council:** Geoff Crawford, Elaine Fasken, Nathan Goode, Doug Hastings, Sherredan Maher, Peter Northwood, Helen Warren, Joan West

## **Pastoral Care Ministry:**

<i>Home Communion and General Visiting:</i>	Ian Smith
<i>Aged Care Chaplaincies:</i>	Bruce Chugg
<i>Hospital Visiting:</i>	Clergy
<i>Funeral Ministry:</i>	The Vicar
<i>Contemporary Eucharist Contact:</i>	Rowena Ferguson
<i>Pastoral Associate (Emeritus):</i>	Trevor Bickerstaff

<b>Spiritual Director</b>	Val Dyke
<b>Prayer Chain contact</b>	Margaret Syfret

## **SERVICES:**

<b>Sunday</b>	
7.45am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.00am	Sung Eucharist (APBA)
10.30am	Contemporary Eucharist (Children's Participation)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.15am, Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday - Friday</b>	9.00am, Morning Prayer
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00am, Eucharist