

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Third Sunday of Epiphany

27 January 2019



We welcome Revd Wendy Pullin

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Ps.19



At Worship Today:

7.45 am (Book of Common Prayer)
Preaching & Presiding: Revd Wendy Pullin
Hymn: TIS 407 Breathe On Me, Breath of God

10.30 am (Contemporary Eucharist)
Preaching & Presiding: Revd Wendy Pullin

**Life-giving God,
who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your
kingdom
and to teach with authority:
anoint us with your Spirit,
that we too may bring good news to the poor,
bind up the broken-hearted,
and proclaim liberty to the captive;
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 begins to observe a time of quiet.

9.00 am (Sung Eucharist)	A Prayer Book for Australia - page 119
Preaching & Presiding:	Revd Wendy Pullin
Liturgy Setting:	Michael Dudman
Processional:	TIS 547 Be Thou My Vision
Sentence:	Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.'
First Reading:	Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10
Gradual Hymn:	TIS 269 Hark the Glad Sound! Tune: TIS 10
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 12.12-31
Gospel:	Luke 4.14-21
Gospel Acclamation:	



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Offertory:	TIS 207 Jesus Shall Reign
Recessional Hymn:	TIS 411 Filled With The Spirit's Power

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

First Reading: Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. 2 Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. 9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot were to say, 'Because I am

not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4.14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. 16 When he came to

Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 18 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim

release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. 20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

From Your Vicar

As I mentioned last week, David and I are in Tasmania this weekend seeing our youngest son and his fiancé. Thank you to Revd Wendy Pullin for coming and leading the services. I have known Wendy since I was an assistant curate at Holy Trinity, Surrey Hills back in 2002 – 3. Wendy was the Vicar at Mont Albert, a neighbouring parish and in the same Deanery. It is also interesting that Wendy and Kathryn Watt happen to walk part of the Camino way together last November. It is indeed a small world!! Please make Wendy feel welcome.

Jesus was very familiar with the Scriptures as the revealed word of God and was obviously nourished by the richness of the Scriptures. We encounter the word of God in many ways in our human experience: in our conscience, the events of our lives, the people we meet, and beauty of nature. But most explicitly, we hear God's word to us when we read the Scriptures or hear them proclaimed in the liturgy. In today's Gospel we hear Jesus quoting from Isaiah and is about the coming of the Messiah or the 'anointed one'. Two weeks ago we read the text of the baptism of Jesus where the Spirit had indeed been given to him and he had certainly been anointed by God as the one who carries God's favour. Here Jesus announces how he will carry out his messianic mission of bringing hope to the hopeless. The Gospel continues with Jesus carrying out this mandate. Indeed, 'this text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' Are there ways in which you can see yourself as among the 'poor', the 'blind', the 'downtrodden' or the 'captive'. What do these terms mean in our day? In what ways does Jesus relieve these limitations. This week offer the gift of yourself to someone who is downtrodden or be good news to someone who is in need.

Pax (peace)

Dianne

Kids' Church

is in recess. Activity packs are available. We will resume on Sunday 3rd February 2019.



mainly music

resumes Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 10.30 am.

Lenten Studies 2019

This year's Lenten Study will consist of a 6 week book study. The book is called 'Living now for then' prepared by Trinity College Theological School and it costs \$10.

It says, "the aim of the study is to help you work through key aspects of living as a citizen of God's new creation, grounded in today's Australia, ... to enrich you as a Christian disciple, and to equip you more effectively to 'live now for then.'

The following sessions are being offered. Please fill in the sign-up sheets in the Parish Centre to indicate your preference. You may also choose to purchase a book for home study.

Tuesdays 10.00 am - 11.30 am commencing 5th March led by Revd Dianne

Thursdays 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm commencing 7th March led by Revd Dianne

Fridays 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm commencing 8th March led by Revd Greg

Sundays 2.00 - 3.30 pm commencing 10th March led by Rev Greg

Movie Night

This year in place of the Jazz Night we are holding a Movie night as a fundraiser on Friday 15 February.

