

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**30 July 2017**



*Beatitudes*

*Blessed are you who live in a world of anxiety:  
You shall speak of hope.*

*Blessed are you who rely less on formal religion:  
You shall perceive the sacredness of ordinary life.*

*Blessed are you who perceive "the silent sigh":  
You shall speak for others.*

*Blessed are you who have resources, experience and  
confidence:  
You shall empower others.*

*Blessed are you who have been hurt by the church:  
You shall tend the wounded.*

*Blessed are you who let go of the old answers:  
You are free to ask "What if...?"*

*Blessed are you who are open to covenant:  
God shall walk with you.*

Andrea Dean

from Heart Space: a compilation of prayers and reflections by Catholic women of Australia

## At Worship Today:

<b>Prayer of the Day:</b> O God, the fount of wisdom, you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. <b>Amen.</b>	7.45 am (BCP) Book of Common Prayer Presiding and Preaching: Revd Dianne Hymn: 454
	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:	<b>Hymn 454</b>
Sentence:	Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
First Reading:	Genesis 29.15-28
Gradual:	<b>Hymn 66</b>
Second Reading:	1 Peter 3.1 - 12
Gospel Acclamation:	
	
Gospel Sentence:	No-one lives by bread alone: but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Gospel:	Matthew 13.44 - 58
Offertory:	<b>Hymn 598</b>
Recessional Hymn:	<b>Hymn 531</b>
	People of all Christian churches, who are communicants of their own church, are invited to share Holy Communion with us

**First Reading: Genesis 29.15 - 28**

<sup>15</sup> Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' <sup>16</sup>Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup>Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. <sup>18</sup>Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' <sup>19</sup>Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' <sup>20</sup>So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

<sup>21</sup> Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' <sup>22</sup>So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. <sup>23</sup>But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. <sup>24</sup>(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) <sup>25</sup>When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' <sup>26</sup>Laban said, 'This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup>Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' <sup>28</sup>Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

**Second Reading" 1 Peter 3.1 - 12**

<sup>3</sup>Wives, in the same way, accept the authority of your husbands, so that, even if some of them do not obey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct, <sup>2</sup>when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. <sup>3</sup>Do not adorn yourselves outwardly by braiding your hair, and by wearing gold ornaments or fine clothing; <sup>4</sup>rather, let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight. <sup>5</sup>It was in this way long ago that the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves by accepting the authority of their husbands. <sup>6</sup>Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham and called him lord. You have become her daughters as long as you do what is good and never let fears alarm you. <sup>7</sup>Husbands, in the same way, show consideration for your wives in your life together, paying honour to the woman as the weaker sex,

since they too are also heirs of the gracious gift of life - so that nothing may hinder your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup>Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called - that you might inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup>For 'Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; <sup>11</sup>let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. <sup>12</sup>For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.'

**Gospel: Matthew 13.44 - 58**

<sup>44</sup>'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.<sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' <sup>53</sup>When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. <sup>54</sup>He came to his home town and began to teach the people\* in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? <sup>55</sup>Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? <sup>56</sup>And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?' <sup>57</sup>And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.' <sup>58</sup>And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

## games. grazing. groaning and grinning

Come and join us for lunch, board games and/or cards at **midday TODAY** 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.



### 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 23 August [www.monasteriesoftheheart.org](http://www.monasteriesoftheheart.org).

Visitors are always welcome.

Contact Christine Mallouhi 0409 829 389

*The flowers today are given by Joan Janka, together with her family, in loving memory of her husband Col and son Tim.*



### Congregational Giving Report

1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 until 30<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$151,607.00</b>	<b>\$154,900.00</b>	<b>-\$3,293.00</b>

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.

### From Helene Durkin

Thank you to all the kind people who have sent lovely messages, flowers, cards and gifts to celebrate my recent Birthday. God Bless you all.

*Helene Durkin*

### 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.

### New Office Administrator

Katherine will commence this Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August and will work Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am - 2pm. We welcome Katherine to St Stephen and St Mary. Please address all admin-related enquiries to her.

*Revd Dianne*



**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. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Reserve this FETE DAY: Saturday Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.**



**GREEN FETE News 4**

**(Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> & July 30<sup>th</sup>)**

**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 28<sup>th</sup>)





*Parable of the hidden treasure - Rembrandt (c. 1630)*



### 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.**

### 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 **10 August 7.30pm** in the Old Church, then on 24 August.

*Dates to put in your diary ...*

### Sunday Pentecost 7 - July 23, 2017

7.45 am	BCP
9.00 am	SE
10.45 am	CE
Tuesday	1
9.15-11.15am	Yoga
10.30-12 noon	Mainly Music
7-8.30pm	Yoga (Old Church)
7.30-8.30pm	Tamil Parish Council Meeting (Meeting Room 4)
Wednesday	2
10.30-12 noon	Mainly Music
10.30-12 noon	Friendship Group
1.45-3pm	Yoga (Old Church)
2.30pm	Meditation (Chapel)
7pm	Galahkookemu - off site
Thursday	3
1.45-3pm	Yoga (Old Church)
6.15-8.15pm	Yoga (Parish Ctr)
Friday	4
9.15-11.45am	Yoga (Old Church)
Saturday	5
1.30-3.30pm	Yoga (Old Church)
5-8pm	Chinese Church (Parish Ctr)
Sunday	6 Pentecost 9
6-8pm	Youth Group

### Next week: Pentecost 9 - 6 August, 2017

#### Readings:

Genesis 32. 22 - 31  
Psalm 37. 1 - 7, 15  
1 Peter 3. 8 - 22  
Matthew 14. 13 - 21

#### Stewards/Welcomers:

BCP Brian de Lacy  
Jill de Lacy  
SE Graeme Dellora SS  
Gillian Leembruggen  
Maggie Dellora  
CE Marg Crawford  
Geoff Crawford

#### Readers:

BCP Elaine Fasken  
SE Gillian Leembruggen  
Jenny Bowers  
CE Miriam Sridharan

#### Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:

BCP Hugh Foenander  
SE Val Dyke  
Jenny Brown  
Howard Brown  
Bev Anderson  
CE Marg Crawford  
Christine Mallouhi

#### Intercessor:

SE Revd Katherine  
CE Revd Garry Deverell

**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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**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