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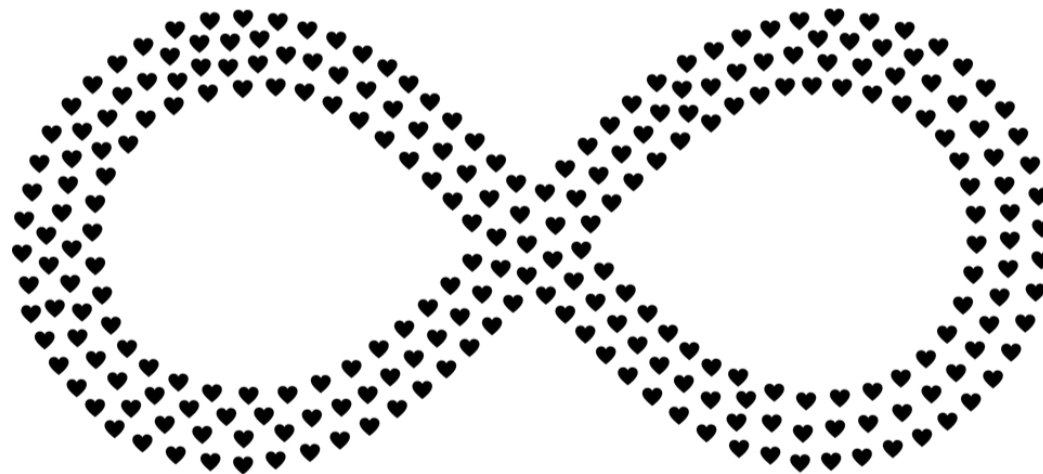
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

1 September 2019



“God doesn’t love you because you are good.
God loves you because God is good!”

Franciscan Richard Rohr



At Worship Today:

7.45 am (Book of Common Prayer)
Presiding: The Venerable Dianne
Preaching: The Revd Greg
Hymn: TIS 448 Blest are the Pure in Heart

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

O God,

you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant: teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognise each other as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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)

Presiding:

Preaching:

Liturgy Setting:

Processional:

Sentence:

First Reading:

Psalm Response:

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The Venerable Dianne

The Revd Greg

John Ross

TIS 111 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Jeremiah 2.4-13

Owen Alstott



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Psalm:

Ps 81.1,10-16

Second Reading:

Hebrews 13.1- 8, 15- 16

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

Luke 14.1, 7- 14

Offertory:

TIS 448 Blest are the Pure in Heart

Choir Anthem:

O God, You Search Me by Bernadette Farrell

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 578 How Firm a Foundation, You People of God

First Reading: Jeremiah 2.4-13

4 Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. 5 Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? 6 They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' 7 I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. 8 The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. 9 Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. 10 Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. 11 Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. 12 Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, 13 for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Second Reading: Hebrews 13.1- 8, 15- 16

1 Let mutual love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have;

for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' 6 So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. 15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.1, 7- 14

1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. 7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 8 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

A BIG Thank You

We have sent \$1,500 to Anglican Overseas Aid to support the Al Ahil Arab Hospital in the Gaza strip. Thank you for your generous donation.



Patronal Festival - Sunday 8th September 2019

This will be a joint service at 9.45 am to commemorate St Mary.

Bishop Graeme Rutherford will be our Guest Preacher.

Brunch will follow.



MEN'S FORUM

2pm TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

GUEST SPEAKER: REV WENDY PULLIN

TOPIC: "WALKING THE CAMINO"



WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING BACK THE REV WENDY AND WHAT A TREAT IS IN STORE FOR ALL INTERESTED PARISHIONERS TO JOIN WITH US FOR WHAT WILL BE A FASCINATING TOPIC.

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 Cople. Director of Music



MOTHERS' UNION



Mothers' Union next meeting will be on Monday Sept 23rd. at 1-30 .This is our AGM and it will be chaired by the Rev. Greg Wong. If you have ever wondered what MU is about or what it does , this is a good meeting to attend for you to find out? We have a varied program and always welcome new people and visitors. After the formal AGM we will hear from the Rev Greg about his journey into ministry. This will be an inspiring story. As usual we will be sharing a fine afternoon tea with our members and friends.

