

PARISH NEWS

The Anglican Parish of St Stephen and St Mary Mt Waverley



Lent to Easter 2015

It has been a delight to meet many of you in my first couple of weeks here in the parish. I was made a deacon on 7th February, and began my ministry as Assistant Curate at St. Stephen's and St. Mary's the following morning.

I live in Ringwood East with my two sons: Hamish (aged 17) and Josh (aged 15). We have worshipped for the past six years at St. Paul's, Canterbury, where I was the Family and Youth Minister.

I have been a Christian since I had a conversion experience at the age of 15. I was confirmed at 16, prior to leaving home at 17 to join the Navy. I studied a Bachelor of Science (Oceanography and Chemistry) at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra, prior to commencing my training as an Officer of the Watch at sea. I stayed in that role, serving primarily in HMA Ships Swan and Tobruk, for four years. Once I left the Navy, my then-husband, an Army officer, and I lived for a year in each Sydney and Darwin, prior to moving to Melbourne.

Among other things, I am a Cub Scout Leader; I enjoy camping, hiking and geocaching (Google it!); I relax by reading, listening to music, and watching films. My extended family live close by, and I regularly visit with them and my good friends.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Navy, and have been ordained with a view to becoming a Naval Chaplain. I commenced my theological studies at the United Faculty of Theology (Trinity College)

in 2003, and completed a Master of Divinity and Diploma of Theology part-time over the ensuing 11 years. I now need to spend two or three years in this parish, learning all the things that a deacon/priest needs to know, prior to being accepted as a Chaplain.

I have experienced such a warm welcome by the people of St. Stephen's and St. Mary's that I know it will be a joy to minister alongside you all. Given that we are now in the season of Lent, I thought I would share with you some points from the sermon I preached on Ash Wednesday...

There is a great website I visit now and then called "Busted Halo" (www.bustedhalo.com). It is an online magazine for spiritual seekers. They have some great Lenten resources, including short videos to explain Ash Wednesday and Lent, and a Lent calendar – like an Advent calendar! – with a challenge each day to fast, pray and give.

The three Lenten disciplines are fasting, praying and almsgiving. Fasting reminds us of our dependence on God, and leads us to repentance and humility. Praying seeks to fill the holy longing that is part of being human, and leads to renewal. Giving reminds us that what we have is not just for us to enjoy, but to share with others, and for the service of others, and thus builds community.

In the gospel reading for Ash Wednesday (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21), Jesus speaks about each of these practices. Each of them is designed

to bring us closer to God and to God's people, but each can also become a means by which we see ourselves as better than others. Regular periods of stillness and listening will give God a chance to point out to us such issues.

As we commence our Lenten journey towards the cross and the resurrection of Christ, we are to remember that what we see and experience here is not the ultimate reality. We are destined for eternal life with God. That is why we fast and pray and give away our possessions: to make us more aware of the reality towards which Jesus journeyed, and towards which we are called.

The agony and ecstasy of this world should not hold us in thrall, because they are but shadows, dim reflections of the glory that awaits us on the other side of that doorway called death, the glory in which our beloved Bishop Barbara Darling now worships her God. We, too, will be called that way, at our own appointed, if unknown time. Let us store up treasures and rewards there, with our Father who sees in secret. May we hold onto this vision as we take up our Lenten disciplines and journey with Christ towards the cross.

Kate Lord



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Any suggestions and feedback to helenedur@netspace.net.au

From the Registers:

Baptism:

23.11.14 Audrey Joy Jessep
"By Water and the Holy Spirit"

Deaths:

25.11.14 Mollie Florence Smith
7.12.14 Frances Jane Hutcheson
7.12.14 Erol Outtrim McArthur
9.12.14 Yvonne Vida Woods
20.12.14 David Charles Strudwick
21.12.14 Lorraine Edna Clark
13. 1.15 Joyce Elwyn Chanter

"May they rest in peace
And rise in glory"



**Ever considered
making a bequest to
the
Parish in your Will?
Need more details,
then please speak to
one of the Wardens.**

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES TIMES 2015

PALM SUNDAY – 29th March

9:45 am

THE LITURGY FOR PALM SUNDAY (Joint Service)

MONDAY – 30th March

7:30 pm

HOLY COMMUNION

TUESDAY – 31st March

7:30 pm

HOLY COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY – 1st April

10:00 am

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION
with Anointing and Holy Communion
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7:30 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 2nd April

