

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Second Sunday in Lent

17 March 2019



Invitation to Communion for Lent will be

*Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.***

Post Communion Sung Meditation

– “Spirit of the living God”

***Spirit of the living God,
fall a-fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall a-fresh on me.
Break me,
melt me,
mould me,
fill me,
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me. (Repeat)***



At Worship Today:

7.45 am (Book of Common Prayer)
Preaching & Presiding: Revd Dianne
Hymn: TIS 585 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

**God of our ancestors,
whose chosen servant Abraham
was given faith to obey your call
and go out into the unknown:
endow your Church with such faith
that we may follow you with courage;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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

Dianne Gome

TIS 585 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

TIS 684 Love Will Be Our Lenten Calling

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Luke 13.1-9

Owen Alstott



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end-less glo - ry!

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Offertory:

TIS 547 Be Thou My Vision

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 531 Sent Forth By God's Blessing



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

First Reading: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' 2 But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' 3 And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' 4 But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' 5 He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' 6 And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. 7 Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' 8 But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' 9 He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' 10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. 17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1

3 17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with

tears. 19 Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 4 1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13.1-9

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' 6 Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" 8 He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'



50th

ANNIVERSARY OF THE "NEW CHURCH"

We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the "New Church" at a Joint Service on June 9. We are delighted that Bishop Kate Prowd, St Stephen's and St Mary's first female Assistant Curate, will be presiding and preaching at this service.

We would like to extend an invitation to past parishioners who may have worshipped here during the last 50 years. If you know of anyone who would like to receive an invitation, could you please email Rowena at rowenaferg@gmail.com or hand their details to either Fran Ludgate, Graeme Dellora, Judith Gibson or myself **by April 6 at the latest**. Please also provide us with their email address and/or postal address.

Also, we would like to identify current parishioners who have been part of the parish for the last 50 years. If this is you, please also let one of the above people know.

Rowena Ferguson
(50th Anniversary Committee Chair)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Philippians 4.1

FETE COMMITTEE MEETING

*There will be a Fete Committee meeting on **Monday March 18**, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre (room 4). We'd love to have a few more people involved in the planning of the Fete, so if you think this is you, please chat to Fran Ludgate or Rowena Ferguson... or just turn up on the night!*



FOUR THINGS FROM FEBRUARY PARISH COUNCIL

1. The Parish finances are in a healthy state at the moment, and the Parish Council is grateful for the regular giving of parishioners.
2. The Mission Action Plan (2017-2019) was reviewed and it was pleasing to note that most goals had been achieved.
3. Parish Council again noted and gave thanks for the "gift of music" we have at each of our services... organists, choir and music ensemble.
4. A reminder to be conscious of welcoming visitors and newer parishioners... stop and say "hi" over a coffee.

40 ACTS OF KINDNESS FOR LENT

MU has initiated this program for Lent and invites the Parish to join in.

The concept hopefully will begin as a small ripple and grow into a tidal wave affecting many lives.

Each week a list of starter ideas will be printed, however don't feel you have to do any or all.

Feel free to make up your own 'Acts of Kindness' – all will be appreciated no matter how small.

- ***Give a compliment to someone who is often overlooked***
- ***Make someone smile or laugh today***
- ***Donate to our Alms Basket***
- ***Mow someone's lawn, weed their garden or rake up leaves***
- ***Send an anonymous greeting card to someone***
- ***Pick up litter***
- ***Take something you have baked or something from your garden to a neighbour***
- ***Buy a coffee for the person ordering behind you***



Remember no Act of Kindness, however small, is ever wasted!

MU Australia

Part of the World Wide Mothers' Union

NEXT MU meeting on Monday March 25th@1-30pm

We invite the ladies of the parish and their friends to join us to meet Cath Connelly, well known harpist and spiritual director, who will present a program on Meditation and Music. Meditation is one of the ways we can listen to God. There is much evidence that together with music, meditation has a very beneficial effect on people's lives, helping them to relax. Why not join us and share this experience in the comfort of the parish centre. Afternoon tea and fellowship to follow.

LADY DAY SERVICE @ ST Paul's Cathedral on Sunday March 24th @ 2-30pm

Please speak with Elizabeth Woods, Marg Taylor or Irene Donohoue Clyne if you intend to go. Due to uncertainty about Sunday rail services we will car pool, meeting at the church at 1pm. This is always a great experience of shared worship with other MU groups. Afternoon tea afterwards with Mrs Joy Frier (MU Patron) in the Barbara Darling Room.

Youth Group

Youth group is on tonight 6pm-8pm, we are cooking over a campfire in the car park! Youth are all invited, bring a friend if you can! We are on the lookout for leaders. If you are interested please chat to Greg.



Confirmation/Reception

Confirmation or Reception into the Anglican Church on Sunday 9th June at 9.45 a.m.

A joint Service with Rt Revd Kate Prowd to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the consecration of the current church building.

Please let Dianne or Greg know of your desire for Confirmation/ Reception.



So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6.10



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 3 April 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 28th March, 2019, 7.30 pm** in the Old Church, then on **11th April.**

Dates to put in your diary ...

<p>Sunday Lent 2 - March 17, 2019</p> <p>7.45 am Book of Common Prayer 9.00 am Sung Eucharist 10.30 am Contemporary Eucharist 6.00 - 8.00 pm Youth Group (Old church)</p> <p>Monday 4.00 - 8.45 pm Karen Margaret Dance (PC) 7.30 - 8.30 pm Fete Meeting (room 4)</p> <p>Tuesday 9.30 - 11.00 am Yoga (Parish Centre) 10.00 - 11.30 am Lent Study (Old Church) 7.00 - 9.30 pm Amnesty Intl (room 4)</p> <p>Wednesday 10.30 am mainly music 10.30 am Friendship Group 7.30 pm Parish Council</p> <p>Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 am Eucharist + brunch 7.30 - 9.00 pm Lent study (room 4) 7.30 - 9.00 pm Choir practice (church)</p> <p>Friday 9.30 am - 12 noon Yoga (Parish Centre) 2.00 - 3.30 pm Lent Study (Old Church)</p> <p>Saturday 1.00 - 4.00 pm TCCV Choir practice (OC) 3.00 - 10.00 pm Chinese Church</p> <p>Sunday 7.45 am Book of Common Prayer 9.00 am Sung Eucharist 10.30 am Contemporary Eucharist 2.00 - 9.50 pm Tamil Church</p>	<p>Next week: Lent 3 - March 24, 2019</p> <p>Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9 Ps 63.1-9 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.31-35</p> <p>Stewards/Welcomers: BCP A Thevapalan N Thevapalan SE J Russell SS Y Lancaster S Lieversz CE Jen Tony</p> <p>Readers: BCP J Burns SE J Bowers J Russell CE Miranda</p> <p>Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance: BCP J de Lacy SE H Warren G Smith J Brown H Brown CE Christine M Rowena</p> <p>Intercessor: SE B Chugg CE Rowena</p>
<p>Tamil Christian Church services</p> <p>2nd and 4th Sundays at 4.30pm</p>	<p>Joyriver Chinese Church</p> <p>Saturdays at 6pm</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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(Day off - Monday)

The Revd Dianne Sharrock
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The Revd Greg Wong

Children's and Families' Minister

(Tues 10.00 am - 3.00 pm)
Wed 9.30 am - 2.30 pm)

Becky Sims

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Katherine Rushby

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Graeme Dellora
John Foster
Judith Gibson

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

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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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