

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Ascension Day
28 May 2017



**Ascension Day Reflection:
Seek The Things Above**

As we contemplate this great mystery of
the Ascension of Christ today,
may we be given that extra special glimpse of
God in and through the ordinary things of life.
May that vision bring us closer to God;
with healing and reconciliation to
our wounded and broken world.

Amen.



Br. Anselm Philip King-Lowe,
OSB

We pray for Christian
Unity, welcoming visitors
from neighbouring
churches with us at the
Sung Eucharist

At Worship Today:

Prayer of the Day God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into the risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ the firstborn from the dead, who lives and reigns with you now and always. Amen.	7.45 am BCP Book of Common Prayer Presiding: Revd Dianne : Revd Garry Deverell: Hymn: 228 vss. 1, 3, 5, 6
	Contemporary Eucharist: Presiding: Revd Dianne Preaching: Revd Garry Deverell

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 Sharrock

Musical Setting:

Holy Trinity Mass - John Ross

Introit:

Hymn 228, vss 1, 3, 5, 6

Sentence:

'Go and make disciples of all nations, 'Jesus commands,
'I am with you always, to the close of the age.'

First Reading:

Acts 1.1-11

Gradual:

Hymn 29

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1.15-23

Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel Sentence:

Go and teach all people my gospel: I am with you always, until
the end of the day.

Gospel:

Matthew 28.16-20

Sermon:

Revd Garry Deverell

Offertory:

Hymn 376

Recessional Hymn:

Hymn 369 vss 1, 4, 5, 6

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

First Reading: Acts 1.1-11

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me;⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven .

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and

above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all

Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

28.¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Sunday for Christian Unity

Today we celebrate the Sunday for Christian Unity with an Ecumenical Exchange arranged by the Inter Church Council. We welcome:

- Bernadette Allan and Claire Morel from Christ, Our Holy Redeemer Catholic Church Oakleigh East,
- Cherian and Terri Thomas from St Leonard's Catholic Church, Glen Waverley,
- Lois Brown and Rena Douglas from St Luke's Uniting Church Mt Waverley.

Val Dyke and Joanna Burns are visiting St Leonard's, Geoff and Marg Taylor are visiting St Luke's and Ruth and Douglas Hastings are visiting Christ Our Holy Redeemer.

Please welcome our visitors to our church along with our official welcomers Irene Donohoue Clyne, Elaine Fasken and Margaret Syfret.



From the Assistant Curate

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Christ, which is about two important themes of the Christian life: (1) the exaltation of the crucified one to a place of 'Lordship' over all creation; and (2) the responsibility of all who follow this crucified Lord to share his gifts of grace and reconciliation with the whole world. When the headlines about Syria, the Sudan and Manchester seem to confirm our fears that everything is descending into violence and despair, it is important to remember that the crucified one overcame such things in the name of a love that can never be extinguished. It is him, and his gifts of forgiveness and peace, whom we celebrate today.

Peace - Revd Garry

We wish to make special acknowledgement of the considerable contribution that Ros Sahhar has given to the choir. For nearly 50 years she has faithfully lent her voice to the choir of St Stephen and St Mary in her music making to the glory of God. Due to family commitments, Ros has decided to step down from her role in the choir and, more recently, her volunteering with Mainly Music. Thank you, Ros, for your extraordinary devotion.

David Cundy



Youth Group

Whilst Revd Kathryn is away Liz Taplin will be running the next couple of events.

Next Sunday 4th June, bowling, Sunday 18th June, Glowstick night.

All from years 6 - 12 are welcome. Info:

ssmmwyouthleaders@googlegroups.com

NOTE ABOUT SCAMS

A couple of parishioners have experienced telephone scams recently.

