#### THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

**WELCOME** 

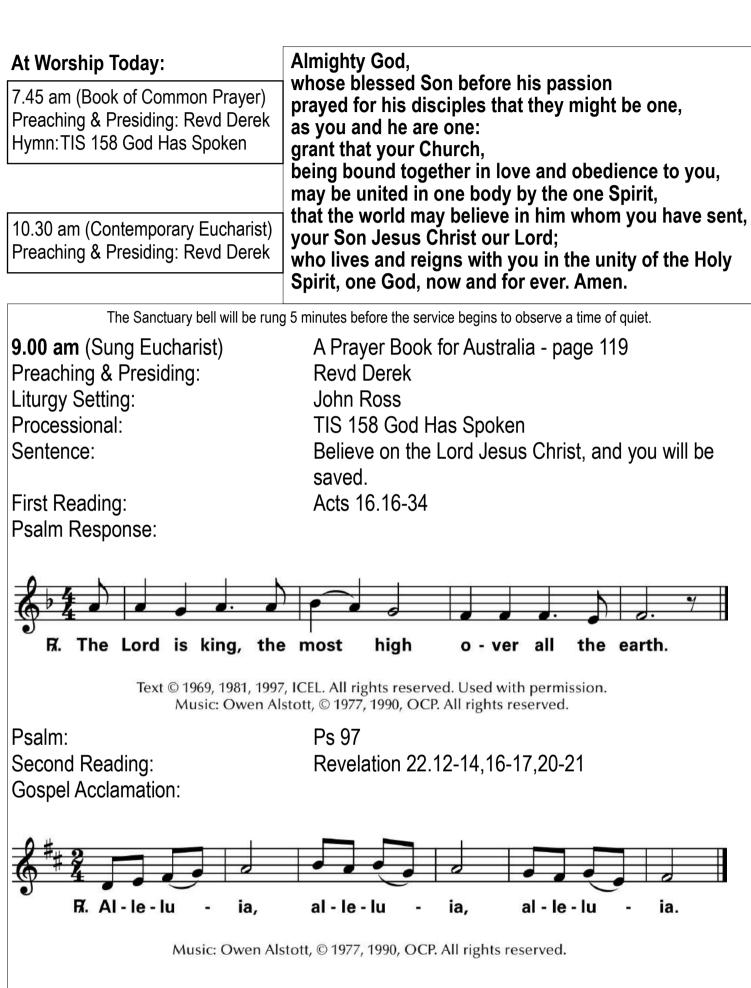
Seventh Sunday of Easter

2 June 2019



This morning at the Sung Eucharist we bring together representatives from the Waverley Inter-Church Council where the focus is on persecuted Christians and we light these candles today believing that the healing light of Christ will surround our brothers and sisters.





Gospel: Offertory: Choir Anthem: Recessional Hymn: John 17.20-26 Holy Spirit, Living Water (see inside pages). Come To The Feast by Marty Haugen TIS 217 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#### First Reading: Acts 16.16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi of Macedonia, a Roman colony, and as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortunetelling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.<sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and the jailer to keep ordered them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice. 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'31They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

## Second Reading: Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21

12 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. 131 am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 16 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' 17 The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. 20 The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! 21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

#### Gospel Reading: John 17.20-26

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. [cont'd]

25 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

#### **Mission Boxes**

Mission Boxes will be collected on 16th, 23rd and 30th June. Thank you for your support.

#### **Sunday for Christian Unity**

Today we celebrate the Sunday for Christian Unity with an Ecumenical Exchange arranged by the Inter Church Council. We welcome:

- Roy and Joan Fanthom from St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Chadstone
- Ann and Les Quirk from Holy Family, Mount Waverley
- Christine Krahn and Michael Patterson from Glen Waverley Uniting Church, Bogong Ave

Margaret Taylor and Natalie Stroud are visiting St Mary Magdalen, Ruth and Doug Hastings are going to Holy Family and Brian and Jill de Lacy are visiting the Uniting Church in Bogong Avenue.

St Stephen's and St Mary's representative is Val Dyke.

Please welcome our visitors to our church along with our official welcomers Jenny and Gavin Bowers and Graeme and Maggie Dellora.

#### **SPRING FETE**

Only 4 months to go. 19th October. Time to start planting -- The Garden Group needs lots of pot plants to sell on the day. Get those Green Thumbs working.

Also books -- bring in those old books that you have read and enjoyed. Sure to sell on the day. See Graeme.



#### The Net

The "Net" will gather for our men's breakfast at 9am this coming Saturday, 8 June at the Airstream Café, Century City Walk, Glen Waverley. All men of the parish are welcome. Contact Michael Mosley if you would like further details.

