

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

*WELCOME*

**First Sunday of Advent**

**2 December 2018**



Christmas & January Services  
at St Stephen's and St Mary's:

16<sup>th</sup> December 5pm – Carol Service

24<sup>th</sup> December 5pm – Contemporary/Family Service

24<sup>th</sup> December 11pm – Midnight Mass

25<sup>th</sup> December 9am – Christmas Day Service

30<sup>th</sup> December 9am

6<sup>th</sup> January 9am

13<sup>th</sup> January back to 3 services



**At Worship Today:**

7.45 am (Book of Common Prayer)  
Preaching & Presiding: Revd Dianne  
Hymn: TIS 265 O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel

10.30 am (Contemporary Eucharist)  
Preaching & Presiding: Revd Dianne

**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,  
and make us strong in faith,  
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,  
we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your  
saints,  
may worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Sanctuary bell will be rung 5 minutes before the service be-

**9.00 am** (Sung Eucharist)  
Preaching & Presiding:  
Liturgy Setting:  
Processional:  
Sentence:

A Prayer Book for Australia - page 119  
Revd Dianne  
Michael Dudman  
TIS 265 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is  
drawing near.  
Jeremiah 33.14-16  
Psalm 25.1-10

First Reading:  
Psalm:  
Psalm Response:



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Second Reading:  
Gospel:  
Gospel Acclamation:

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13  
Luke 21.25-36



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Offertory:  
Choir Anthem:

TIS 273 Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending  
Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem - Lyricist: Bob Hurd  
Composer: Craig Kingsbury

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 258 Praise To You, O Christ, Our Saviour!

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

**First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16**

14 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13**

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. 11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Luke 21.25-36**

Jesus said to his disciples:

25 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' 29 Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation

will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

### **From Your Vicar**

Luke's Gospel is written for a Gentile Church community who are caught in between times. The early Christians believed that Christ's second coming was imminent – that Jesus would return soon as the Lord of Glory. As time passed, they had to rethink this belief. In this text, Luke addresses a community who are able to contemplate the past history of Jesus and the Church while looking forward to his future coming as the Son of Man. The text deals with how a Christian is to live the 'in between time'. They must be attentive to the Gospel and live in readiness to meet their God. They must not be distracted by the cares and snares of the world, but be ready to stand confidently before the Son of Man.

What are things in your life which distract you from the Gospel?

What are some of the strategies which make it easier to be attentive to the important things in life?

This week, be attentive to the time you spend in waiting – in traffic, in a shop, on the phone. Use these small moments of waiting to prepare yourself for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Pax (peace)

Dianne

### **The Net**

The Net will gather for our men's breakfast at 9am this coming Saturday, December 8 at the Airstream Café, Century City Walk, Glen Waverley. All men of the parish are welcome. Contact Michael Mosley if you would like further details.

### **3rd Thursday Eucharist for December 2018.**

This year our Christmas Luncheon will be held on the **13th December**.

with a service commencing at 11.00 am

**Please note** the change of time and date.

The usual donation of \$5 per head may be paid on the day.

All Parishioners very welcome.



**First Sunday of Advent**

**Bringing hope in times of disaster**

Your gift to the Christmas Bowl will bring hope to families in Vanuatu to help them plan, prepare, and act when a disaster strikes. **Please give to the Christmas Bowl today.**

**CALL: 1800 025 101**  
**VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

**Christmas Bowl**

### Anglicare Christmas Toys

We are now collecting toys for Anglicare's Christmas Appeal. They will be picked up from here on December 12th. There is a table in the Narthex where gifts can be left. The tree will go up for Advent. There is a list on the notice board of age groups and gift ideas - something for adults is welcome too! Thank You.



### WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2019

The new sets of envelopes for 2019 are now available in the Narthex and on the table in the Parish Centre entrance foyer for those who prefer to give by this method.

Remember too that giving via the Anglican Development Fund (ADF) is also available which allows you to electronically transfer funds. This can be set up as a direct debit from your chosen account, making it a very convenient method of giving. This method of giving also enables more effective budgeting. Forms for this are also available, or speak to a Warden or member of Parish Council.

