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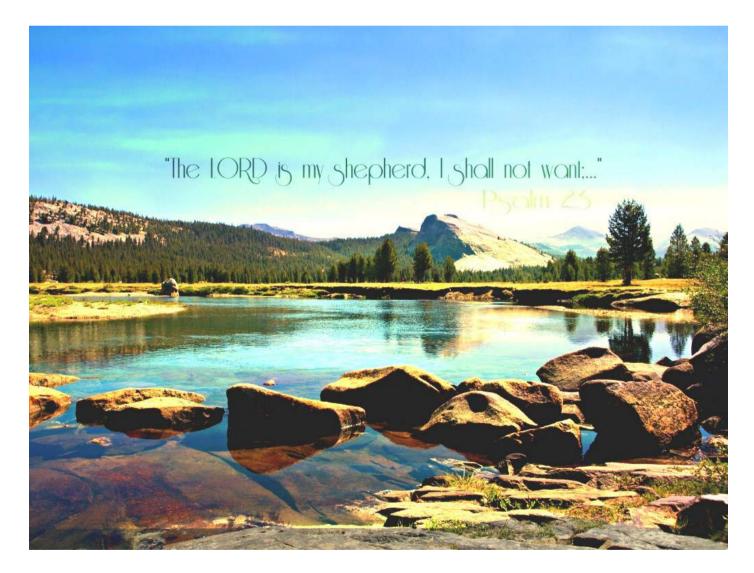
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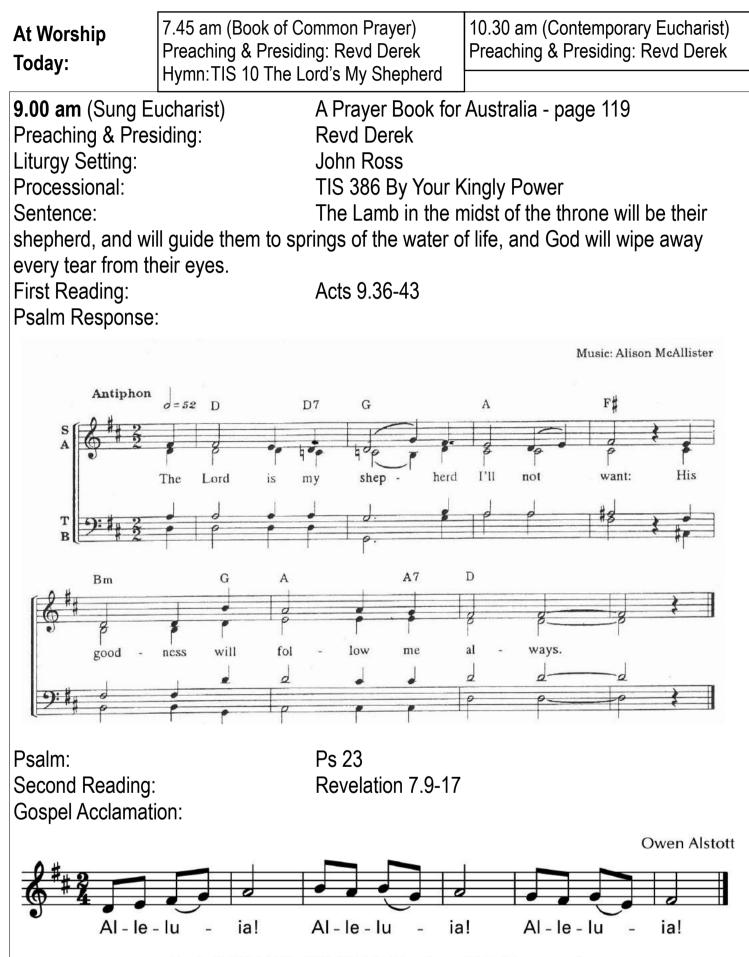
WELCOME

Fourth Sunday of Easter

12 May 2019







Gospel: Offertory: Choir Anthem: Recessional Hymn:

Music © 1977, 1981, 1983, OCP Publications. All rights reserved. John 10.22-30 TIS 145 The King of Love Shepherd Me, Oh God by Marty Haughen TIS 367 The Strife is Past

Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 9.36-43

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' 39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Second Reading: Revelation 7.9-17

10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12 singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' 14 I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Reading: John 10.22-30

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' 25 Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one.'