SCAM 1

1. A person rings you, claiming to be from a Jewellery shop, tells you that a family member is in the shop trying to use your credit card.
2. They then tell you to ring the number of your bank (provided by the caller) which is a fake number that takes you not to the bank but to someone pretending to be the bank, then asks you to verify your credit card details.
3. They also give out a fake number of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and ask you to call the AFP to verify that the bank is not fraudulent. The AFP number is also fake and takes you to someone masquerading as the AFP. If you get one of these calls, hang up.

SCAM 2

A person calls, saying that they are from some government agency and will ask you several times "Can you hear me?" The call is being recorded and if you answer "Yes" it will be recorded and you will be deemed to have accepted the charges for transactions, such as signing up with some shonky telephone company for all your calls.

If you receive one of these calls, say "I can hear you". Do not say, "Yes". If they ask again, hang up.

It is no longer necessary for one to sign documents to accept company transactions: - you simply have to respond in the affirmative and you will be deemed to have accepted the transaction.

If you are ever concerned, talk to us in the office. NEVER pay any attention to an email or phone call, telling you that you've won money. It is NEVER true.

WINTER WOOLLIES

APPEAL 2017

The Parish Social Justice Committee will conduct the 'Winter Woollies' appeal again in 2017 to assist people in need.

Donations of:

- sleeping bags,
- blankets,
- jumpers,
- woollen socks,
- beanies,
- gloves,
- parkas
- jackets
- other clothing will be gratefully received.



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: 7 June at 2.30 pm.

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 This **Thursday 8 June at 7.30 pm and then 22 June** in the Old Church.

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

Booking of facilities

Just a reminder: when you organise a meeting, or a rehearsal for anything, or any sort of gathering, please ensure that you have advised the office. As this parish is now quite busy with the Tamil Congregation, Mainly Music, funerals, events, and all the groups that use the site, we are starting to get clashes. **NB!! This applies to all groups, even if you've been holding meetings for years. We still need to be told when your meetings are.**

Many thanks



OUR PARISH FETE Saturday 28 October

Write this date in your diary or calendar. Think about what you might do to make this fete successful.

- Continue to sort out your unwanted treasures or books.
- Plan to pot up plants for the garden stall.
- Grow vegetables or herbs to sell on a produce stall.
- Look up your best cake, biscuit or sweets recipes.
- Jam, preserve or chutney your surplus fruit.
- Ideas and comments welcome.

Irene Donohoue Clyne for the planning committee.



SILENT RETREAT

A live in time of silence

- **An Invitation** to reflect on your prayer life.
- **An opportunity** to discover that there is no line between the sacred and secular. All of life is holy.
- **An opportunity** to explore innovative ways to pray.
- **Guided Meditations** will assist reflection on your journey of faith and discovery.

Theme: *To make our life a prayer.*

Weekend: 7th July - 9th July

Friday Dinner 6.00 pm to Sunday Afternoon Tea 4.30 pm.

Place: The Jansen Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boroña 3155

Donation: \$190.00 includes accommodation, meals and resources.

Please send \$90 Non-Refundable Deposit.

Cheque made payable to Val Dyke.

BOOKINGS REQUIRED.

ENQUIRIES to

Miss Val Dyke Th.A., Dip Past. Min., B.Theol.

Phone: 9807 3168



Galahkookemu

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

www.monasteriesoftheheart.org. Visitors are always welcome.

Contact Christine Mallouhi 0409 829 389.



MU celebrates 59 years of service to the Parish with a fundraising luncheon

on Monday June 26 2017,

12 noon for 12-30pm

in the Parish Centre

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Lambis Englezos AM

Lambis was responsible for discovering mass war graves to some

250 lost Australian soldiers from the battle of Fromelles in France during WW1

Tickets for this event cost \$20 and include a two course lunch.

Available after Church from Norma, Liz, Irene.

Or RSVP by June 18th to

9807 3168



Lambis Englezos AM

Sunday 18 June - Advance Notice

Jazz Mass - combined service at 9.45 am.

New Lay Participation Rosters

for the next 3 months commencing the first week of June, have been emailed to those on the roster.

