

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Fifth Sunday in Lent

7 April 2019



“Monastic prayer, especially meditation and contemplative prayer, is not so much a way to find God as a way of resting in the One whom we have found, who loves us, who is near to us, who comes to us.”

Thomas Merton

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)
Presiding: Revd Dianne
Preaching: Revd Greg
Hymn: TIS 202 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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

**Christ,
whose feet were caressed
with perfume and a woman's hair,
you humbly took a basin and towel
and washed the feet of your friends:
wash us also in your tenderness,
that, embracing your service freely,
we may accept no other bondage
in your name. 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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Presiding:

Revd Dianne

Preaching:

Revd Greg

Liturgy Setting:

Dianne Gome

Processional:

TIS 202 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Sentence:

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

First Reading:

Isaiah 43.16-21

Psalm Response:



℟. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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Psalm:

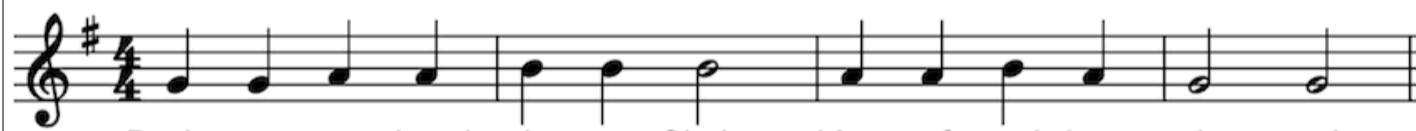
Ps 126

Second Reading:

Philippians 3.4b-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Owen Alstott



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

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Gospel:

John 12.1-8

Offertory:

TIS 684 Love Will Be Our Lenten Calling

Choir Anthem:

Myrrh-bearing Mary To Bethany Came by David Hurd

Sung Meditation:

Spirit of the Living God (see front page)

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 168 For The Fruits of All Creation

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

First Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21

16 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press

on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: John 12.1-8

1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

**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.

News from 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.

During April we are collecting good or new handbags to be filled with a variety of items to help women fleeing violence in Monash. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Collection boxes will be in the Parish Centre. See notice board for further information.

MU Australia
Part of the World Wide Mothers' Union

The Net

The Net will gather for our men's breakfast at 9am this coming Saturday, April 13 at the Air-stream Café, Century City Walk, Glen Waverley. All men of the parish are welcome. Contact Michael Mosley if you would like more information.

The Ladies Guild

The next meeting of The Ladies Guild will be held on Thursday, 11th April at 2.00 pm in the Parish Centre meeting room. Please join us for afternoon tea and a chat. You will be made most welcome.

The Guild will be manning the Lions Club Opportunity Shop in Wadham Place, Mt Waverley, from Monday 20th to Friday 24th of May. Please put aside any saleable items to be delivered to the shop on Tuesday 14th May.

Our Morning Tea, originally planned for 12th April, will, regrettably, not be taking place.

Janice Miller

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.

- ***Look for spontaneous opportunities to help***
- ***Take an extra bunch of flowers when visiting a friend in hospital***
- ***Give someone a compliment***
- ***Help someone with a disability***
- ***Send a photo which includes a friend with a note reminding them of when it was taken***
- ***Give a HUG***
- ***Donate goods to the Op Shop***
- ***Have positive thoughts***
- ***Return a stray shopping trolley***



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

"3 THINGS" FROM THE MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. With the constant increased level of giving, we have been able to pay off two small loans earlier than scheduled.
2. Becky has initiated a 'Seed Church', with families, particularly from *mainly music*. Held monthly, families enjoy fellowship, worship and tend the new children's garden near the exit to the carpark.
3. A successful fete meeting was held with over 12 people in attendance. Lots of ideas were discussed. A reminder that our "Spring Fete" will be held on October 19 (10am-2pm)

Kids' Church

Kids' Church is in recess.
There will be an Easter Egg Hunt and a children's activity on Easter Sunday.



3rd THURSDAY SERVICE.

Please note that in April the 3rd Thursday falls in Holy Week (Maundy Thursday) so our service has been moved to **Thursday 11th April.** Hope to see you then.

Chat & Chew

There will be no Chat & Chew this month due to it falling in Easter.

Mainly music

Mainly music is in recess - it will resume on 17th April.

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



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

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 1 May 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 **9th May (no meditation on 25th April).**

Dates to put in your diary ...


Sunday Lent 5	
- April 7, 2019	
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
Monday	8
4.00 - 8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance (PC)
Tuesday	9
9.30 - 11.00 am	Yoga (Parish Centre)
10.00 - 11.30 am	Lent Study (Old Church)
2.00 - 3.30 pm	Men's Forum (Old Church)
7.30 - 9.30 pm	TCCV Vestry (room 4)
7.30 - 9.30 pm	Fete Meeting (Old Church)
Wednesday	10
10.30 am	Friendship Group
5.30 - 7.30 pm	Select Owners Corp (room 4)
7.30 - 9.30 pm	Tamil English Choir (Church)
6.30 - 8.30 pm	Kiwanis (Old Church)
Thursday	11
10.00 - 11.30 am	Eucharist
2.00 - 3.00 pm	Ladies' Guild (room 4)
7.30 - 9.00 pm	Lent study (room 4)
7.30 - 9.00 pm	Choir practice (church)
7.30 - 9.00 pm	Meditation (Old Church)
Friday	12
9.30 am - 12.00 pm	Yoga (Parish Centre)
2.00 - 3.30 pm	Lent Study (de Lacy's)
Saturday	13
9.00 am	The Net
9.00 am - 3.00 pm	Golgotha Rehearsal (Old Ch)
3.00 - 10.00 pm	Chinese Church
Sunday	14 Palm Sunday
9.45 am	Joint Service and brunch
3.00 - 7.30 pm	TCCV Choir (Old Church)

Next week: Palm Sunday	
- April 14, 2019	
Readings:	
Isaiah 50.4-9a	
Ps 31.11-18	
Philippians 2.5-11	
Luke 23.1-49	
Stewards/Welcomers:	
SE	Graeme Dellora SS
	Maggie Dellora
	Nima Flora
Readers:	
SE	Irene Donohoue Clyne
	Christine Newell
Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:	
	Howard Brown
	Jenny Brown
	Rowena Ferguson
	Brian de Lacy
Intercessor:	
	Revd Greg
Dramatic Reading:	
Narrator:	Revd Greg
Pilate:	Howard Brown
Jesus:	Christine Mallouhi
Joint Service next week.	
Please bring food to share for morning tea.	




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.



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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