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.



REMINDER JOINT SERVICE ON JUNE 9, 9.45am

Please make sure this Joint Service is in your diary where we will be celebrating 50 years since the dedication of our "new" church. Several past clergy and parishioners will also be attending, as well as our local state member and local councillor. Please remember to invite any of your family or friends who may also be past parishioners.

At the service we will also be receiving two parishioners into the Anglican church and celebrating Pentecost (remember to wear something red!).

The service will be followed by Brunch – please remember to bring food and drink to share with each other and our guests.

And a reminder to let either Rowena, Judith, Fran or Graeme know if you are a parishioner who has worshipped here for the 50 years.

(Thanks to Fran Ludgate for our 50th Anniversary logo)

Choir invitation

All are welcome to join the choir for the Pentecost/50th Anniversary Service on 9 June. Please attend the Thursday choir rehearsals on 30 May and 6 June at 7:30pm to learn the music. Looking forward to seeing you then. Brian



St Stephen's and St Mary's 'New Church' 50th Celebration Wine Fundraiser

Orders can be placed until July 31st 2019.

Fill in the order form available from the Narthex.

Leave the order form in the marked box in the Narthex.

You will be contacted when your wine is available to pick up at the Parish Centre.

Any queries: Howard Brown or Graeme Dellora

MEN'S FORUM

THERE WILL BE NO MEN'S FORUM PRESENTATION ON TUESDAY 14TH MAY BUT WE

WILL RESUME AGAIN ON TUESDAY 11TH JUNE.

Our next Mothers' Union meeting Monday May 27th

We will begin at 1-30pm in the Parish Centre with our MU prayers & business meeting.

Our speaker, Judy Peake has been invited from 2pm to speak about the work of Monash-Waverley Community information and Support Service.

We are continuing to collect items for the Handbag Project during May and thank everyone who has donated so far. We have received plenty of handbags and now need to concentrate on filling them with the essentials, in particular tampons, pads and panty liners. Supporting women in need is an important ministry of Mothers' Union and we welcome parish participation. See notice board for more information.

A Date for your diary.

We will be celebrating the birthday of Mothers' Union in our parish on Monday June 27

Casserole lunch @ 12-30pm, donation \$20 towards our current MU project *Parenting Program in PNG*

Guest speaker Dr. Muriel Porter on Women of the Early Church



Hildegard of Bingen Retreat Day - Saturday June 29th 9.30am - 3pm

Hildegard of Bingen: Who is this woman 11th century woman who was mystic, artist, scientist, composer, musician, midwife, healer, missionary, visionary, abbess and spiritual director? A most extraordinary woman who invites us today to discover her gifts and offer our own giftedness into our contemporary communities. We will explore the legacy of Hildegard through input, music, art and quiet time. Our facilitator, Cath Connelly, is co-director of the Living Well Centre for Christian Spirituality, retreat and pilgrimage leader, spiritual director and professional Celtic harpist. Yes, Cath will also play her Celtic harp for us. \$10 per person. Sign up sheet in Parish Centre.



GARDENING GROUP

Next Saturday 18th May, the Garden Group will again convene to spruce up the church grounds. 9.30am onwards. Please stay for a cuppa and a chat afterwards -- and remember to vote.



Enquiries: Maggie and Graeme Dellora

The Ladies Guild

<u>Opportunity Shop</u>

The Guild will be manning the Lions Club Opportunity Shop in Wadham Place, Mount Waverley, from Monday 20th to Friday 24th of May. Please put aside any saleable items and deliver them to the shop on Tuesday 14th May. When dropping them off please say they are from St Stephen and St Mary's. Janice Miller.

Wanted to Rent

Garage/spare room for storing and sorting personal effects. Phone Clare (Please note correction).

Save the date!

