

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Second Sunday of Easter

8 April 2018



We are to pray in times of adversity, lest we become faithless and unbelieving.

We are to pray in times of prosperity, lest we become boastful and proud.

We are to pray in times of danger, lest we become fearful and doubting.

We are to pray in times of security, lest we become self-sufficient.

Billy Graham

At Worship Today:

**Risen Christ,
whose absence leaves us in despair
but whose presence is overwhelming:
breathe on us with your abundant life,
that where we cannot see
we may have courage to believe
that we may be raised with you. Amen.**

7.45 am (Book of Common Prayer)
Presiding: Revd Garry
Preaching: Revd Garry
Hymn 361 - The Day Of Resurrection

10.30 am (Contemporary Eucharist)
Presiding: Revd Garry
Preaching: Revd Garry

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

9.00 am (SE) A Prayer Book for Australia - page 119
Presiding at the Eucharist: Revd Dianne
Preaching: Revd Garry
Musical Setting: Michael Dudman
Processional: **TIS 389** Here in This Place, New Light is Streaming
Sentence: 'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' John 20.21
First Reading: Acts 4.32-37
Psalm: Psalm 133
Psalm Response:



R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ev-er-last - ing.

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Second Reading: 1 John 1.1-2.2
Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: John 20.19-31
Offertory: **TIS 407** Breathe On Me, Breath of God
Anthem: Change Our Hearts
Recessional Hymn: **TIS 535** I Am The Bread of Life

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

First Reading: Acts 4.32-37

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. 36 There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). 37 He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Second Reading: 1 John 1.1-2.2

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— 3 we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not

sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 2 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel: John 20.19-31

19 It was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Net

The Net will gather for our men's breakfast at 9am this coming Saturday, April 14 at the Air-stream Café, Century City Walk, Glen Waverley. All men of the parish are welcome. Please contact Michael Mosley if you would like further details.

The Australis Certificate of Ministry is starting after Easter.

If attending the Lenten Spirituality series or Lenten Bible studies, has created a desire to know more about your faith, then the forthcoming Australis program might be what you are looking for. If you want to gain a deeper understanding of the worship of Holy Week and Easter then joining this lay study program may be helpful.

The first unit in this course *Experiencing Faith* will begin after Easter.

Special features of this course:

It is designed for lay people and does not require a high level of theological study; most subjects run for just 8 weeks;

writing essays is an optional part of this course; learning is based on sharing what we know and believe;

the content really interesting;

There is an information folder in the Parish Centre, a notice on the parish notice board or speak to Rev Dianne or Irene.

Information evening Tuesday 10th April at 8pm (coffee and cake supplied) at 1/58 St. Albans Street. Contact Irene by email if you are interested.



The Ladies Guild

The Guild will be manning the Lions Club Opportunity Shop in Wadham Parade Mt Waverley from Monday 30th April to Friday 4th May. We would be grateful if you could sort out any belongings you may have for us to sell and deliver them to the shop on Tuesday 24th April – and say there that they are for the St Stephen and St Mary's week.

Janice Miller.



Brotherhood of St Laurence
Working for an Australia free of poverty

"Postie" Fashion Presentation

Friday 4th May 2018

at 1.30 pm

in The Parish Centre

Tickets \$5 incl. afternoon tea

mainly music is in recess until 17th April



MEN'S FORUM

Tuesday 10th April

2pm in Old Church

Guest Speaker: Rev'd Dianne Sharrock

Topic: Journey through the Holy Lands

All Parishioners are most welcome.



Are you safe around your home?

What services are there to assist you?

SAFETY AT HOME

When: Tuesday April 10th, 10am to 11.30 am

Where: St Philips Anglican Church

Cnr Stephenson Rd and Catherine Ave

Mt Waverley

MORNING TEA PROVIDED - ALL WELCOME

Enquiries: Barbara 0403198909



APRIL RECYCLING MONTH

The Social Justice Group is encouraging the Parish to bring along old mobile phones, printer cartridges and used batteries (not car!) for collection during APRIL.

LOOK FOR THE GREEN BOX IN THE PARISH CENTRE

LAZARUS CENTRE APPEAL

Our thanks to the entire Parish who contributed so generously to the appeal for toiletry items for comfort packs for homeless men. We packed 54 bags which exceeded our target of 50, and in addition we will be donating all the excess items. Special thanks to those who donated the T shirts, socks and jocks, which we know will be distributed to needy clients.

Well Done everyone!

