

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME



**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**11 August 2019**

***Footprints in The Sand***

*by Mary Stevenson*

*One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was  
walking along the beach with the LORD.*

*Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.  
For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints  
in the sand: one belonging to him,  
and the other to the LORD.*

*When the last scene of his life flashed before him,  
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.*

*He noticed that many times along the path of his life  
there was only one set of footprints.*

*He also noticed that it happened at the very  
lowest and saddest times in his life.*

*This really bothered him and he questioned  
the LORD about it:*

*“LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you,  
you’d walk with me all the way.*

*But I noticed that during the most troublesome  
times in my life, there is only one set of footprints.*

*I don’t understand why when I needed  
you most you would leave me.”*

*The LORD replied:*

*“My son, my precious child, I would never leave you.*

*During your times of trial and suffering,  
when you see only one set of footprints,*

*it was then that I carried you.”*

**At Worship Today:**

7.45 am (Book of Common Prayer)  
Presiding: The Venerable Dianne  
Preaching: Revd Greg  
Hymn: TIS 264 Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling

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

**Kindle in our hearts, Father,  
the same faith that impelled Abraham  
to set out from his home  
and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land.  
As we, like him, look for the city  
that none but you can design and build,  
keep us watchful for your Son's coming,  
that we may be found faithful stewards  
of all that you have entrusted to us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**9.00 am (Sung Eucharist)**

Presiding: The Venerable Dianne  
Preaching: Revd Greg  
Liturgy Setting: John Ross  
Processional: TIS 264 Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling  
Sentence: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.  
First Reading: Isaiah 1.1,10-20  
Psalm Response:

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Psalm: Ps 50.1-8,23-24  
Second Reading: 2 Peter 1.16-19  
Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: Luke 12.32-40  
Offertory: TIS 477 Jesus calls us here to meet him  
Choir Anthem: O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace Music by Christopher Tye  
Trans. John Chandler  
Recessional Hymn: TIS 569 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

**First Reading: Isaiah 1.1,10-20**

1 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. 10 Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! 11 What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. 12 When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; 13 bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. 14 Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. 15 When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, 17 learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. 18 Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; 20 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16**

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing

where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ 13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 12.32-40**

Jesus said to his disciples, 32 ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds

them so, blessed are those slaves. 39 But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'



### MEN'S FORUM

TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2<sup>PM</sup>

GUEST SPEAKER: BRUCE CHUGG

TOPIC: 'TRAVELS AROUND MOROCCO'

This promises to be a most informative and interesting presentation and an invitation is extended to all parishioners to join us.

David Duncan.

### Come and Sing in The Choir for the Patronal Festival

If you love to sing, come and be part of the music ministry at St Stephen and St Mary's for our Patronal Festival on 8 September. There is no audition and you don't need to be able to sight-read music. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00, except for the Thursday before the third Sunday of the month. Please come and join us.

Brian Copple. Director of Music



### MOTHERS' UNION

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

At our last meeting over 20 members of the Mothers' Union branch at Mt. Waverley gathered in the chilly chapel to participate in the Mothers' Union international *Wave of Prayer*. Prayer is an important part of Mothers' Union. Each member has a prayer partner for whom she prays and in turn another member prays for her. We begin each meeting with a short prayer service. Once a year we join with the 4 million other MU members to pray for specific Dioceses around the world. This year we are linked to Dioceses in Nigeria, Zimbabwe, England, Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania. Norma Schultz arranged prayer focus of candles and Ruth Hastings provided music for our service. Afterwards we enjoyed fellowship with each other and a challenging quiz, courtesy of Marg Taylor. (See the photos on the notice board).

**Next Meeting : Monday August 26<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 12noon (bring your own lunch).

A MULOA Workshop will be conducted by the MU Diocesan leadership. Other MU groups and friends have been invited.

More details to follow. Please note the starting time in your diary.

### **GARDENING GROUP**

Saturday 17th August, the Garden Group will again convene to spruce up the church grounds. 9.30am onwards.

Please stay for a cuppa and a chat afterwards.

All parishioners are encouraged to create a potted plant to sell at the Fete on 19th October. Empty pots available near the Orange Door.