7.30 pm

THE EUCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER
with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY – 3rd April

9.00 am

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S
PASSION (Sung)
with Veneration of the Cross
THE STORY OF THE CROSS
(Children's participation)

4.00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY – 4th April

8.00 pm

THE EASTER VIGIL (Sung)

EASTER DAY - Sunday 5th April

7.45 am

HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

9.00 am

SUNG EUCHARIST OF EASTER DAY

10.30 am

CONTEMPORARY EUCHARIST

(Children's participation)



Lent the Amber Light

Have you ever found yourself driving along in the traffic somewhat pre-occupied and on autopilot when suddenly an amber light appears jarring you to awareness. An amber light gets our attention telling us something is required of us. What we are supposed to do is slow down and prepare to stop for the coming red light. Then it is wise to stay in a state of alert, waiting.

Lent is like an Amber light. It grabs our attention to prepare for a significant event ahead as we are racing through life. But Lent is not just a pointer to Easter ahead. It is a

significant event in itself inviting us to stay in a place of awareness and alertness to self and God.

In the traffic when an amber light appears we could be tempted to slam our foot flat to the floor and go racing triumphantly through it while maybe feeling a bit of both elation and guilt. We could be tempted to do this with Lent and just forge through to Easter (although I am sure nobody in OUR parish is tempted in these ways!).

What if we find ourselves too geared up to slow down into Lent? Don't get worried or guilty or give

up before beginning. There are no Lent Cops spying on us. Fortunately with forty days ahead we will probably be graced with enough amber lights to call us to attention. And just what are we paying attention to anyway in our alert waiting? The ancient practices associated with the Lenten season are invitations to lead us into taking stock of how we stand in relation to God and our neighbour.

Amber Light ahead!

Christine Mallouhi

Vale - The Right Reverend Barbara Brinsley Darling

The Right Reverend Barbara Darling died in hospital after suffering a stroke on Saturday 7 February. Family and friends were with her when she died.

Bishop Barbara was made deacon in the church of God in 1986, the first occasion when women were ordained in the Anglican Church of Australia. In 1992 she was ordained to the priesthood, the group being the first of women priests in the Diocese of Melbourne.

Her ministry before ordination had been extensive. Following a period as a teacher in NSW she moved to Melbourne in 1975 where she took on various roles at Ridley College – student, tutor, lecturer and librarian over the years until 1989. At the same time she held a laywoman's role in the Parish of Heidelberg from 1981-1986. From 1989 – 1992 the then Reverend Barbara Darling was the Minister in Charge at the Parish

of Ascot Vale, becoming the Incumbent in 1992 when she was ordained priest. In 1995 she moved to All Souls' Sandringham as Incumbent, where she served for ten years. In 2005 she went to St James' Dandenong as the Incumbent, where she ministered until 2008.

On 31 May 2008 Barbara Brinsley Darling was consecrated in St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne as Bishop in the Church of God, the first woman Bishop for Melbourne. As an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Melbourne she first headed up the Department of Diocesan Services and then became Bishop of the Eastern Region of Melbourne, having Episcopal oversight of around 67 parishes. Other ministries have included being a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral from 1995 and later the Senior Canon, having oversight of the



*Bishop Barbara
Celebrating & Preaching...
On her last visit to the Parish in 2014*

Chaplains in Anglican Schools and the Tertiary Chaplains, and being the Episcopal Overseer of Cursillo for Melbourne.

She had just reached a time of long service leave and transition to retirement.

Her sudden and untimely death has shocked and saddened all who knew her and enjoyed her loving pastoral support, friendship and encouragement, within the diocese of Melbourne, with her fellow Bishops, amongst the staff of the diocese and throughout Australian Anglicans.

Adapted from the Archbishop's statement and contributed by Val Dyke



May she rest in peace
and rise in glory

The Centenary Service...

