

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME



Third Sunday of Advent

16 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 272 Come, Thou Long-
expected Jesus

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

**Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff
and evil clings even to what is good:
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for 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:

First Reading:

Gradual Hymn:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

Gospel Acclamation:

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Revd Dianne

Michael Dudman

TIS 216 Rejoice, the Lord is King. Tune 371

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a
warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you
with gladness, he will renew you in his love.

Zephaniah 3.14-20

TIS 609 May the Mind of Christ my Saviour

Philippians 4.4-7

Luke 3.7-18



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Offertory:

TIS 272 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 613 Lord of all Hopefulness

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

First Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-20

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! 15 The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. 17 The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing 18 as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. 19 I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. 20 At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.7-18

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

10 And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' 11 In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' 12 Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' 13 He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' 14 Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

***Lighting of the Advent Candle***
Response for BCP Service

Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
John told the people to prepare
because You were very near:
as Christmas grows closer day by day
help us and everyone to be ready,
welcoming You even now into our hearts.
Amen.

From Your Vicar

'What must we do?' This is a profound question. The answer does not lie in pious gestures or private devotions. The Baptist is very clear that to be saved, people need to respond to the ways of God by being what they should to their neighbour. The justice of God is forged in right relationship so that those who have more share with those who have nothing; so that people are treated fairly and no extortion or violence is used against them. John is inviting his hearers to form a new society and they begin to suspect that he may be the Messiah. But he is adamant that the one more powerful than he is still to come, bringing a baptism of the Holy Spirit and of fire. At Pentecost, this baptism becomes a reality for the early Church, forming its members into the new society who respond to God's love by imitating the life and the love of the Son. They must now live like the wheat and not like the chaff. Make a special effort to live ethically this week. Support the Christmas Bowl and perhaps give more than you normally would.

Pax (peace) Dianne

Thursday Eucharist

recommences on 31st. January 2019.

Office hours during the holidays

The office will be closed from Christmas Day until January 11th 2019.

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

3 things from Parish Council

- The 50th Anniversary of the new church will be celebrated on Sunday 9 June 2019. Bishop Kate Prowd will preside and preach at the service.
- Vicarage cooling approved. This has been budgetted for in the accounts.
- Compliance requirements for children and vulnerable people going well. Thank you to Elaine Fasken for her work in this area

Can you spare just one hour?	between 9am and 1pm on <i>Saturday</i> <i>22nd December</i>	
We want to “spruce up” the Church and Parish Centre for CHRISTMAS		Please put your name against any job listed on the notice board
	Please bring whatever cleaning things you will need to complete your job	THANK YOU! (The Wardens)

Third Sunday of Advent

**Love in action for
Syrian refugees**

Through the Christmas Bowl, we heed the urgent call to bring transformative love to the people of Syria by providing emergency food, healthcare and training for families most in need. Please give to the Christmas Bowl 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




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.

Advance Notice

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

Details to follow.



Inner Stillness

Copies of Val's Inner Stillness brochure are available on the table near the office.



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 will be on **Thursday 24 January, 2019**, in the Old Church.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Advent 3

- December 16, 2018

7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
5.00 pm	Carol Service
Monday	17
Tuesday	18
Wednesday	19
10.30 am	Friendship Group
7.30 pm	Parish Council
Thursday	20
Friday	21
Saturday	22
9.00 am - 1.00pm	Working Bee
3.00 - 10.00 pm	Chinese Church
Sunday	23 Advent 4
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist

Next week: Advent 4

- December 23, 2018

Readings:

Micah 5.2-5a
Song of Mary
Hebrews 10.5-10
Luke 1.39-45

Stewards/Welcomers:

BCP B de Lacy
J de Lacy
SE J Russell SS
N Flora
S Lieversz

Readers:

BCP A Thevapalan
SE J Brown
E U'Ren

Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:

BCP J de Lacy
SE J Brown
H Brown
G Smith
S Retschko

Intercessor:

SE Sue Retschko

mainly music continues to engage with young families. You are always welcome to come along and see what we mainly music do. Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10.30am - 12 noon, Parish Ctr, during school term.



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Priest The Revd Dianne Sharrock
(Day off - Monday) Emergency contact

Children's and Families' Minister Becky Sims
(Tues & Wed 9.30 am - 2.30 pm)

Music Director Brian Copple

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Graeme Dellora
John Foster
Judith Gibson

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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