Wardens

### Mission Box Collection

**Thank You** for your donations, a total of **\$201.90** was collected.

The amounts to be sent on to each Mission Agency are as follows:

<b>Church Missionary Society (CMS)</b>	<b>\$ 51.90</b>
<b>Bush Church Aid Society (BCA)</b>	<b>\$ 76.60</b>
<b>Anglican Board of Missions (ABM)</b>	<b>\$ 73.40</b>
<b>Anglican Overseas Aid</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

If you would like a collection box for home or work please

ask a steward to give you one from the cupboard in the Narthex.



### CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORMS

to support our Lawn Mowing Group, the "Waverley Helpmates", can be picked up from the desks at both entrances to the Church.

Delivery is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**PLEASE ORDER DIRECT FROM THEIR MAVRON STREET ASHWOOD OFFICE AS SHOWN ON THE ORDER FORM**

### A MUSING LIFE

Michael's book, 'A Musing Life' is being sold as a fund raiser for the parish at \$20 per book. The current Parish Magazine includes an article on the book. Copies will be available on Sundays or Michael can be contacted on 9894 4886 / 0418 544 906.

Payment can be made to Michael or through a direct debit to the parish's bank account with the notation, 'Michael's book'.

Please give consideration to supporting this fund raising project, particularly at this time of the year when looking for Christmas gift ideas.

Mt Waverley Chadstone InterChurch Council invites you to



**7th Community Carols in the Village**

**Come One, Come All!**  
Community Singing from 6.30pm to 8pm  
Supported by Monash Council and Mt Waverley Traders  
[www.mtwaverleychadstonechurches.org.au](http://www.mtwaverleychadstonechurches.org.au)

**Friday 14th December**  
Hamilton Place, Mt Waverley

 CITY OF MONASH

#### 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 5 December 2019.**

#### Evening Meditation Gatherings

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 7.30pm in the Old Church, based on the Contemplative Traditions of Christian Meditation. Contact Michael Mosley. The next session, the final one for this year, will be on **13 December**, in the Old Church, with the sessions resuming on Thursday **24 January, 2019.**

## Dates to put in your diary ...

<b>Sunday Advent 1</b>	
<b>- December 2, 2018</b>	
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
6.00 - 8.00 pm	Youth Group
<b>Monday</b>	3
10.00 - 11.00 am	WBS (Parish Centre)
4.00 - 8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance (PC)
<b>Tuesday</b>	4
9.30 - 11.00 am	Yoga (Parish Ctr)
10.30 am - 12 noon	mainly music
<b>Wednesday</b>	5
10.30 am - 12 noon	mainly music
10.30 am	Friendship Group
2.30 - 4.30 pm	Meditation (Old Church)
<b>Thursday</b>	6
10.00 - 11.30 am	Eucharist
7.30 - 8.30 pm	Choir
<b>Friday</b>	7
9.30 am - 12.00 pm	Yoga (Old Church)
7.30 - 9.30 pm	TCCV Bible Study (Room 4)
<b>Saturday</b>	8
9.00 am	The Net
9.00 am - 2.00 pm	TCCV choir (Church)
2.00 - 10.00 pm	Choir Victoria
<b>Sunday</b>	9 Advent 2
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
	Interment of ashes
2.00 - 8.00 pm	TCCV Carol Service (Church)

<b>Next week: Advent 2</b>	
<b>- December 9, 2018</b>	
Readings:	
	Malachi 3.1-4
	Song of Zechariah
	Philippians 1.1-11
	Luke 3.1-6
Stewards/Welcomers:	
	BCP N Thevapalan
	Adam Thevapalan
SE	H Brown SS
	G Leembruggen
	N Flora
CE	Leigh
	Adrian
	Rowena
Readers:	
	BCP J Foster
SE	Gillian Leembruggen
	J Bowers
CE	Miranda
Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:	
	BCP J de Lacy
SE	H Brown
	J Brown
	S Retschko
	G Smith
CE	Marg
	Miriam
Intercessor:	
SE	Helene Durkin
CE	Judith

**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.



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**Priest**

(Day off - Monday)

The Revd Dianne Sharrock

**Children's and Families' Minister**

(Tues & Wed 9.30 am - 2.30 pm)

Becky Sims

**Music Director**

Brian Copple

**Treasurer**

**Office Manager**

Katherine Rushby

**Churchwardens:**

Graeme Dellora

John Foster

Judith Gibson

**Parish Council:**

Sugan Blanchard, Margaret Crawford, Rowena Ferguson, Doug Hastings, Frances Ludgate, Sherredan Maher, Peter Northwood, Helen Warren

**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