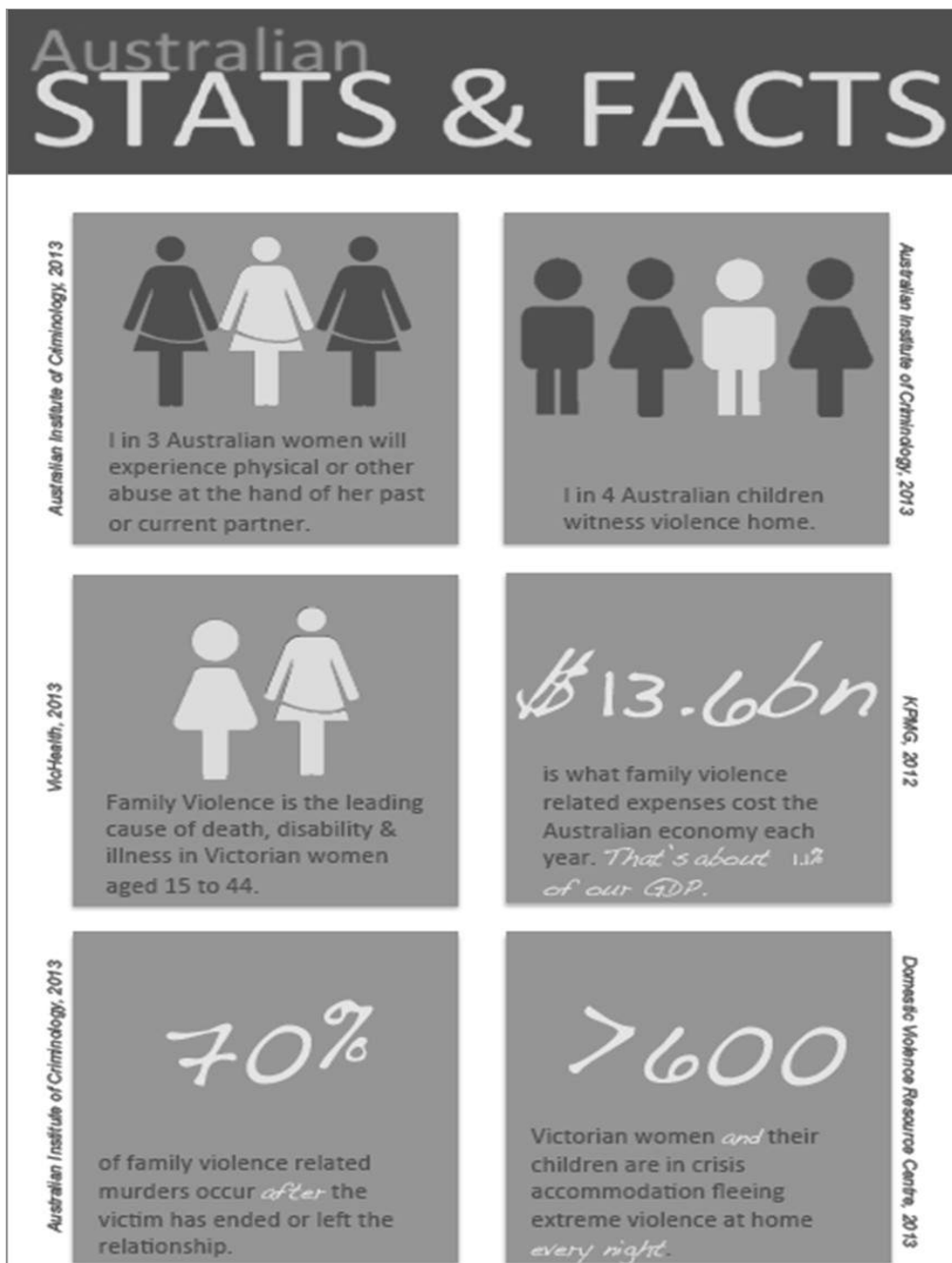
The Rev'd Charles Oliver

“Beloved in Christ Jesus, let us commemorate before God in joyful thanksgiving the Pioneers, Settlers, Founders, Benefactors, and Builders, who established the Parish in the District of Mount Waverley, and gave us this house of God.

Let us praise God for His goodness to us during the past one hundred years, for those who have worked and worshipped, and for those who serve and worship here today.

Let us remind ourselves of the story of God's loving purpose, and of the glorious Redemption wrought for us in Jesus Christ, and let us sing with heart and voice the Dedication of the Church of Stephen, the First Christian Martyr. But first let us pray for peace and goodwill over all the earth, for unity and brotherhood at home and

throughout the dominions of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second; and, since it would rejoice God's heart of love, let us pray for the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; for the sick and those who mourn; for the unloved, the lonely, and the aged; for the little children; and for all who know not the Lord Jesus Christ or love him not; and for those who rejoice with us and on another shore and in a greater light.”