St Stephen's and St Mary's Spring Fete 2019 Saturday 19 October



Please put the date in your diary and keep your eyes peeled for more information to come soon... Meeting this Tuesday (12th) at 7.30pm

WINTER WOOLLIES COLLECTION

The Mission and Social Justice Committee is running a collection of winter woollies for people in need over the next three weeks.

Goods to be collected include:

- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Knitted goods including hats, scarves, gloves, mittens
- Woollen socks we suggest Explorer socks.

Please place goods in the Narthex.



For the Parish Mission and Social Justice Committee

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 5 June 2019.**

Accommodation needed

Accommodation required for a mother and three small children in Mt Waverley or the surrounding suburbs. One of the children is attending a primary school in Glen Waverley. A granny flat or unit would be ideal. Any inquiries please speak to Marg Crawford on

Dianne's Annual Leave

Revd Dianne is on annual leave until Monday 3rd June inclusive.

Revd Derek Jones will be the Sunday locum. For all other clergy matters please contact Revd Greg

ELECTION OF LAY REPRESENTATIVES TO SYNOD

Our Parish is required to nominate and elect 2 Lay Representatives and One Alternate Lay Representative to the Diocesan Synod. In the event of more than 3 nominations, an election will be required. Ideally, we complete this process by the end of May.

For nomination and election forms, please see Graeme Dellora

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 9th May, 2019, 7.30 pm** in the Old Church (no meditation on 25th April), then on **23rd May.**

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 12, 2019		Next week: Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 19, 2019
7.45 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 3.00 - 7.30 pm <u>Monday</u> 4.00 - 8.45 pm <u>Tuesday</u> 9.30 - 11.00 am 7.30 - 9.30 pm <u>Wednesday</u> 10.30 am 7.30 - 9.30 pm <u>Thursday</u> 9.30 am - 12 noon 7.30 - 9.30 pm <u>Saturday</u> 9.30 am - 12 noon 7.30 - 9.30 pm <u>Saturday</u> 9.30 am 3.00 - 10.00 pm <u>Sunday</u> 7.45 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 3.00 - 5.00 pm	Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharist Contemporary Eucharist Tamil Church 13 Karen Margaret Dance (PC) 14 Yoga (Parish Centre) Fete meeting (room 4) 15 Friendship Group Parish Council 16 Eucharist + brunch 17 Yoga (Parish Centre) TCCV Bible Study 18 Gardening group + good seed church Chinese Church 19 Easter 5 Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharist Contemporary Eucharist Youth Group (Church)	Readings: Acts 11.118 Ps 148 Revelation 21.1-6 John 13.31-35 Stewards/Welcomers: BCP N Thevapalan A Thevapalan SE H Brown SS J Brown Y Lancaster CE Jen Judith Readers: BCP J de Lacy SE R Ritchie J Brown CE Christine M Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance: BCP B Gaffney SE H Brown J Brown K Phillips V Dyke CE Marg Geoff Intercessor: SE M Mosley
Tamil Christian Church services		CE Christine M
2nd and 4th Sundays at 4.30pm		
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lainny engage with young families. You are always welcome to come along and see what we mainly music do on Wednesdays 10.30am -12 noon, Parish Ctr, during school term.



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 away on annual lea (Day off - Monday)	ve The Revd Dianne Sharrock Emergency contact
Assistant Curate (Tues, Wed & Thurs mornings, Fri, Sun)	The Revd Greg Wong Emergency contact
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
Hastir	n Blanchard, Margaret Crawford, Rowena Ferguson, Doug ngs, Frances Ludgate, Sherredan Maher, Peter Northwood, Warren.
Pastoral Care Ministry:	
Aged Care Chaplaincies:	Bruce Chugg
Hospital Visiting:	Clergy
Funeral Ministry:	The Vicar
Contemporary Eucharist Contact:	Rowena Ferguson
Spiritual Directors: Cath Conn Val Dyke	elly
Prayer Chain contact	/largaret Syfret
SERVICES: Sunday 7.45am 9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Sung Eucharist (APBA) Contemporary Eucharist (Children's Participation)

Tuesday	9.15am Morning Prayer
Wednesday - Friday	9.00am Morning Prayer
Thursday	10.00am Eucharist

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