

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

12 November 2017



“Few people understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mould them accordingly.”

St Ignatius of Loyola

At Worship Today:

Prayer of the Day:
Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

7.45 am (BCP)
Book of Common Prayer
Presiding: Revd Dianne
Preaching: Revd Kathryn
Hymn 209

10.30 am (CE)
Contemporary Eucharist
Presiding: Revd Dianne
Preaching: Revd Kathryn

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
Preaching:	Revd Kathryn
Musical Setting:	Alison Washington
Introit:	Hymn 404 (tune TIS 234)
Sentence:	Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
First Reading:	Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25
Psalm:	Psalm 78.1-7
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 4.9-18
Gospel Acclamation:	



Gospel:	Matthew 25.1-13
Offertory:	Hymn 209
Motet:	Go my children, with my blessing - Jaroslav Vajda
Recessional Hymn:	Hymn 223

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

First Reading: Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25

1 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; 14 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' 16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; 17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.' 19 But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' 21 And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' 22 Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' 23 He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' 24 The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18

9 Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; 10 and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, 11 to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, 12 so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one. 13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:

1 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9 But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other

bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12 But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Men's Forum

Tuesday 14th November 2017

2pm in Old Church

Guest Speaker: Dr Geoff Crawford

Topic: Pus, Poisons and Potions.

Geoff is returning to the Forum and is a most interesting and humorous speaker, never dull, so I suspect there will be a few surprises in store.

Ladies will be most welcome.

Reminder to those members intending to attend the Christmas luncheon: Please make payment to me by the above meeting.

David Duncan



GARDENING GROUP

Next Saturday 18th November, the Gardening Group will again convene to spruce up the church grounds. 9.30am onwards.

Please stay for a cuppa and a chat afterwards.

Enquiries: Maggie and Graeme Dellora 9807 1815.



Carol Service

10th December 2017

at 5pm



Mainly Music

Nativity Service

Saturday 16th December

at 4pm



3rd Thursday Eucharist for December 2017

This year our Christmas Luncheon will be held on the

14th December.

with a service commencing at **11.00 am**

Please note the change of time and date.

The usual donation of \$5 per head should be paid by 16/11/2017.

All Parishioners very welcome.

The final **CHAT&CHEW** for this year is

Friday Nov 17th

10.30 am till noon.

TORO CAFE Hamilton Place Mt Waverley shops.

Drop in or sit and stay.

We resume January 19th and will continue to meet on

the 3rd Friday of every month.



Ordination

Garry and Kathryn are being ordained

at St Paul's Cathedral

on Saturday 25th November at 10.30 a.m..

Afternoon tea will be served here

at St Stephen's and St Mary's

in the Parish Centre at 2 p.m.

Everyone welcome.

Please RSVP for catering by 21st November

on the sign-up sheet in the

Parish Centre.



FOOD FOR FRIENDS HELPERS REQUIRED!

The annual Inter Church Council 'Food for Friends' collection will take place outside Ritchie's IGA from Monday 20 November - Friday 24 November. We need helpers from 9.00am until 5.00 pm on Tuesday 21 November. If you can spare an hour or two please sign up on the noticeboard or speak to Doug Hastings or Marg Taylor.

The donated food is packed into hampers and distributed to charities nominated by each church. We have nominated the Asylum Seekers Centre to receive our goods. Please support this worthwhile community initiative.

ADVENT QUIET DAY

Time out to journey towards the Manger



Saturday 2nd December

10.00 am - 3.30 pm

Morning/Afternoon Tea provided

Led by Val Dyke – Spiritual Director

BYO Lunch

AT St Stephen and St Mary Anglican Church

383 High Street Road Mt Waverley 3149

Thank you to all who came to support the **Cup Day Fundraiser** for *Doctors Without Borders* and specially to those who could not join us for the fun but sent donations. We raised \$600 and made new connections with neighbours. See you next year!
Christine Mallouhi

Poppy Appeal

The Friendship Group is currently knitting poppies for the Victorian RSL Poppy Appeal 2018. The poppies need to be red but can have a button or coloured centre in them. Attach a small safety pin to the back. Patterns for knitted and/or crocheted poppies are available in the parish centre if you would like to help with this project.

We also continue to knit blankets for homeless people and little hats for premmie babies. (any colour but the green ones are needed for April). I will ensure any donations get to the appropriate centre.

Thank you for your continued support.

Joan West



Lest We Forget.

Annual Meeting

As you are aware our parish annual meeting will be held on

Sunday 26 November 2017 following a joint service. Brunch will follow the meeting.

Update of the Parish Electoral Roll

Copies of the Parish Electoral Roll are now in the Narthex and the parish centre. Please check that your name is on the Parish Roll. Enrolment forms are also available in the Narthex and parish centre for people who wish to be included on the roll.

Election of Parish Council

Nomination forms for the following positions are now available in the narthex and the parish centre. Positions include the following

- 2 people's wardens
- 9 members of parish council
- 2 members of the incumbency committee.

Closing date for nominations is close of business on **Friday 17 November 2017**.

Joan West

Parish Council Secretary

Hirings

The Chinese Church are using the church and Parish Centre every Saturday 3 - 9pm unless otherwise booked.

Choir Victoria has booked the church and Parish Centre from 1.30-10.30pm on Saturday 9th December and our Mainly Music nativity service will be held on Saturday 16th December at 4pm.

Anglicare Toy Appeal

Christmas Tree will be up on November 19th November.

There is a list of suitable gifts on the Notice Board.



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: 6 December 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 **23 November 7.30pm** in the Old Church, then on 14 November.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Pentecost 23 - November 12 2017

7.45 am	BCP
9.00 am	SE
10.30 am	CE
4.30 pm	Tamil Service
Monday	13
4.30-8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance
Tuesday	14
9.30-11.00am	Yoga (Parish Ctr)
10.30 am - 12 noon	Mainly Music
2.00-3.30 pm	Men's Forum (Old Church)
6.30- 8.00 pm	Yoga (Old Church)
7.30- 10.00 pm	Tamil Parish Council
Wednesday	15
10.30 am	Friendship Group
10.30 am - 12 noon	Mainly Music
7.45 pm	Parish Council
Thursday	16
10.00-11.00 am	Eucharist
6.30-8.00 pm	Yoga (Parish Ctr)
Friday	17
9.30-11.30 am	Yoga (Parish Ctr)
Saturday	18
9.30am - 1.00pm	Gardening group
1.00pm- 2.30pm	Chindikuli Girls College (PC)
2.30- 5.30 pm	Tamil Choir (Church)
3.00- 9.00 pm	Chinese Church (Parish Ctr)
Sunday	19 Pentecost 24
7.45 am	BCP
9.00 am	SE
10.30 am	CE
3.00- 7.30 pm	Tamil Confirmation Service
6.00-8.00 pm	Youth Group

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.



Next week: Pentecost 24 - November 19, 2017

Readings:

Judges 4.1-10
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

Stewards/Welcomers:

BCP B de Lacy
J de Lacy
SE J Russell SS
N Flora
S Lieversz
CE David
Tony

Readers:

BCP J Burns
SE Gillian Leembruggen
J Bowers
CE Rowena

Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:

BCP J de Lacy
SE J Bowers
G Tait
B Chugg
J Brown
CE Rowena
Lizzie

Intercessor:

SE Val Dyke
CE Christine M



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

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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

Secretary Joan West

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