

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

20 August 2017



Albert Einstein said once that “There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.” A bit like the American poet Mary Oliver who says that we are met everywhere, in the natural world and the world of relationships by the Bread of Heaven and the cup of astonishment. When Jesus broke bread he was wanting us to wake up into a world of wonder. For wonder alone, “that there is anything, anything at all”, opens us up to gratitude, compassion and generosity. “Stop thinking and start looking”, as Thomas Merton says, for “we are full of paradise without knowing it”.

Philip Carter

At Worship Today:

Prayer of the Day: God of freedom, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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: 179
	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 - Michael Dudman
Introit:	Hymn 417
Sentence:	Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.' Isaiah 56.1
First Reading:	Genesis 45.1-15
Gradual:	Hymn 442
Second Reading:	1 Peter 4.12 - 19
Gospel Acclamation:	



Cantor: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
All: **Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

Gospel:	Matthew 15.21- 28
Offertory:	Hymn 179
Recessional Hymn:	Hymn 611

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

First Reading: Genesis 45.1 - 15

1 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. 3 Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. 7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." 12 And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. 13 You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' 14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4.12 - 19

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief-maker. 16 Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. 17 For the time has come for judgement to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And 'If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?' 19 Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

Gospel: Matthew 15.21- 28

21 Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' 24 He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' 26 He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' 27 She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' 28 Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

From Your Vicar

A clergy friend of mine lives in London and he was telling me about a situation that he faced many years ago and it very relevant to my sermon today from 1Peter. Jeff was in the vicarage and the doorbell went. He opened it and John was standing there. Jeff knew John quite well. An alcoholic in the parish; quite a nice guy when he was sober, really not a nice guy when he was drunk. On that day, he was drunk. Before Jeff could greet him, John pushed past and walked into the kitchen. Jeff followed him and then John pulled out a knife and told Jeff to sit down. For the next half an hour, he waved the knife in Jeff's face, ranting and raving about how God had destroyed his life and destroyed him and how he was going to kill Jeff because he wished he could kill God instead.

After half an hour, Jeff's 7 year old daughter walked into the kitchen from school. Susan knew John and very calmly saw what was going on. She walked to the food cupboard and offered John a packet of chips, which he ate. And then Susan offered him an orange, which he ate and then she said to John, "Will you let my Daddy go please?" And she took him by the hand and led him out the front door and as it closed behind Jeff and Susan, they both burst into tears...John hated God, and as a result, when he was drunk, John hated Jeff too – and wanted to take out all his hurt and anger on Jeff.

Last week we thought about how to deal with peer pressure, but this level of animosity is at another level. For some of our brothers and sisters overseas, animosity is severe indeed and results in real and sustained persecution that we can scarcely imagine. The truth is that persecution of Christians is worse now than at any time in the last 2,000 years of the church's existence. According to statistics, around the world each month: 322 Christians are killed for their faith, 214 churches are destroyed by those who want to destroy Christianity, and 772 forms of violence are committed against Christians in the form of beatings and rapes, arrests and forced marriages. That is each and every month – and the figures are increasing. In more than 50 countries around the world, day by day, our brothers and sisters are in fear for their lives for doing no more than what you and I are doing each Sunday. In Peter's letter this morning that persecution is a reality for many, and a possibility for even more and that, as Christians, we must be prepared for that. And even if we are not persecuted, many of us will face real animosity as we share the faith and live the faith with friends, family and work colleagues, so how do we live out the faith in the light of this reality? This is what we will explore this morning.

Pax (peace) Dianne



VOLUNTEERING FOR THE FETE

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 you 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 8 (Aug 20th& 27th)

Collecting for the Fete.

To support our parish commitment of Going Green, we are hoping to recycle items and where possible borrow items. These are the items we want to recycle:

- Paper carrier bags of all sizes,
- Baskets or interesting boxes for the Tombola
- Clean wrapping paper from Christmas or other celebrations for the Lucky Dip,
- Good clean children's and adult's clothing for a recycle stall,
- Household goods in good repair... if you were going to put it out for the hard rubbish collection...please don't give it to the fete unless it is saleable (collected in Sept.)
- Plants...take a cutting and recycle a plant
- Books in good condition (collected in Sept)
- Gumnuts, pine cones etc for Children's craft making stall

These items we would like to borrow for the fete ...

