

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Fourth Sunday in Lent

31 March 2019



Invitation to Communion for Lent

*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,
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 233 I Will Sing The Wondrous Story

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

**God of compassion,
you are slow to anger, and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with
penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace
all who come home to you, and seat them at
your bountiful table, that, with all your
children, they may feast with delight on all that
satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the
name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

9.00 am (Sung Eucharist) A Prayer Book for Australia - page 119
Preaching & Presiding: Revd Dianne
Liturgy Setting: Dianne Gome
Processional: TIS 258 Praise To You, O Christ, Our Saviour
Sentence: While he was still far off, his father saw him and was
filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.
First Reading: Joshua 5.9-12
Psalm Response:



R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trou - ble,



and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

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Psalm: Ps 32
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.16-21
Gospel Acclamation:

Owen Alstott



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

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Gospel: Luke 15.11-32
Offertory: TIS 233 I Will Sing The Wondrous Story
Choir Anthem: You Are Mine by David Haas
Sung Meditation: Spirit of the Living God (see front page)
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: Joshua 5.9-12

⁹ The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰ While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15.11b-32

'There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him

to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you: ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²² But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" ³¹ Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

<p>Duo Piano Recital Joan Janka and David McNicol are presenting a two piano recital on Sunday 5th May 2019 at 2:00 pm 32 Edmonds Avenue Ashwood \$25 donation for BlazeAid</p> 	<p>Can you spare just one hour?</p>	<p>between 9am and 1pm on Saturday 6th April</p>	
<p>Easter deadline Please could any notices for the Easter Day pew sheet be submitted by 10am on Friday 12th April as the office will be closed during Holy Week.</p>	<p>We want to “spruce up” the Church and Parish Centre for Easter</p>		<p>Please put your name against any job listed on the notice board</p>
		<p>Please bring whatever cleaning things you will need to complete your job</p>	<p>THANK YOU! (The Wardens)</p>

News from Mothers' Union **MU Australia**
Part of the World Wide Mothers' Union

We celebrated Lady Day at St. Paul's Cathedral last Sunday with an impressive attendance of about 50% of our MU group. It was a strong affirmation of the importance of MU to the life of our diocese. The traditional procession of banners reminded us of how widespread Mothers' Union is in this diocese. MU is also active in our parish in many ways, supporting the Funeral Hospitality Ministry, Third Thursday Lunch, the Church Fete, Mainly Music and today providing the Simnel Cake. Current projects within the parish include 40 Acts of Kindness for Lent.

Mothers' Union has an active pastoral ministry supporting each other through prayer and each month at our meetings we have an interesting program which enables us to learn more about our community. Last Monday, Cath Connelly, renowned harpist, spiritual director and teacher shared her insights into meditation accompanied by the gentle sounds of her harp. All women in the parish and their friends are welcome at our next meeting on Monday April 29th at 1-30pm in the parish centre. After the excitement of the Easter Services, Maggie Dellora will show us how she creates with flowers. Afternoon tea will be provided.

EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY - 14TH APRIL: 9.45 a.m. Joint Service with brunch

Monday 15th April: 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Tuesday 16th April: 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Wednesday 17th April: 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 18TH APRIL: 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

7.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy: Washing of Feet: Stripping of the Altar and Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY 19TH APRIL: 9.00 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Reserved Sacrament

2.00 p.m. "Golgotha play" held in Old Church

HOLY SATURDAY 20TH APRIL: 10.30 a.m. "Good Seed Church" in Old Church

7.30 p.m. Vigil: Lighting of Fire & renewal of baptismal vows & first Eucharist of Easter

EASTER DAY 21ST APRIL: 7.45 a.m. Holy Communion

9.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist with Easter egg hunt.



Keyboard wanted

We are in need of a digital piano with a cabinet to accompany the choir during rehearsals and services. If any parishioners have one they are willing to donate to the church, please contact the church office. Thank you. Brian

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.

- ***Surprise someone in a nice way***
- ***Share a treat with a friend***
- ***Do something kind for a complete stranger***
- ***Pick up litter***
- ***Meet an old friend for lunch or coffee***
- ***Offer to help a child with homework or reading***
- ***Volunteer with mainly music***
- ***Visit someone who is confined to home***
- ***Drop off a children's toy, book or puzzle at your doctor's waiting room***



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

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)

MEN'S FORUM

TUES 9TH APRIL 2PM IN OLD CHURCH
GUEST SPEAKER: HOWARD BROWN
TOPIC: EXPERIENCING THE BATTLEFIELD
OF WWI

IN KEEPING WITH THE LEAD UP TO
ANZAC DAY AND OUR MILITARY THEME,
ALL PARISHIONERS ARE MOST
WELCOME TO HEAR OUR OWN HOWARD
BROWN PRESENT WHAT PROMISES TO
BE A MOST INTERESTING EXPERIENCE.
DAVID DUNCAN

PALM CROSSES

Helpers needed to make our Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday.

Friday 5 April from 2.00pm in the Parish Centre
- Oiling the palms.

Saturday 6 April from 9.30am - Making the crosses.

No previous experience needed - learn on the job from people who have made them in the past. It's lots of fun!

If you can help please phone
Pam Knight
or Marg Taylor
or just turn up!



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 11th April, 2019, 7.30 pm** in the Old Church, then on **25th April**.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Lent 4	
- March 31, 2019	
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
4.00 - 6.00 pm	TCCV Choir (Old Church)
Monday	
4.00 - 8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance (PC)
Tuesday	
9.30 - 11.00 am	Yoga (Parish Centre)
10.00 - 11.30 am	Lent Study (Old Church)
Wednesday	
10.30 am	mainly music
10.30 am	Friendship Group
2.30 - 3.30 pm	Meditation (Old church)
7.30 - 9.30 pm	Tamil English Choir (Church)
Thursday	
10.00 - 11.30 am	Eucharist
7.30 - 9.00 pm	Lent study (room 4)
7.30 - 9.00 pm	Choir practice (church)
Friday	
9.30 am - 12.00 pm	Yoga (Parish Centre)
2.00 - 3.30 pm	Lent Study (de Lacy's)
2.00 - 3.00 pm	Sue (Counselling Room)
Saturday	
3.00 - 10.00 pm	Chinese Church
Sunday	
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
6.00 - 8.00 pm	Youth Group

Daylight Savings

Don't forget to put your clocks back one hour on Sunday 7 April!



Tamil Christian Church services

2nd and 4th Sundays at 4.30pm

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.



Next week: Lent 5	
- April 7, 2019	
Readings:	
Isaiah 43.16-21	
Ps 126	
Philippians 3.3-14	
John 12.1-8	
Stewards/Welcomers:	
BCP N Thevapalan	
A Thevapalan	
SE H Brown SS	
J Brown	
B Chugg	
CE David	
Sylvia/Tony	
Readers:	
BCP J de Lacy	
SE I Donohoue Clyne	
G Tait	
CE Jen	
Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:	
BCP B de Lacy	
SE G Tait	
H Brown	
J Brown	
G Smith	
CE Christine M	
Miriam	
Intercessor:	
SE R Ritchie	
CE Christine M	

Joyriver Chinese Church

Saturdays at 6pm



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

Assistant Curate

(Tues, Wed & Thurs mornings, Fri, Sun)

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

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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