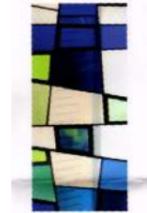


THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

23 July 2017

Merciful God,

you plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun. We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be.

When we deprive others of that same opportunity, forgive us.

When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field, forgive us.

When we label others as good or bad rather than accept them for who they are, forgive us.

When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat, forgive us.

When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there, forgive us.

O God, you know us inside and out, through and through.

You search us out and lay your hand upon us.

You know what we are going to say even before we speak.

So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected, the lonely and the outcast, and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others and in the world.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

At Worship Today:

Prayer of the Day: Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.	7.45 am (BCP) Book of Common Prayer Presiding and Preaching: Revd Dianne Hymn: 626
	10.30 am (CE) Contemporary Eucharist Presiding and Preaching: Revd Dianne

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

9am (SE)	A Prayer Book for Australia - page 119
Presiding at the Eucharist:	Revd Dianne
Musical Setting:	Holy Trinity Mass - John Ross
Introit:	Hymn 443
Sentence:	You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
First Reading:	Genesis 28:10 - 19a
Gradual:	Hymn 87
Second Reading:	1 Peter 2.11 - 25
Gospel Acclamation:	



Gospel:	Matthew 13.24 - 30; 36 - 43
Offertory:	Hymn 493
Recessional Hymn:	Hymn 503

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

First Reading: Genesis 28:10 - 19a

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder* set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him* and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed* in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' ¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Second Reading" 1 Peter 2.11-25

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. ¹²Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. ¹³ For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. ¹⁵For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. ¹⁶As servants* of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. ¹⁷Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor. ¹⁸ Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those

who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. ¹⁹For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel: Matthew 13.24 - 30, 36 - 43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the

end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

At noon **TODAY 23rd July** our Assistant Curate, Kathryn, will speak about the program she recently undertook at Canterbury Cathedral. Please bring something to share for lunch.



Resignation of Helene Durkin
 The Parish Council would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Helene, who has produced our weekly Pew Sheet for many years. Our sincere thanks to Helene for a job well done. Helene will continue to produce the Parish Magazine for us. The pew sheet will be produced in the office so in future please send any articles to: parishoffice@stephenandmary.org.au



2017 Diocesan Ministry Conference - Missional Leadership in the 21st Century.
 The Diocesan Conference is held every 3 years and our clergy will be attending the conference from Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th July 2017.

Congregational Giving Report			
1 st October 2016 until 30 th June 2017			
Giving Category	Given Amount this year	Budget Amount	Variation from Budget
Open	\$14,673.00	\$15,300.00	-\$ 627.00
Envelopes	\$60,224.00	\$61,300.00	-\$1,076.00
ADF Planned Giving	\$76,710.00	\$78,300.00	-\$1,590.00
Totals	\$151,607.00	\$154,900.00	-\$3,293.00



Copies of our **National Church Life Survey** outcomes are available in the narthex and the entrance hall near the parish office. Reverend Kathryn will be running discussion sessions as we work towards our next Mission Action Plan for an hour after each service on Sunday 20 August and Sunday 27 August. No need to sign up, just bring a cuppa and join the group. Your feedback is vital in forming our next three year Mission Action Plan.

- Three Things from Parish Council**
- **Parish Council Workshop** to be held on Saturday 12 August to discuss National Church Life Survey (NCLS), Child Safety Standards and Mission Action Plan.
 - **Parish consultations** based on NCLS to be held on Sunday 20 and 27 August following each service. Further information later.
 - **Hiring of buildings.** Bread of Life Christian Church will meet here every Saturday between 5pm and 8pm beginning 5 August. Harmony School of Yoga will begin classes here from the beginning of August.



games. grazing. groaning and grinning

Come and join us for lunch, board games and/or cards at **midday NEXT Sunday 30th July** in the Parish Centre. Bring along some food to share, and a favourite game or two. We'll bring *Articulate*, *Pictionary*, *Uno* and some ordinary playing cards for starters. We'll team up when we see what games we have, and who likes what. All ages welcome.



GREEN FETE News 3

There is an old saying many hands make light work.

We need Fete Volunteers to run the parish fete.

