

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Second Sunday of Advent

9 December 2018



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

16th December 5pm – Carol Service

24th December 5pm – Contemporary/Family Service

24th December 11pm – Midnight Mass

25th December 9am – Christmas Day Service

30th December 9am

6th January 9am

13th January back to 3 services



At Worship Today:

7.45 am (Book of Common Prayer)
Preaching & Presiding: Revd Dianne
Hymn: TIS 270 On Jordans's Bank
the Baptist Cry

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

**God of our salvation,
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

9.00 am (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding:

Liturgy Setting:

Processional:

Sentence:

high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

First Reading:

Psalm:

Psalm Response:

A Prayer Book for Australia - page 119

Revd Dianne

Michael Dudman

TIS 264 Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on

Malachi 3.1-4

Song of Zechariah



R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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Second Reading:

Gospel:

Gospel Acclamation:

Philippians 1.3-11

Luke 3.1-6



R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Offertory:

Choir Anthem:

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 270 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry

A Voice Cries Out in the Wilderness

Based on Isaiah 40.1-11 Music: Michael Joncas

TIS 276 There's a Light upon then Mountains

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

First Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; 3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Second Reading: Philippians 1.3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, 4 constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, 5 because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. 9 And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.1-6

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,

2 during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4 as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; 6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

Lighting of the Advent Candle
Response for BCP Service

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
the prophets said You would bring peace
and save God's people:
stir us up to work for justice
and make us Your peacemakers
today and every day. Amen.**



Advance Notice

Rev'd Kathryn's commissioning will be held on Thursday 21st February at 7pm at Holy Trinity Balaclava.

Details to follow.

From Your Vicar

The word of God which comes to John in the wilderness is not a word meant for him alone but is to be shared with all the people. John's proclamation of the word of God 'through the whole Jordan district' is a precursor to Jesus' instruction to his disciples 'that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations' (Luke 24: 47). The salvation brought by the Lord is not a personal and private matter but one which is destined for the whole of humankind. This salvation can only be achieved, however, if one is prepared to realign one's life – to repent of past sins and take a new path in life. John's call is a call to a new beginning.

What new beginning are you being called to as you undertake your journey to Christmas?

What are the 'sins of the past' which you are called to repent of?

What 'sins of the past' is all humanity being called upon to repent of and make a new beginning?

Pax (peace)

Dianne

2019 Assistant Curate Greg Wong's biography:

Greg is married to Aileen and they have two children, Zachariah (5) and Adele (3). Before following God's calling into ministry, Greg worked in finance, and his hobbies include making lots of coffee and playing a bit of golf. Greg is looking forward to encouraging you all and learning from you what it means to follow Christ. He is also excited to train under Rev Dianne so he can be better equipped to faithfully lead a parish one day.



Second Sunday of Advent

Creating peace through education

Through your Christmas Bowl gift, you can give more children like Sadia the chance to go to school, escape poverty and create peaceful, productive lives. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101
VISIT: 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

GARDENING GROUP

Next Saturday 15th December, the Garden Group will again convene to spruce up the church grounds before Christmas. 9.30 am onwards.

Please stay for a cuppa and a chat afterwards.

Enquiries: Maggie and Graeme Dellora

WORKING BEE

There will be a Working Bee on Sat 22nd December -- to spruce up the church before all the Christmas Services. 9.30 am till noon.

Please bring your own rags, cleaning stuff, etc.

Enquiries : Graeme and Maggie Dellora

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

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..



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.

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 7th & 14th 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

Friday 14th December
Hamilton Place, Mt Waverley

Supported by Monash Council and Mt Waverley Traders
www.mtwaverleychadstonechurches.org.au



'FOOD FOR FRIENDS'

A project of the Mt Waverley Chadstone Inter Church Council

A record number of 219 hampers were packed as a result of this year's food collection outside Ritchies IGA last week. A further \$1051.60 was collected in cash. Each of the nominated charities received their share of the total - ours went to the Asylum Seekers Centre in Dandenong.

Thank you to all our helpers at Ritchies and to members of our congregation who donated food.
Doug Hastings and Marg Taylor



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 February 2019.**

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. 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 ...

<p>Sunday Advent 2 - December 9, 2018</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Monday 10 Tuesday 11 9.30 - 11.00 am Yoga (Parish Ctr) 10.30 am - 12 noon mainly music 7.00 - 10.00 pm Amnesty Intl (Parish Ctr)</p> <p>Wednesday 12 10.30 am - 12 noon mainly music 10.30 am Friendship Group</p> <p>Thursday 13 10.00 - 11.30 am Eucharist 8.00 - 9.00 pm Meditation break-up (Parish Ctre)</p> <p>Friday 14 9.30 am - 12.00 pm Yoga (Old Church) 4.30 - 5.30 pm Sue in Counselling room</p> <p>Saturday 15 9.30 am - 12 noon Gardening Group 3.00 - 10.00 pm Chinese Church</p> <p>Sunday 16 Advent 3 7.45 am Book of Common Prayer 9.00 am Sung Eucharist 10.30 am Contemporary Eucharist 5 pm Carol Service</p>	<p>Next week: Advent 3 - December 16, 2018</p> <p>Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20 Song of Isaiah Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18</p> <p>Stewards/Welcomers: BCP G Le Huray C Gant SE G Dellora SS M Dellora Y Lancaster CE Marg Geoff</p> <p>Readers: BCP J de Lacy SE E Fasken E U'Ren CE Miriam</p> <p>Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance: BCP B Gaffney SE K Phillips G Smith J Bowers H Warren CE Michael Judith</p> <p>Intercessor: SE Michael Mosley CE Rowena</p>
<p>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.</p> 	

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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