#### **MENS' FORUM**

**TUESDAY 11th JUNE** 

in OLD CHURCH at 2pm

Guest Speaker: Alison Wright

Topic: ROAD SAFETY FOR SENIORS

An invitation is extended to all parishioners.

David Duncan

No more bottles or jars for the moment!



Phoebe is unable to process any more bottles or jars at this time. Please **do not** bring any more until further notice. Thank You.



- Holy Spirit, living water, flow in us and set us free. Cleanse our unbelief and sorrow, wash our eyes and make us see.
- Holy Spirit, come as wind and blow the dust of death away.
  Breathe the gift of life into us, lighten hearts to laugh and play.
- Holy Spirit, rushing fire, burn with truth and justice here. Catch our minds alight with passion, perfect love that casts out fear.

- Holy Spirit, come in silence, wordlessly to heal and bless.
  Be the heart that prays within us, fill the void with tenderness.
- Holy Spirit, blessèd Wisdom, teach us all of God's delight. Offer us the wine of grace and make us children of the Light.

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#### "2 THINGS" FROM THE MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- Parish Council noted the good attendance at Easter Services, particularly the Palm Sunday Joint Eucharist. Thanks to all who assisted with the liturgy, music and many tasks of preparation over the Easter period. The "Golgotha" play presented by Becky on Good Friday afternoon in the Old Church was commended. Parts in the play were acted by some parishioners and it was an opportunity to reflect on the events leading up to Good Friday, and the disciples and people drawn into the 'tragedy'.
- 2. An electronic piano is being purchased for use by the Music Director with the choir. This will replace a pew in front of the choir. The pew will be moved to the Narthex to provide seating for people who need to move out of the church for any reason during a service.



#### JOINT SERVICE ON JUNE 9, 9.45am

Next Sunday 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.

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.

Mothers' Union at St. Stephen's & St Mary's would like to thank all **MUACUSTICIC** the World Wide Mothers' Union these people who contributed over 40 bags packed with essential items, plus several boxes of extras, to our project to support women fleeing domestic violence. Judy Peake who spoke at our meeting, expressed her gratitude for your generosity. The handbags will be distributed via the Monash-Waverley Community Information Service to women in need.

Our next meeting on Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> will celebrate our 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of service to this parish and community. We will have a casserole lunch from 12-30pm (donation \$20 towards our current project) and a guest speaker: Dr. Muriel Porter OAM who will speak from 2pm on "Women in the Early Church".

Please see a MU member if you would like to attend.

#### PARISH NEWS/PAPER

The Parish Council is seeking feedback from parishioners re the continuance of our longrunning Parish Paper. Should it keep going? How often -- 2/3 times per year? Is it being missed? What format is best? If there is a groundswell of support, we will advertise for an editor. See Graeme

#### **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.** 

#### **Evening Meditation Gatherings**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 13th June, 2019, 7.30 pm** in the Old Church, then on **27th June.** 

# Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Seventh Su - June 2, 201 7.45 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 3.00 - 5.00 pm Monday 10.00-11.30 am 4.00 - 8.45 pm Tuesday 9.30 - 11.00 am 10.30 am - 12 noon 2.30 - 4.00 pm Thursday 10.00 -11.00 am 7.30 - 8.30 pm Friday 7.30 - 9.30 pm Saturday 10.00 am 3.00 - 10.00 pm Sunday 9.45 am 3.00 - 7.30 pm		Next week: Pentecost - June 9, 2019 Readings: Acts 2.1-21 Ps 104.26-36 Romans 8.14-17 John 14.8-17,25-27 Stewards/Welcomers: Maggie Dellora SS Graeme Dellora Nima Flora Readers: Elaine Fasken Jenny Bowers Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance: TBA Intercessor: various
Tamil Christian Church services		Joyriver Chinese Church
2nd and 4th Sundays at 4.30pm		Saturdays at 6pm
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mainly music continues to 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 leave (Day off - Monday)	The Revd Dianne Sharrock
Assistant Curate (Tues, Wed & Thurs mornings, Fri, Sun)	The Revd Greg Wong
<b>Children's and Families' Minister</b> (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
Hastings, Fra Helen Warre	hard, Margaret Crawford, Rowena Ferguson, Doug ances Ludgate, Sherredan Maher, Peter Northwood, n.
Pastoral Care Ministry:Aged Care Chaplaincies:Hospital Visiting:Funeral Ministry:Contemporary Eucharist Contact:Spiritual Directors:Cath Connelly	Bruce Chugg Clergy The Vicar Rowena Ferguson
Val Dyke	
9.00am Su 10.30am Co	et Syfret ly Communion (Book of Common Prayer) ng Eucharist (APBA) ntemporary Eucharist (Children's Participation) 5am Morning Prayer

Wednesday - Friday9.00amMorning PrayerThursday10.00amEucharist

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