

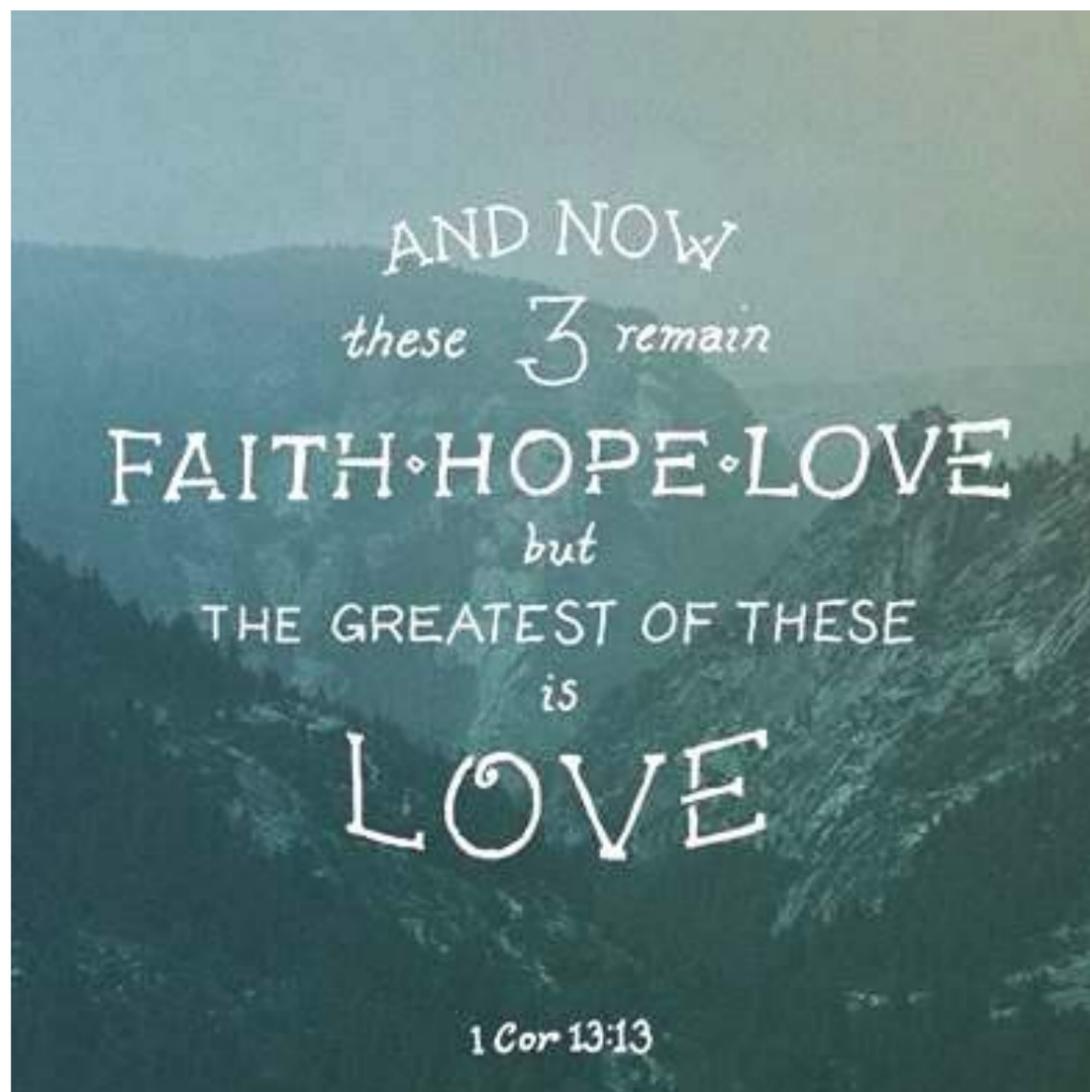
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Fifth Sunday of Easter

29 April 2018



**O God,
form the minds of your faithful people,
that we may love what you command
and desire what you promise,
so that, amid the many changes of this world,
our hearts may there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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 (Book of Common Prayer)
Presiding: Revd Kathryn
Preaching: Revd Kathryn
Hymn 132 - Holy, Holy, Holy

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

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 Kathryn
Liturgy Setting: Michael Dudman
Processional: **TIS 517** Hallelujah! Sing To Jesus
Sentence: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.
First Reading: Acts 8.26-40
Psalm: Psalm 22.26-32
Psalm Response:



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Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-21
Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel: John 15.1-8
Offertory: **TIS 477** Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him
Anthem: 'I Am The Vine' Composer: John Michael Talbot
Recessional Hymn: **TIS 132** Holy, Holy, Holy

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

First Reading: Acts 8.26-40

26 An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) 27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' 30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' 31 He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' 34 The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' 35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' 38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-21

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was

revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. 15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel: John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are

GOD HAS CHOSEN ME!