Enquiries : Maggie and Graeme Dellora

### **PARISH PAPER**

Graeme Dellora is the new Editor of the Parish Paper. Format to be decided. Seeking lots of content/ contributions from parishioners -- interesting travels ; faith journeys ; Ladies Guild and Mothers Union reports ; photos, etc.



### **SPRING HAS SPRUNG -**

**( almost ! )**

**PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR CLEAN  
PRE-LOVED PLASTIC PLANT POTS  
BY LEAVING THEM OUTSIDE THE 'ORANGE DOOR'  
SO THAT OUR "GREEN THUMBS" IN THE PARISH CAN TAKE THEM AND  
PROPAGATE HEALTHY CUTTINGS FOR SALE AT OUR FETE  
ON 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019.**

### **TO ALL "GREEN THUMBS"**

**PLEASE TAKE WHATEVER POTS YOU NEED TO PROPAGATE PLANTS TO SELL  
AT THE GARDEN STALL  
AT OUR FETE ON 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER ....  
AND PLEASE BRING THEM BACK EARLY ON THE DAY.**



*Many thanks - The Garden **Group***



## AUSTRALIS CERTIFICATE NEXT SUBJECT BEGINNING SOON !

*Have you recently visited the Holy Land and wished you knew more about the time of Jesus?*

*Are there parts of the New Testament which confuse you ?*

*Is this the time in your life when learning about the Gospels would interest you?*

*Do you enjoy discussing what you have read with other adults?*

*Would studying the New Testament strengthen your faith?*

*Could you commit about 2 hours a week to a stimulating and interesting study ?*

Then *the Users Guide to the New Testament* will provide answers to most of these questions.

We will begin this subject in the first week in October, meeting for 2 hours per week on Tuesday nights for about 9 weeks.

We have a small number of vacancies for this subject so if you are interested, please let Rev Greg know as he will be leading this subject. You may wish to speak with one of the current students if you have any questions.



## Thank You

Thank you to all those who brought food last Sunday - it was greatly appreciated by the two organisations which received it (Waverley Benevolent Society and Asylum Seekers) and thank you to all those who brought an extra thanksgiving offertory which came to \$1,700 and will put to a special project.



### 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 4th September 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 22nd August, 2019, 7.30 pm** in the Old Church, then on **12th September.**

## Dates to put in your diary ...

<b>Sunday Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - August 11, 2019</b>	
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist follow'd by interment of ashes
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
3.00 - 7.30 pm	TCCV (Church)
<b>Monday</b>	
4.30 - 8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance (PC)
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9.30 - 11.00 am	Yoga (Parish Centre)
2.00 - 3.30 pm	Men's Forum (Old Church)
7.30 - 9.30 pm	Fete meeting (Old Church)
<b>Wednesday</b>	
10.30 am - 12 noon	mainly music
10.30 am	Friendship Group
6.30 - 9.30 pm	Kiwanis (Room 4)
7.30 pm	Wardens mtg
<b>Thursday</b>	
10.00 - 11.00 am	Eucharist & brunch
<b>Friday</b>	
7.30 - 9.30 pm	TCCV Bible Study (room 4)
<b>Saturday</b>	
9.00 am - 1.00 pm	Gardening Group (Parish Ctr)
10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Good Seed Church (Old Ch)
3.00 - 10.00 pm	Chinese Church
<b>Sunday</b>	
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
12.30 pm - 3.30 pm	Baptism
6.00 - 8.00 pm	Youth Group

### 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.



<b>Next week: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - August 18, 2019</b>	
Readings:	
Isaiah 5.1 -7	
Ps 80.1-2, 8 -19	
Hebrews 11.29 -12.2	
Luke 12.49 - 59	
Stewards/Welcomers:	
BCP Adam Thevapalan	
Nirmala Thevapalan	
SE H Brown SS	
J Brown	
S Lieversz	
CE Leigh	
Adrian	
Readers:	
BCP J Foster	
SE E U'Ren	
J Russell	
CE Judith	
Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:	
BCP B de Lacy	
SE Sue Retschko	
G Smith	
Yolanda Lancaster	
CE Rowena	
Marg	
Intercessor:	
SE S Retschko	
CE Rowena	

### 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 Venerable 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

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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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