Domestic Violence? not in my house!

My cousin Yvonne, is a well educated woman, a former primary school teacher, the mother of two children who have made good careers for themselves and she spends her retirement looking after her grand-children and travelling. She is also a victim of domestic violence. This discovery shocked me to my bones. Although I don't particularly like her husband Derek, mostly because of his political views and his meanness, I never imagined that for all of their married life he had subjected Yvonne to domestic violence, not with his fist but with his tongue.

Yvonne may not fit the typical image of a victim of domestic violence as she has no physical bruises to show or no unexplained injuries. She doesn't avoid other people. She has just accepted that everyday of their married life, Derek will control her life, make verbal comments or insults about her competence or intelligence and he even selected her clothes until he told me once that she was too fat! Every dollar she has earned as a teacher and the money left her when her father died is paid into a joint

account to which she has no access. She has never paid a household bill in her life, because according to Derek, she would not remember on time. Everything including their house is in Derek's name. He chooses the TV programs to be watched. Only he reads the daily newspaper. He does the household food shopping because she would spend too much money! In his eyes she is worthless and only there to be dominated.

It was only a jibe from Derek about her taking her "happy pills" that caused me to recognise what was under my eyes, for years! My wonderful cousin needed to take tranquillisers to cope with the stress and pain of her life. How could I have missed all the years of abuse? Why did I attribute the sparseness of their home to his meanness and not to his desire to control the family income and prevent her from having furniture or household goods she liked? When Yvonne finally admitted what I had failed to recognise, because people like us...educated, well-paid, middle class people don't experience domestic violence... I was profoundly disturbed.

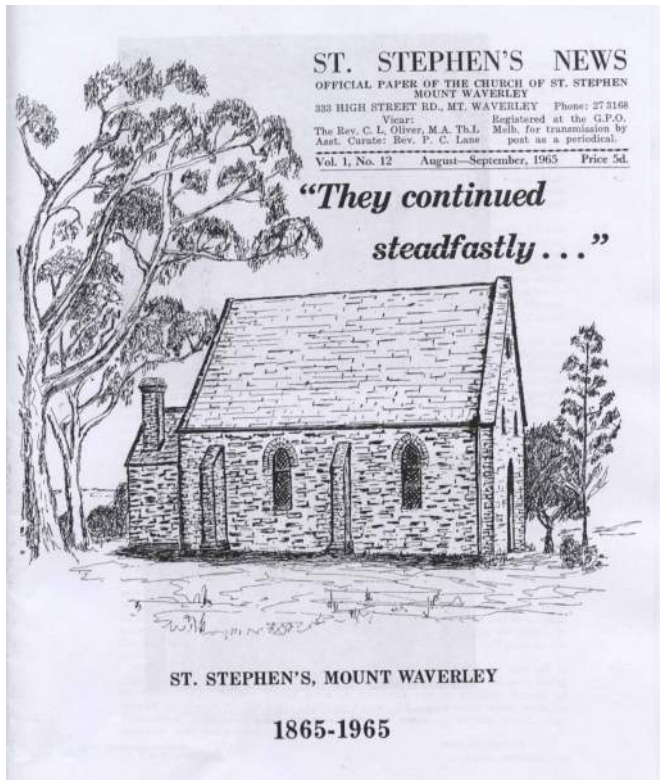
As recent media coverage of issues of domestic violence and

the appointment of Rosie Battye who speaks out on domestic violence, as the Australian of the Year, affirm gender based violence affects us all. It is not just a problem for families suffering financial stress or unemployment or those living in substandard housing. My cousin doe not live in Mt. Waverley , but there are women like her in our suburb too . Much of gender based violence is hidden, but the consequences are not. One in four children witness domestic violence and evidence shows they will grow up to believe it is OK for a man to bash his wife or control every aspect of her life. My cousin's children will have nothing to do with their father. Times have changed and it no longer acceptable in this society for people to be subject to violence or demeaning behaviour.

Contributed by Dr Irene Donohoue Clyne



Launch of the 150th Anniversary



The Anglican Church of
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Faithful service and worship for 150 years
1865 - 2015

Celebrating 150 Years

The Parish of St Stephen & St Mary Mount Waverley warmly welcomes you to join us to celebrate 150 years since the original Church of St Stephen was built at 383 High Street Road Mount Waverley.