The film will be the original "Mary Poppins" starring Dick Van Dyke and Julie Andrews. The film will begin at 8.00pm following a sausage sizzle arranged by members of the Men's Forum.

Supper will be served following the film.

Cost: \$25.00 per adult or \$50.00 per family.

Tickets will be on sale following services from Sunday 20 January. We will also have a raffle on the night.

If you would like to bring your own comfortable chair please do so.



Inner Stillness

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

Thursday Eucharist

recommences on 31st January 2019 at 10am

Choir

The St Stephen and St Mary Choir, the church's primary choral ensemble consisting of 15 volunteers, sings the first, second, **fourth** and fifth Sunday mornings at the 9:00 am Eucharist. A weekly rehearsal is held every Thursday evening 7:30-9:00 pm in the church, except the Thursday preceding the third Sunday of the month. Hymns and service music are drawn principally from the *Together In Song* hymnal, supplemented by selections from other Anglican and ecumenical musical resources. The choir sings at special services and a concert during the year and performs a wide range of music. We are looking to increase the choir's membership: if you enjoy singing and socialising with other singers, please contact our music director, Brian Copple.

Next rehearsal Thursday 31st January at 7.30 pm.

Rev'd Kathryn's commissioning

Rev'd Kathryn's commissioning will be held on Thursday 21st February at 7pm at Holy Trinity, 175 Chapel Street, Balaclava.

Please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Parish Centre (for catering purposes).



Greg's ordination

Our new assistant curate, Greg Wong, will be ordained on Saturday 9th February at 10.30am at St Paul's Cathedral.

All are welcome to attend.

Greg will be here at all 3 services on 10th February. Please remember to wear your name tags to help Greg get to know you.

Greg is married to Aileen and they have two children, Zachariah (5) and Adele (3).



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 14th February, 2019, 7.30 pm** in the Old Church, then on **28th February.**

Dates to put in your diary ...

<p>Sunday Epiphany 3 - January 27, 2019</p> <p>7.45 am Book of Common Prayer 9.00 am Sung Eucharist 10.30 am Contemporary Eucharist 3.00 - 8.00 pm Tamil Church</p> <p>Monday 28 Tuesday 29 9.30 - 11.00 am Yoga (Parish Centre)</p> <p>Wednesday 30 10.30 am Friendship Group</p> <p>Thursday 31 10.00 - 11.30 am Eucharist 7.30 - 9.00 pm Choir Practice</p> <p>Friday 1 9.30 am - 12 noon Yoga (Parish Centre)</p> <p>Saturday 2 3.00 - 10.00 pm Chinese Church</p> <p>Sunday 3 Presentation of Christ 7.45 am Book of Common Prayer 9.00 am Sung Eucharist 10.30 am Contemporary Eucharist</p>	<p>Next week: Presentation of Christ in the temple - February 3, 2019</p> <p>Readings: Malachi 3.1- 4 Ps 24 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22- 40</p> <p>Stewards/Welcomers: BCP G Le Huray C Gant SE J Brown SS H Brown S Lieversz CE David Tony</p> <p>Readers: BCP J Miller SE V Dyke G Tait CE Miriam</p> <p>Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance: BCP S Lieversz SE J Bowers G Tait H Brown J Brown CE Michael Miriam</p> <p>Intercessor: SE Ron Ritchie CE Dianne</p>
<p>mainly music continues to engage with young families. You are always welcome to come along and see what we do on Wednesdays 10.30am - 12 noon, Parish Ctr, during school term.</p> 	<p>Galahkookemu</p>  <p>We are a group who seek to follow the Benedictine way in modern life, meeting monthly on the final Wednesday at 7pm. Contact Christine Mallouhi</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

Helen Warren

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:

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Bruce Chugg

Hospital Visiting:

Clergy

Funeral Ministry:

The Vicar

Contemporary Eucharist Contact:

Rowena Ferguson

Spiritual Directors:

Cath Connelly

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