Check with the parish office if you require a printed copy.

Contemporary Eucharist Roster - May, June, July 2017

DATE	WELCOME/ CLEAN UP	CRUCIFIX	SERVICES	READER	INTERCESSOR	CHAIR/ ASSISTANTS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	WORKING TEA
May 7	Melissa B.S.	Hannah	--	Richard	Garry	Jean Christine M.	Lizze W.E.	Michael L.E.
May 14	Jean Karen	Lizze	--	Christine N.	Judith	Miriam Rowena	Fiona N.S. Miranda	Miriam Judith
May 21	Marg Scott, Tony	Luan	--	Hannah	Rowena	Bill Marg	Kathryn Lizze	Christine Veronica
May 28	Tony Rowena	--	--	L.E.	Clare	Judith Miriam	Becky Miranda	Karen Judith
June 4	Melissa B.S.	W.E.	Hannah Miranda	Garry	Christine M.	Becky Jen	Melissa Hannah	Lizelle Tony
June 11	Judith Tony	Miranda	Lizze Hannah	Christine M.	Garry	Rowena Bill	Lizze W.E.	Rowena L.E.
June 18	9.45 am - JOINT SERVICE - JAZZ MASS FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH. Servers for Joint Service - Lizze and W.E.							
June 25	Jean Fiona N.S.	Miranda	W.E.	Rowena	Becky	Judith Jen	Fiona R. Hannah	Karen Fiona R.
July 2	Melissa B.S.	School holidays	School holidays	Lizelle	Clare	Becky Christine M.	School holidays	David Tony
July 9	Miriam Rowena	School holidays	School holidays	L.E.	Judith	Miriam Bill	School holidays	Melissa Bill
July 16	Tony David	Luan	School holidays	Christine N.	Christine M.	Christine M. Clare	School holidays	Marg Lizze
July 23	Judith Rowena	W.E.	--	Lizelle	Becky	Rowena Judith	Fiona N.S. Miranda	Lizelle Tony
July 30	David Miriam	--	--	Rowena	Garry	Miriam Christine M.	Becky W.E.	Christine Veronica

Please organise a swap if a particular date doesn't suit you, and note swaps on the roster on the noticeboard in the kitchen near the kitchen. David will organise musicians for each week.

Hopper Night - Friday, 2nd June 2017, 6.30pm, Parish Centre
All tickets have been sold.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday	Feast of the Ascension
8.45 am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist (SE)
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist (CE)
Monday	29
Tuesday	30
10.30-12noon	Mainly Music
Wednesday	31
10.30-12noon	Mainly Music
Thursday	1 June
7.30 pm	Meditation Session
Friday	2
Saturday	3
Sunday	4 Day of Pentecost

Pentecost June 4 2017	
Readings:	
Acts 2.1-21	
Psalm 104..26-36	
1 Corinthians 12.1-13	
John 20.19-23	
Presiding: Bishop Paul Barker is joining us and will be preaching at all three services. Parishioners are reminded to wear red on the day!	
Stewards/Welcomers:	
BCP	Brian De Lacy Jill De Lacy
SE	John Russell Shanti Lieversz Yolanda Lancaster
CE	Melissa Harvey Bill Harvey
Readers:	
BCP	John Foster
SE	Geoff Tait Margaret Noblett
CE	Revd Garry Deverell
Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance	
BCP	Jill De Lacy
SE	Val Dyke Geoff Tait Bruce Chugg Jenny Bowers
CE	Becky Sims Jean Clarke
Intercessor:	
SE	The Social Justice Committee - multi lingual prayers
CE	Christine Mallouhi

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Priest	The Rev'd Dianne Sharrock (Day off - Monday)
Assistant Curates	The Rev'd Kathryn Watt The Rev'd 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, Nathan Goode, Doug Hastings, Sherredan Maher, Peter Northwood, 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 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