

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

3 February 2019



The
earth is
the Lord's
and all
that is
in it



At Worship Today:

7.45 am (Book of Common Prayer)
Preaching & Presiding: Revd Dianne
Hymn: TIS 158 God Has Spoken By His Prophets

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

**O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust
in you:
mercifully accept our prayers,
and because through the weakness of our
mortal nature
we can do nothing good without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in keeping your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

9.00 am (Sung Eucharist)

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Preaching & Presiding:

Revd Dianne

Liturgy Setting:

Michael Dudman

Processional:

TIS 158 God Has Spoken By His Prophets

Sentence:

Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in righteousness and true holiness.

First Reading:

Malachi 3.1- 4

Psalm:

Ps 24

Psalm Repsonse:



R. Lord, this is the peo - ple that longs to see your face.

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Second Reading:

Hebrews 2.14-18

Gospel:

Luke 2.22- 40

Gospel Acclamation:



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

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Offertory:

TIS 324 Bid Your Servant Go In Peace -Tune: TIS10

Choir Anthem:

Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem

Composer: Bob Hurd Lyricist: Craig Kingsbury

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 161 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

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

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. 2But 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; 3he 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. 4Then 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: Hebrews 2.14-18

14 Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. 16 For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and

devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Intercessions

Has anyone borrowed "Let Us Pray" by Jenny Nelson from the church office? If so, could you please return it. Thank you.

From Your Vicar

Thank you for making Rev Wendy feel welcome last Sunday, and I know she enjoyed her time with you. She wrote to me and said, "I had a very happy time and was very welcomed.....I'm in awe of your work on Sunday's. You must have lots of stamina!" In Luke's story, the Messiah will emerge from within a family and social world deeply enmeshed in the traditions of Israel, a pious and expectant "people of God." Jesus' parents observe the laws regarding circumcision, purification, and presentation of the first born as dedicated to the Lord, and do so within the symbolic heart of the people, Jerusalem and its Temple. The special role of Jesus is also defined by the encounter with Simeon. Not only is the old man designated as a reliable prophetic spokesperson, but his actions and words together enact Luke's distinctive prophecy-fulfilment literary pattern. Simeon's prophetic song, like those of Zechariah and Mary, extends this personal gift to a proclamation concerning Jesus' significance for the wider world. Then Anna, a prophetess, which is a part of Luke's habit to pair a female character with a male character even when, as in this case, her testimony adds nothing specific to what has already been established through the words of Simeon, but re-emphases and further strengthens Simeon's words, together they symbolize the 'welcoming of the people of God.' What responsibilities come with belonging to our human family? What responsibilities come with belonging to God's family?

Pax (peace)

Dianne

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.

Revd Ronald Mark Browning (OAM)

A former curate at St Stephen's and St Mary's, the Revd Ronald Mark Browning of Newfort Vic, received an Order of Australia (OAM) medal in the Australia Day Honours. Ron's award was given for service to the community.

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.



The Net

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

INVITATION TO EVENSONG
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Tuesday 12th February at 5.00 pm

to celebrate

RELIGIOUS LIFE IN THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH



mainly music

resumes on Wednesday at 10.30 am.

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).

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.**

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).

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 ...

Sunday Presentation of Christ in the Temple - February 3, 2019

7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
Monday	4
4.00 - 8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance (PC)
Tuesday	5
9.30 - 11.00 am	Yoga (Parish Centre)
Wednesday	6
10.30 am	mainly music
10.30 am	Friendship Group
2.30 - 4.00 pm	Meditation (Old Church)
Thursday	7
10.00 - 11.30 am	Eucharist
7.30 - 9.00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8
9.30 am - 12 noon	Yoga (Parish Centre)
1.30 - 3.30 pm	WDP meeting (room 4)
Saturday	9
9.00am	The Net
3.00 - 10.00 pm	Chinese Church
Sunday	10 Epiphany 5
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
3.00 - 7.30 pm	Tamil Church

Next week: Epiphany 5 - February 10, 2019

Readings:
Isaiah 6.1- 8
Ps 138
1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Luke 5.1- 11

Stewards/Welcomers:
BCP N Thevapalan
Adam Thevapalan
SE G Dellora SS
M Dellora
J Russell
CE Marg
Judith

Readers:
BCP J de Lacy
SE J Bowers
J Russell
CE Christine N

Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:
BCP J Burns
SE J Bowers
V Dyke
R Ritchie
I Smith
CE Marg
Jean

Intercessor:
SE Val Dyke
CE Rowena

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.



Galahkookemu

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.

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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:

Aged Care Chaplaincies:

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

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