Find out more about our celebrations during 2015:
www.stephenandmary.org.au





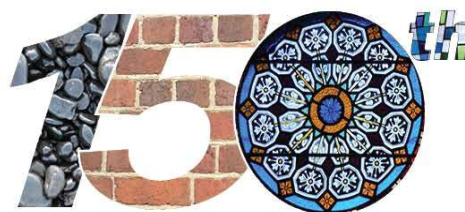
Rowena with her niece— also ordained as a Deacon.



Rev'd Kate Lord's Ordination as Deacon at St Paul's Cathedral and welcome & commissioning as Assistant Curate in this Parish



The Rev'd Nick White Commissioned as Priest in Charge of St Paul's, East Kew, on Wednesday 7th February



The Anglican Church of
Saint Stephen
Faithful service and worship for 150 years
~~~ 1865 - 2015 ~~~

Drawing by Russell Payne

**Everyone is invited to all events – so please join us !**

- Sunday 26 April      Anzac Day Reflection with 150<sup>th</sup> Focus**
- Month of July            “Historical Display”, Mt Waverley Library,  
Wadham Parade, Mt Waverley.**
- Sunday 26 July        9.45am Joint Anniversary Service with The  
Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier, Archbishop of  
Melbourne and Primate of Australia, followed by  
brunch and memorabilia, etc. displays**
- Saturday 24            Parish Old Fashioned Fete**  
**October**

### **Special Projects**

**“Writing Project”** coordinated by Mrs Margaret Taylor to update our Parish History, c.1965 – 2015, to be published, c. July 2015.

**“Sale of 150th Memorabilia”,** e.g. Holding Crosses, Candles, Wine, Greeting Cards, etc with details / costs to be confirmed in March.

**Help “Grow the Parish Archives”** for future generations Contact Howard Brown, Judith Gibson, or Parish Office (Office hours).

**“4th Sundays 150th focus”** – aspects of our shared history each month.



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# Celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday as a Parish 1865-2015.

In 2015 we celebrate our Sesqui-Centenary giving gratitude to God for all that his grace and goodness has done in this place for over 15 decades. Marking 150 years since the First Service held on 23 July 1855 – with officiating clergy Revs. T C Cole and J H Gregory.

## Marking New Beginnings

The 150th Anniversary Prayer and Bookmark and Provisional Programme was launched on 23 January with prayers giving thanks for “those faithful servants who have gone before us” as we continue to “Walk onward in faith”. See details on previous page regarding future functions.

## Tracing Past Descendants and Past Parishioners

Can you help Joan West to compile contact details of past clergy, parish families and community friends for 150<sup>th</sup> invitations? Email details via email: [150@stephenandmary.org.au](mailto:150@stephenandmary.org.au) or write a list and place in the parish letter rack for Judith Gibson or hand lists to Joan or to the Parish Office.

## Some Interesting Facts

The Old Church’s cost was just over £300 with bricks costing £64/10/-. The original bell was £1.

A well or underground tank cost £5/10/- and was connected to a stable built just outside the door of the vestry. Later it became the haunt of “Swaggies”, and when it was found they were drinking more than their share of water, and a child arrived home covered in fleas from one of the “swaggies” dogs.

The tank was filled in the mid 1930s. Most successful “Tea Meeting” to celebrate the opening saw 200 present on 28/9/1865. First Known Bishop’s visit to the Church, 2 April 1891, The Right. Rev Field Flowers.

First Baptism held on 8/10/1865, the twin sons of Thomas and Hanna Williams of Mulgrave.

Sons named Thomas Henry and Henry Thomas!

In 1885 a bottle of communion wine cost 1/9d. First Harvest Festival 1899

St Stephen became a Parochial District on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1890 and Rev.J. Arthur Priestly was licensed as deacon in charge of Wellington, Waverley and Burwood. His stipend was £15 per quarter

Keep aware of new additions to the programme by looking at the:

- \* Weekly Parish Pew Sheet
- \* Parish Website: [www.stephenandmary.org.au](http://www.stephenandmary.org.au)
- \* Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stephenandmary.mtwaverley](http://www.facebook.com/stephenandmary.mtwaverley)
- \* Send queries or information to be shared to the new email address for this year:
- \* Ring the Parish Office Phone: 9807 3168  
or write to 383 High Street Rd. Mount Waverley, 3149.

[150@stephenandmary.org.au](mailto:150@stephenandmary.org.au)

## Ladies Guild

The New Year is well and truly here. We look forward with eager expectation.

The Ladies Guild meets on the second Thursday of the month at 2.00 pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome. Please join us for a cup of tea and a chat.

The Guild will be helping with the Lions' Club opportunity shop in Wadham Parade, Mount Waverley from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April**. We would ask if you could please set aside any goods you may have suitable for sale there and drop them in at the shop on either Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. Let the people there know that

