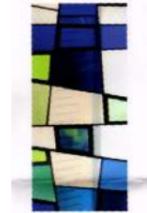


Lent 2
12 March 2017



A Prayer for Lent

O Lord and Master of my life,
Take from me the spirit of
Indifference,
Discouragement,
Lust for power
and empty speech.

Rather, grant to me your servant,
The spirit of chastity,
Humility,
Love
and patience.

O Lord and King, grant me the grace
to be aware of my own sins
and not to judge my neighbour;
for you are blessed now
and forever. Amen.

St Ephraim.

At Worship Today

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy,
 you are full of tenderness and compassion,
 slow to anger, rich in mercy,
 and always ready to forgive:
 grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
 that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

7.45 am Book of Common Prayer

Presiding: Revd Dianne

Preaching: Revd

Hymn: 494

10.30 am Contemporary Eucharist:

Presiding : Revd Dianne

Preaching: Revd

*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:

St Alban's Mass - Dianne Gome

Introit:

Hymn 420

Sentence:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that
 everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have
 eternal life

First Reading:

Genesis 12.1-4a

Gradual Response:



R Our help is from the Lord who made heav - en and earth.

Gradual:

Psalm 121

Second Reading:

Romans 4.1-5; 13-17

Gospel Acclamation:



Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us: for we have sinned a - gainst you.

Gospel:

John 3.1-17

Sermon:

Revd

Offertory:

Hymn 494

Recessional:

Hymn 147

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

First Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a

12:1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Second Reading: Romans 4.1-5; 13-17

4¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? 2For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' 4Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

13For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham. 17in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel: John 3.1-17

3¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus* by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' 3Jesus answered him,

'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.* 4Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' 5Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.* 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You* must be born from above."* 8The wind* blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' 9Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' 10Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you* do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.* 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.* 16'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



From Your Vicar

The Church divides up the worshipping/liturgical year into various seasons. The reason for this is to make sure that the Community of Christ explores through the liturgical use of scripture, prayer and music the whole life of Christ. Two events dominate; the Birth of the Messiah (Christmas), and the Life-Giving Death of the Messiah (Holy Week and Easter). For both events there is a three-fold pattern. A period of preparation, the feast, followed by a time understanding the significance of the event. If we chart how the Church celebrates the Birth and the Life-Giving Death of the Messiah it looks like this:

1.	<u>Preparation</u> Advent Total of 9 weeks	<u>Celebration</u> Christmas	<u>Exploration</u> 12 days of Christmas and Epiphany =
2.	Lent Total 14 weeks	Holy Week and Easter	Easter ending at Pentecost =

This leaves around 29 Sundays of the year which are called "Sundays of the Year", or "Ordinary Time" in which the readings of scripture and prayers do not follow a theme, like the special seasons of the year, but methodically read through one of the Gospels. This year it is the Gospel of Matthew. This too makes sure that when we faithfully come to church each week we hear, as a community of faith, the whole life of Christ.

Pax (peace) Dianne

Men's Forum

Tuesday 14 March, 2pm in Old Church - Guest Speaker: David Godfrey

Topic: *Melway - from a Mount Waverley Shed to Aussie Icon.*

- ◆ All parishioners are invited to this fascinating talk, followed by Afternoon Tea.
 - ◆ There will be some First Edition Box Sets available for purchase at the heavily discounted price of \$100.00.
- David Duncan*

GalahKookEmu - Wednesday 22 March

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

Visitors are always welcome.



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!



The Ladies Guild

Opportunity Shop

The Ladies Guild will be manning the Lions Opportunity Shop over the week 27 – 31 March.

Could you please sort out any goods that you may have that would be suitable for sale and deliver them to the shop on **Tuesday 21 March**.

(Tell the people there that they are from St Stephen and St Mary's Parish).

Janice Miller

2018 Israel Tour

This is a reminder that forms must be filled out and deposits paid by the beginning of April at the absolute latest. See Dianne for more info.

Thank you to Fran Ludgate for her work on the BCP/SE Roster for the last 16 years. Thanks also to Joan West for taking on the role.

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 on 9807 3168.
Next Session: 1 April at 2.30 pm.

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

Joan Janka & David McNichol



Duo Piano Recital

Sunday 26th March, 2pm

32 Edmonds Ave, Ashwood

\$20 donation

Devonshire tea by Phoebe & Alf

Proceeds to Waverley Women's Refuge

Parish Book Group

Many people love to read so we are offering a parish group for those of you who would like to meet to discuss books which you have agreed to read.

The group will meet during the day and if possible in the homes of members.

If you are interested in further information please sign the sheet in the parish centre or you can contact Joan West on 9807 3168.