- Light weight table and chairs for outside dining
- Sun umbrellas with stand for shade on what we hope will be a sunny day.



Migrant & Refugee Sunday - September 3rd

Anglican Overseas Aid

Speaker: Nils von Kalm

Proceeds of the Retiring Offertory will go to the Economic Empowerment Program in Hpa An in Myanmar.

The goal of this program is to empower and provide micro-entrepreneurial training for repatriated refugee families. The program aims to impact at least 1,000 people by 2019. It involves developing community-based savings and loan groups for the repatriated refugees from Thailand to Hpa-An. Additionally, it involves repatriation of the refugees to new communities and includes literacy and financial training, as many of the participants will have had little access to education.



Jam and sauce bottles

Phoebe and Alf are going away - please don't leave any bottles from 20th August until after the Fete.

"Postie" Parade

"Spring has Sprung"



on Friday 1st September 2017

at 1.30pm. Tickets \$5

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Afternoon tea will be served



Brotherhood of St Laurence
Working for an Australia free of poverty

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 0412 9807 3168 **Next Session: 6 September at 2.30 pm.**

• Next meeting: **Monday August 21st 1.30** at Norma Schultz' home where we will organise MU's catering for the Church Fete.

• Visit to **Dream Stitches: Migrant & Refugee Women's Sewing Program.**

Friday 25th August meet in Church Carpark @ 10am to car pool.

MU and our parish have been supporting this amazing program for many years.

It is one of the most important mission programs of the church. A truly good news story.

Ring Irene for more details.



Listening Sessions

On Sunday 20th and 27th August for approximately 1 hour following each of the three services, there will be an opportunity for all parishioners to meet with Rev'd Kathryn to have a discussion about the National Church Life Survey and its implications for the development of a Mission Action Plan

Advance Notices

Patronal Festival September 10th

Joint Service

9.45 am followed by Brunch (bring something to share)

Feast of St. Mary

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 **24 August 7.30pm** in the Old Church.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Pentecost 11 - August 20, 2017	
7.45 am	BCP
9.00 am	SE
10.45 am	CE
6-8 pm	Youth Group
Monday	21
1.30 -4pm	Brotherhood of St Lawrence
4.30-8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance
Tuesday	22
9.15-11.15am	Yoga
10.30-12 noon	Mainly Music
7-8.30pm	Yoga (Old Church)
Wednesday	23
10.30-12 noon	Mainly Music
10.30am	Friendship Group
1.45-3pm	Yoga (Parish Centre)
Thursday	24
10.00am	Eucharist
1.45-3pm	Yoga (Old Church)
6.15-8.15pm	Yoga (Parish Ctr)
7.30 pm	Meditation
Friday	25
9.15-11.45am	Yoga (Old Church)
Saturday	26
4.30-7.30 pm	Chinese Church (Parish Ctr)
Sunday	27 Pentecost 11
7.45 am	BCP
9.00 am	SE
10.45 am	CE
4.30 pm	Tamil Service

Next week: Pentecost 12 - 27 August, 2017	
Readings:	
Exodus 1.8-2.10	
Psalm 124	
1 Peter 5. 1 - 14	
Matthew 16. 13 - 20	
Stewards/Welcomers:	
BCP A Thevapalan	
N Thevapalan	
SE	J Russell SS
H Warren	
E Fasken	
CE	Tony
Fiona N-S	
Readers:	
BCP F Miller	
SE	J Brown
H Brown	
CE	Christine M
Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:	
BCP F Miller	
SE	B Anderson
J Brown	
H Warren	
H Brown	
CE	Judith
Miriam	
Intercessor:	
SE	J West
CE	Becky

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.



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. Visitors are always welcome. Contact Christine Mallouhi 0409 829 389

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(Day off - Monday)

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The Rev'd Garry Deverell

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(Tues, Wed, Thurs)

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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