Irene Donohoue Clyne (Branch President)

7 WEEKS TO GO! (until our Fete on October 19th)

ST STEPHEN'S & ST MARY'S



The countdown is on and there's lots happening behind the scenes towards this year's Spring Fete...

"How can I help?" I hear you all ask! Well there are lots of things you can do...

Books, CDs and DVDs

Jenny & Howard Brown will be running the Book Stall – and now is the perfect time to get an early start on your spring cleaning and go through your books, CDs and DVDs. Please box them up and have them ready for delivery to church – date TBA.

Gardening Delights

Maggie and Graeme Dellora have been potting like troopers throughout the last few months and will be running the plant and garden stall. If you have a green thumb or two, please take cuttings, grow seedlings, etc. If you have spare pots, please drop them at church – especially small ones – and if you need pots, please help yourself to them!

Face Painting – volunteers needed!

Are you a bit arty? Can you paint patterns and pictures on children's faces?

We need you! Please contact Fran (details below).

Toys & Games

Got any board games or old toys that are lying around not being used any more? We are looking for your donations of decent quality toys and games.

Treasure Trove

We don't want your trash – just your treasure! We are looking for your unwanted treasures – but please, not large items. Does it pass the 'Washing Basket Test'? If it would fit into a washing basket, it's good!

Have you volunteered yet?

If you are willing to be involved in some way, please put your name onto the 'Volunteer Form' on the noticeboard in the corridor opposite the kitchen.

Many Hands Make Light Work – the more of us who can do a little bit, the easier it will be for everyone. This is a great opportunity for all three congregations – and our Tamil and Chinese congregations – to all come together and to bring the local community into our church, so do get on board!

Please keep a look out in the weekly Pew Slip for more information and other ways you may be able to help.

Fran Ludgate, Fete Coordinator,

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.



Bottles and Jars

Please note that any bottles and jars left at the church for Phoebe should be clean and have had their labels removed. Please speak to Alf for advice on how to do this. Thank you for your caring consideration in this matter.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY OUR NEW TOILET PAPER?

The Mission and Social Justice Committee are selling rolls for \$1 each in the foyer by the orange door. It is 100% recycled and 50% of profits go to build toilets in the developing world.



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

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 12 September, 2019, 7.30 pm** in the Old Church, then on **26th September.**

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	
- September 1, 2019	
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
3.30 - 6.30 pm	Thanksgiving mass (Bishop's College)
Monday	
10.00 - 11.30 am	WBS (parish Centre)
4.30 - 8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance (PC)
Tuesday	
9.30 - 11.00 am	Yoga (Parish Centre)
Wednesday	
10.30 am - 12 noon	mainly music
10.30 am	Friendship Group
2.30 - 4.00 pm	Meditation
Thursday	
10.00 - 11.00 am	Eucharist
7.30 - 9.30 pm	Choir (Church)
Friday	
1.30 - 2.30 pm	WCD planning (rm 4)
Saturday	
3.00 - 10.00 pm	Chinese Church
Sunday	
9.45 am	Patronal Festival - Eucharist
3.00 - 7.30 pm	TCCV (Church)

Next week: Feast of Mary	
- September 8, 2019	
Readings:	
Isaiah 61.10- 62.3	
Ps 113	
Galatians 4.4- 7	
Jeremiah 2.4- 13	
Stewards/Welcomers:	
Bruce Chugg	
David Sharrock	
Jill de Lacy	
Readers:	
Rowena Fergusson	
John Russell	
Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:	
Joanne Burns	
Brian de Lacy	
Judith Gibson	
Jenny Bowers	
Intercessor:	
Revd Greg	

Tamil Christian Church services

2nd and 4th Sundays at 4.30pm

Joyriver Chinese Church

Saturdays at 6pm

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.



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

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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