All singers and instrumentalists are invited to join in a rehearsal on Thursday 3 May from 7:30 - 9:00 pm for our joint service the following Sunday 6 May, as we celebrate the ministry of Revd. Gerry Deverell here at St Stephen and St Mary and the new faith adventure awaiting the people of St Agnes.

Brian Copple, Director of Music



ChildSafe

Parish Council has adopted new Diocesan ChildSafe policies including a Code of Conduct for Child Safety. Rev'd Kathryn will be speaking about these this week at all services. If you have any queries please contact her.

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

A Virtual Visit to the Holy Land Monday May 28th @2pm



Join some of the parish pilgrims who recently walked, listened and watched in the Holy land. This has been a powerful experience for all those who made this trip and although you might not be able to make this trip yourself, listening to their stories and seeing Sue Retschko's excellent presentation is the next best thing. So, join us at our next meeting on May 28th at 2pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

The Jazz Singer is Coming!

Mothers' Union fund Raiser for 2018 is an old-Fashioned Family Film Evening. Friday June 1st in the Parish Centre
7pm Featurettes, 8pm The Jazz Singer (1927 version of the Al Jolson classic)
Tickets which include snacks at the Intermission and supper after the show
Will be on sale from Sunday May 6th. after services and via parish office
Individual tickets \$20, Family tickets \$50
For more information ring Irene

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:

6 May, 20 May, 3 June & 17 June

Any questions please contact Revd Kathryn

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

FREE FIREWOOD

Excellent dry logs available for parishioners.

Take as much as you want -- we need to get rid of it ASAP.

The firewood is on the western side of the front lawn, next to fence. Help yourselves. The Garden Group.

RE-CYCLING POSTAGE STAMPS

CMS collects used stamps as a fund raiser for their mission work. Our parish is collecting these in a *stamp covered box* on the table near the photocopier.

Please add your re-cycled stamps, cut with a frame of paper around each stamp, into this box. So far, we have filled two large recyclable plastic bags with stamps, which CMS was delighted to receive.

MEN'S FORUM

Tuesday 8th May 2pm in Old Church

Guest Speaker: Tony Syfret

Topic: 5th Africa's involvement in WWII

All are invited and are most welcome



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



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 will be on 6 June.**

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 **10 May 7.30pm** in the Old Church, then on **24 May 2018.**

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 29 2018	
7.45 am	BCP
9.00 am	SE
10.30 am	CE
3.00 - 5.00 pm	TCCV Christening (Church & Parish Ctr)
Monday	
4.00 - 8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance
Tuesday	
9.30 - 11.00 am	Yoga (Parish Ctr)
10.30 am - 12 noon	mainly music (Old Church)
6.30 - 8.00 pm	Yoga (Old Church)
Wednesday	
10.30 am - 12 noon	mainly music (Old Church)
10.30 am	Friendship Group
2.30 - 4.00 pm	Meditation (Old Church)
Thursday	
10.00 - 11.00 am	Eucharist w fellowship
6.30 - 8.00 pm	Yoga (Old Ch)
7.30 pm	Choir practice
Friday	
9.30 am - 12.00 pm	Yoga (Parish Ctr)
12.00 - 4.00 pm	BSL Fashion show (Parish Ctr)
Saturday	
3.00-9.00 pm	Chinese Congregation (Church & Parish Ctr)
Sunday	
9.45 am	6 Sixth Sunday of Easter Joint Service
6.00 - 8.00 pm	Youth Group

Next week: Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 6, 2018

Readings:
Acts 10.44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5.1-12
John 15.9-17

Stewards/Welcomers:
Brian de Lacy SS
Jill de Lacy
Nirma Flores

Readers:
Elaine Fasken
Lil Deverell

Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:
Frank Miller
Bill Harvey
Helen Warren
Jenny Bowers

Intercessor:
Jenny Bowers

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.
www.monasteriesoftheheart.org
Visitors are always welcome.
Contact Christine Mallouhi

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(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

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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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