## Mothers' Union

**Mothers' Union Theme**  
**'Shared Life-Shared Future'**  
**as we continue to walk together**  
**as the family of God.**

**T**his year Mothers' Union Melbourne will celebrate 120 years.

On 16<sup>th</sup> May MU will celebrate with a marquee on the lawns of St Paul's Cathedral. MU members will hand out balloons, cards and printouts about Mothers' Union.

**Our vision, our aims and objectives.**

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**On 19 May we will be holding a morning tea, 10.00 for 10.30 am** in the Parish Centre.

Our guest speaker, Sue Schofield, will talk on the Orangutan Project which aims to look after orangutans and their conservation. The cost will be \$10.00.

Please bring a friend for a very informative morning.

Janice Miller.

Regional events 'Anglicans preventing Violence Against Women' with Dr Ree Bodde as guest speaker.

World Day of Prayer service will be held at St Stephen and St Mary's on the 6<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 am followed by morning tea.

Lady Day this year will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at St Paul's Cathedral.

Mothers' Unions is a Christian mission organisation working with people of all faiths and none.

Mothers' Union is firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos centred on mutual request and collaboration.

Ros Sahhar

On behalf of Mothers' Union



## Third Thursday Eucharist 10.00 am

followed by a special morning tea in the Parish Centre  
*All welcome.*

**Future dates are**

**Thursday, March 19**

**Thursday, April 16**

**Thursday, May 21**

**Thursday, June 18**

Jill de Lacy



The launch of the  
MU Banner with  
St John and Dianne  
Edwards—1978-1983

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## What is a Saint?

**A** Saint is one who has come face to face with God, and, who as a result; makes it easier for others to believe in God. It is God who makes a saint, but sainthood is mediated through a human community. A saint is not the product of solitude, but the product of God through His Church. The marks of a saint are

- \* Love
- \* Faith
- \* Holiness
- \* Witness
- \* Service.

There are living saints and departed saints; great saints and lesser saints; well known saints; saints of the past and saints of the present; and all are members of the wondrous communities or Fellowship of the Saints. Here is a company of men and women, ordinary men and women, who have proved that the forces of pain and evil in the world can be conquered and transformed by the power of Christ. Here is a wondrous company of visible and invisible who share with us and help us on our earthly pilgrimage. Here are those in whom we can see our own weaknesses, no

matter what they are, turned to triumph. Here are those who show that it is possible to know Christ and love Him in total devotion. To their joy and their glory all are called.



The Collect for All Saints' Day states the union of all those chosen by God in the spiritual Body of Christ, the Church Militant, Expectant, Triumphant; and prays that we may follow the example of the saints, and come quickly to the joys that God has prepared for those who love Him truly.

- \* Do I really want this?
- \* Do I really understand what the example of the saints is?

"A saint my child, is one who keeps on trying; who has conquered and is



conquering in my strength; who has mastered self and given his life for me; who persists in believing me and my love despite all things to the contrary; who helps others to find what he has found. A saint is known by his life, his energy, his continued joy; his constructive sympathy, his hatred of deadness and slackness, his constant humble witness to my Gospel. Is this what you want, my child?"

The Gospel from St Matthew (part of the sermon on the Mount) declares the Church's mind as to the marks of saintly character, and sets out the Eightfold Rule of Blessedness given by our Lord.

November 1969  
Revd C. L. Oliver M.A, Th.L  
1961-1969

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## From Teilhard de Chardin

"What is difficult is not solving problems, but formulating them...Everything that is more true does not come about and everything that is better is finally achieved.

Some day after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides, and gravity, we shall harness—for God the energies

of love. And then, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire."

*This quotation from a Roman Catholic Priest who is both scientist and theologian has much for us these days.*

*From the Parish News 1974*

Father Bob Butterss  
Vicar 1970-1976



Tielhard de Chardin



# ST STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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