NEXT MU MEETING will be on **Monday 23 April at 1.30pm** when Rev Louise Long, Program Director at Lazarus House will be our guest speaker. We will be making the presentation of the comfort packs at that meeting. All are welcome to attend.

'OUT AND ABOUT' Come and Try Croquet on Monday 30 April at 9.45am at Electra Reserve.

This is open to all and there is more information and a sign-up sheet on the MU noticeboard. All enquiries to Ros Smith

WATCH THIS SPACE for news about the events associated with our **60th Birthday in June.**

We are compiling a list of former members and their contact details so they can be included on the invitation list. Please give the information to Ros Sahhar or Irene.



Thank You

to all those who assisted in any way in making the Holy Week services such a beautiful time. Rev'd Dianne.

Kid's Church is in recess
until 22nd April



Youth Group

is open to all Secondary School students and runs on first and third Sunday evenings of the month from 6pm till 8pm. YG dates for your diary are:
22 April, 6 May, 20 May, 3 June & 17 June



HAVE YOU BEEN CONFIRMED?

We're planning to hold a confirmation service on Sunday 15 July, at a joint service at 9.45 am. All age groups are welcome, and a timetable for preparation classes will be put together when we know more about our group.

If you'd like to discuss joining the group or have any questions please contact Revd Kathryn

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 Next session 2 May.

Two Things from Parish Council

- Parish Council approved a motion to replace the cream carpet in the church. A quote will also be requested for replacement of the orange carpet so that planning can occur for this to occur in the future.
- A committee was formed to arrange a Planned Giving Program to be held in June.

CHORAL CONCERT

supporting the

Homeless and Disadvantaged

Sunday 29 April

3 - 5 pm

St John's Uniting
Church
37 Virginia St,
Mt Waverley

Admission \$20
incl. afternoon tea



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. Next session will be on **12 April 7.30pm** in the Old Church, then on **26 April 2018**.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Second Sunday of Easter - April 8 2018

7.45 am BCP
 9.00 am SE
 10.30 am CE
 3.00 - 7.30 pm Tamil Congregation (Church)

Monday 9

Tuesday 10

9.30 - 11.00 am Yoga (Parish Ctr)
 2.00 - 4.00 pm Men's Forum (Old Church & Parish Ctr)

6.30 - 8.00 pm Yoga (Old Church)

Wednesday 11

10.30 am Friendship Group

Thursday 12

10.00 - 11.00 am Eucharist w morning tea

10.30 - 11.30 am Becky's meditation

6.30 - 8.00 pm Yoga (Old Ch)

7.30 - 8.30 pm Meditation

Friday 13

9.30 am - 12.00 pm Yoga (Parish Ctr)

Saturday 14

9.00 am The Net

3.00-9.00 pm Chinese Congregation
 (Church & Parish Ctr)

Sunday 15 Third Sunday of Easter

7.45 am BCP

9.00 am SE

10.30 am CE

2.00 - 6.00 pm Chundikuli Old Girls (Parish Ctr)

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: Third Sunday of Easter - April 15, 2018

Readings:
 Acts 3.12-20
 Psalm 4
 1 John 2.15-17;3.1-6
 Luke 24.36b-48

Stewards/Welcomers:

BCP G Le Huray
 C Gant
 SE J Russell SS
 S Retschko
 N Flora
 CE Bill
 Melissa

Readers:

BCP J de Lacy
 SE G Tait
 V Dyke
 CE Geoff

Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:

BCP C. McDonald
 SE H Warren
 G Tait
 G Smith
 V Dyke
 CE Jean
 Christine M

Intercessor:

SE Joan West
 CE Garry



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

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Priest The Revd Dianne Sharrock
(Day off - Monday)

Assistant Curate The Revd Kathryn Watt
(Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sun)

Assistant Curate The Revd Garry Deverell
(Sunday only)

Children's and Families' Minister Becky Sims
(Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Music Director Brian Copple

Treasurer Geoff Crawford

Office Manager Katherine Rushby

Churchwardens: Kevin Phillips, John Foster, Rowena Ferguson

Parish Council: Geoff Crawford, Graeme Dellora, Elaine Fasken, Judith Gibson, Doug Hastings, Sherredan Maher, Peter Northwood, Joan West

Pastoral Care Ministry:

Aged Care Chaplaincies: Bruce Chugg

Hospital Visiting: Clergy

Funeral Ministry: The Vicar

Contemporary Eucharist Contact: Rowena Ferguson

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

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