If you can spare an hour to help, add your name to the GREEN FETE NOTICE on parish noticeboards

- Bookstall (Jenny Brown)
- Trash & Treasure (Doug Hastings & Bev Anderson)
- BBQ (Paul Rowlands)
- KIDS ZONE (Marg Taylor)
- Toys (Fiona Nicholson-Stocker)
- Craft (Ros Sahhar & Anne Richardson)

- Tombola (Fran Ludgate)
- Plants (Maggie & Graeme Dellora)
- Cakes (Janice Millar)
- Produce (Alf North)
- Parking & Cleaning (Bruce Chugg)

Setting up on Friday Oct. 27th

Reserve this FETE DAY: Saturday Oct 28th.



GREEN FETE News 4

(Sunday July 23rd & July 30th)

What will you eat at the fete?

- Mothers' Union will be serving Morning and Afternoon Tea in the Parish Centre. Watch Phoebe at work in the Kitchen!
- Paul Rowlands and his team will be serving hamburgers & sausages, baked potatoes & salad in the Courtyard.
- We hope to have a lemonade & ginger beer stall and fresh coffee, but we need volunteers.
- Cakes and sweets on sale at the Cake Stall.
- Other food ideas welcome.

Can you make or grow something to eat?

- This is the time to plant out herbs or quick growing vegetables such as spring onions, lettuce, radish or silver beet. Alf North would be happy to sell them on the Produce Stall.
- Do not leave making cakes or biscuits to the last minute! Make and freeze them now. Thaw out (and label as frozen) two days before the fete.
- Make chocolate crackles or muffins with your children **just** before the fete (so they won't be eaten before Oct 28th)



New Office Administrator



We are pleased to announce that Katherine Rushby has been appointed to the position recently occupied by David Cundy. Katherine will commence on Tuesday 1st August and will work Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am - 2pm. David will work sporadically until the end of July. We welcome Katherine to St Stephen and St Mary.

Revd Dianne

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 **27 July 7.30pm** in the Old Church, then on 3 August.



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. Next meeting

26 July www.monasteriesoftheheart.org.

Visitors are always welcome.

Contact Christine Mallouhi 0409 829 389

MU Australia
Part of the World Wide Mothers' Union



Next Meeting: *Wave of Prayer* July 24th @ 1-30pm in the Chapel

MU is, of course an, organisation built on our prayerful care of our families. During the week beginning Sunday July 23rd, MU will be participating in the *Wave of Prayer*, an international program which invites the 4 million members of Mothers Union world-wide to pray for each other and the Church in each of their countries. **Isn't this AWESOME!** You are welcome to join us.

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: 2 August at 2.30 pm.

Mainly Music continues to engage with young families. You are always welcome to come along and see what we do. Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10.30am - 12 noon, Parish Ctr, during school term.



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Advance Notice:

Patronal Festival 2017

September 10th, St Mary, Mother of God.

The next Parish Magazine

will come out in August. Articles to:

helenedur@netspace.net.au

TODAY, 23rd JULY, 4.30pm, here at St Stephen and St Mary, will be the commissioning of the new Priest of the Tamil Christian Congregation of Victoria, Revd Lawrence Anbalagan. Everybody is welcome to attend.

TAMIL CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION
www.melbournetamilchurch.com



Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Pentecost 7 - July 23, 2017

7.45 am	BCP
9.00 am	SE
10.45 am	CE
Monday	24
1.30pm	Mothers' Union
Tuesday	25
10.30-12 noon	Mainly Music
Wednesday	26
10.30-12 noon	Mainly Music
10.30-12 noon	Friendship Group
7pm	Galahkookemu - off site
Thursday	27
7.30pm	Meditation
Friday	28
Saturday	29
Sunday	30 Pentecost 8
12 noon	Games/Lunch

Next week: Pentecost 8 - July 30, 2017

Readings:

Genesis 29. 15- 28
Psalm 105. 1 - 11
1 Peter 3. 1- 12
Matthew 13. 44 - 58

Stewards/Welcomers:

BCP Adam Thevapalan
Nirmala Thevapalan

SE John Russell SS
Yolanda Lancaster
Shanti Lieversz

CE David Sharrock
Miriam Sridharan

Readers:

BCP Frank Miller

SE Nathan Goode
John Russell

CE Rowena Ferguson

Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:

BCP Brian De Lacy

SE Val Dyke
Jenny Brown
Howard Brown
Bev Anderson

CE Miriam Sridharan
Christine Mallouhi

Intercessor:

SE Val Dyke

CE Revd Garry Deverell

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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 Katherine Rushby

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: Vicar & Assistant Curates

Aged Care Chaplaincies: Bruce Chugg

Hospital Visiting: Clergy

Funeral Ministry: The Vicar

Contemporary Eucharist Contact: Rowena Ferguson

Pastoral Associate (Emeritus): 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