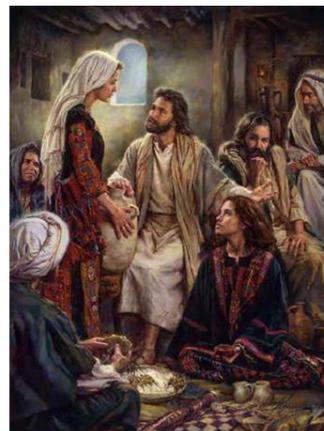
WEAR GREEN FOR PREMMIES

We have been asked to support the Wear Green for Premmies 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.**

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. Next session will be on **Thursday 23 March at 7.30 pm and then 13 April** in the Old Church.



Martha & Mary Women's Ministry conference

Saturday 18 March 10.00am-3.00pm
at St Stephen's & St Mary's Anglican Church

- 9:30 Registration in the Old Church
10:00 **Eucharist** in the Church
Opening Address
Revd Dianne Sharrock
11:00-11:30 **Morning Tea** in the Parish Centre
11:30-12:15 **Small Groups session** ...exploring our ministries...listening and responding, supporting and affirming (locations around the parish centre)
12:15-1:00 **Lunch** in Parish Centre
1:00-2:00 **Panel Session** (in the Church)
Joan West... Leadership
Revd Kathryn Watt ...Vocation
Becky Sims ... Volunteering
2:15-3:00 **Coffee in the Market Place** (Old Church) displays, sign-up sheets, information etc.

If you wish to attend please sign up on the blue notice on the Narthex or Parish Centre notice board.

Lenten Programme



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.

MU Australia
Part of the World Wide Mothers' Union

The next Meeting is on Tuesday
14 March at 1.30 pm in the
Parish Centre.

**Bible Study: Great Women of
the Bible**

The change from our usual date
is due to a Public Holiday and the
need to have our next meeting
prior to the Mary and Martha
Women's Ministry Conference on
Saturday 18 March.

The Annual **LADY DAY SERVICE**
will be held at St Peter's Eastern
Hill on

Our Youth Group

program has got off to a great start for the year, and we've
planned an action packed program for first semester.

We get together on the first and third Sundays of each month
(other than during school holidays) and all between years 6 and
12 are welcome.

We're always after new and interesting activities so if anyone has
a particular skill or equipment that might be useful, such as a
pottery wheel, or some other kind of crafty gear and would be
willing to share, please let us know.

If you're interested in volunteering to join the youth group leaders'
team, please contact Kathryn at the parish. We have a great
time!

Revd Kathryn

LENTEN GREEN CHALLENGE



All members of the Parish
are invited to join the Lenten
GREEN CHALLENGE

'How small is your house-
hold footprint?' Reducing your car-
bon footprint is not difficult. If we all
try to do just one or two things
differently we can

MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Please pick up your check list in the
Parish Centre

Your voluntary donation will be put
towards supplying solar lights in the
in the Solomon Islands.

Thank You.

Three things from Parish Council

- New lease on Stephenson's Road Unit
- Volunteers needed for rosters and
Mainly Music
- Planning begun for 'Giving for Life'
program in November.

The March issue of
The Melbourne Anglican (TMA) is
now available in the foyer/narthex.
Remember to collect a copy.

"Sanctuary for Lent 2017" -
Devotional Books for sale \$3
each. Still available in the
Narthex and Parish Centre.

Dates to put in your Diary

Diary Dates:

Lent 2 - 12 March

8.45 am	(BCP) Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	(SE) Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	(CE) Contemporary Eucharist
Monday	13
Tuesday	14
10.30 am	Mainly Music
1.30 pm	MU Meeting—Great Women of the Bible
2.00 pm	Mens Forum
7.30 pm	Lent study group with Val Dyke
Wednesday	15
10.30 am	Mainly Music/Friendship Group
8.00 pm	Lenten Study with Bp Paul Baker
Thursday	16
10.00 am	Third Thursday Eucharist with special morning tea
Friday	17
Saturday	18
10.00 am	Martha and Mary Conference
Sunday	19 Third Sunday of Lent
8.45 am	(BCP) Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	(SE) Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	(CE) Contemporary Eucharist

Youth Group tonight

Next Week: Lent 3 - 19 March 2017

Readings:

Exodus 17.1-7
 Psalm 95
 Romans 5 1-11
 John 4.5-42

Stewards/Welcomers:

BCP	Avril Foenander Hugh Foenander
SE	Nima Flora Maggie Dellora Graeme Dellora
CE	David Sharrock Fiona Nicholson-Stocker and Aaron

Readers:

BCP	Joanne Burns
SE	Margaret Noblett Bev Anderson
CE	Hannah Harvey

Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance

BCP	Hugh Foenander
SE	Kevin Phillips Ros Sahhar Gloria Smith Val Dyke
CE	Marg Crawford Geoff Crawford

Intercessor:

SE	Joan West
CE	Revd Gary Deverell

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

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Priest (Day off - Monday)	The Rev'd Dianne Sharrock
Assistant Curates	The Rev'd Kathryn Watt The Rev'd Garry Deverell
Children's and Families' Minister (Tues, Wed, Thurs)	Becky Sims
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, 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

Spiritual Director	Val Dyke
Prayer Chain contact	Margaret Syfret

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