

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

First Sunday of Advent

1 December 2019



Christmas and New Year Services



Sun 15th December 5pm --- Carol Service

Tues 24th December 5pm --- Contemporary/ Family Service

Tues 24th December 11pm -- Midnight Mass

Wed 25th December 9am -- Christmas Day Service

Sun 29th December 9am -- One Service only

Farewell to Becky (followed by morning tea)

Sun 5th January 9am -- One Service only

(office will be closed 25th Dec to 9th Jan)

TCCV (TAMIL) CONGREGATION

Sun 8th December 4.30pm -- Carol Service

Tues 24th December 7.30pm -- Christmas Eve Service

Tues 31st December 11pm -- Watch Night Service

JOY RIVER CHINESE CHURCH

Regular Services Sat 21st/ 28th December at 6pm

This parish is committed to Child Safety and complies with Diocesan and State requirements. This is a shared responsibility of staff and parish. Please inform clergy, wardens, parish council or compliance officer (Elaine Fasken) of any concerns about Child Safety.

At Worship Today:

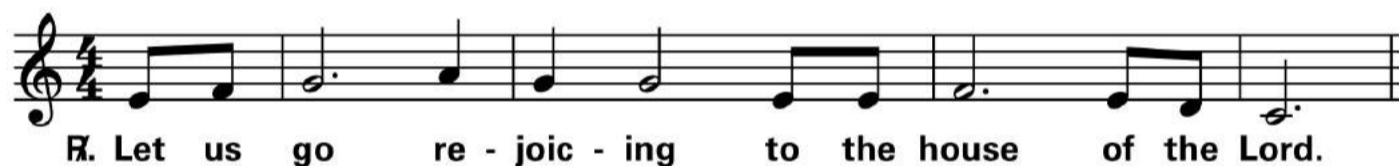
7.45 am (Book of Common Prayer)
Preaching & Presiding: The Revd Greg
Hymn: TIS 276 There's a light upon the mountains

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

**Faithful God,
whose promises stand unshaken through all generations:
renew us in hope,
that we may be awake and alert
watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,
our Judge and Saviour,
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: The Venerable Dianne
Preaching: The Revd Greg
Liturgy Setting: Miss Emmanuel
Processional: TIS 265 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Sentence: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.
First Reading: Isaiah 2.1- 5
Psalm response:



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Psalm: Ps 122
Second Reading: Romans 13.11- 14
Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: Matthew 24.36- 44
Offertory: TIS 295 Saviour of the nations, come v.1-4 (tune 450)
Choir Anthem A litany for Advent arr. by Shirley W. McRae
Recessional Hymn: TIS 276 There's a light upon the mountains

First Reading: Isaiah 2.1- 5

1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord 's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 3 Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord !

Second Reading: Romans 13.11- 14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; 13 let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24.36- 44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage,

until the day Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. 42 Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.



Christmas Stall

There will a stall on 8th and 15th December.



First Sunday of Advent

Harvesting hope in Zimbabwe



Hope is scarce for mothers like Nyevero, who couldn't feed her family after losing her crops to merciless drought. Your gifts help women like Nyevero to farm through the toughest seasons, lifting their families out of poverty and giving them hope for the future. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



Christmas CD

Copies of the Cathedral Choir Christmas CD for sale at \$20 each. Available from the church office.




3rd Thursday Eucharist December 2019

This year our Christmas Luncheon will be held on the **12th December**, with a service commencing at 11.00 am

Please note the change of time and date.

The usual donation of \$5 per head may be paid on the day.

All Parishioners very welcome.



Friendly Christmas Day Lunch

St John's Uniting Church, Mount Waverley would like to invite you to join them for Free Christmas Day lunch on **Wednesday 25th December 2019**

Doors open 12 noon
37-43 Virginia Street
Mount Waverley

Bookings essential as places are limited

RSVP by 16th December

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

New sacrificial giving envelopes are now ready for collection in the narthex and parish centre.

Mission Box Collection

Thank You for your donations, a total of **\$283.70** was collected.
The amounts to be sent on to each Mission Agency are as follows:

Church Missionary Society (CMS)	\$113.15
Bush Church Aid Society (BCA)	\$122.65
Anglican Board of Missions (ABM)	\$ 37.90
Anglican Overseas Aid	\$ 10.00



If you would like a collection box for home or work please ask a steward to give you one from the cupboard in the Narthex.

2019 WAVERLEY HELPMATES CHRISTMAS TREE DRIVE

The Waverley Helpmates do a marvellous job of mowing the Church lawns and cleaning up -- for a very reasonable fee. So we like to support their annual fundraiser.

Please consider purchasing your Farm Fresh Christmas tree from the Helpmates this year.

Trees will be available for either Pick-up or Delivery on Fri 13th December.

Order Forms are available at both entrances to the Church.

The Waverley Helpmates are very grateful for our continued support.

Thanks to Chris Knight for setting this up.



Date to put in your diary

Movie Night

and sausage sizzle.

14th February 2020

showing: 'Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War'
a British comedy-drama starring Pauline Collins, John Alderton and Peter Capaldi

Anglicare Victoria

Christmas Toy Appeal

Our Christmas tree will be going up on the first Sunday of Advent
(1st December)

Please continue to bring your gifts until 17th December.

Gift ideas:

gift vouchers - perfume/make-up -
lego- arts & crafts - board games -
bikes - dolls - playdough - jewellery

Please note we **do not**
require any donations
of **teddy bears.**



PRE-CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE

<p>Can you spare just one hour?</p>	<p>From 9am on <i>Saturday</i> 21st <i>December</i></p>	
<p>We want to “spruce up” the Church and Parish Centre for CHRISTMAS</p>		<p>Please put your name against any job listed on the notice board</p>
	<p>Please bring whatever cleaning things you will need to complete your job</p>	<p>THANK YOU! (The Wardens)</p>

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 5th February 2020.**

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 12th December 2019, 7.30 pm** in the Old Church.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2019	
9.45 am	Joint Service & AGM
2.00 - 7.30 pm	Chundikuli Old Girls (Ch/PC)
Monday	2
10.00 - 11.30 am	WBS (Parish Centre)
4.30 - 8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance
Tuesday	3
9.30 - 11.00 am	Yoga (Parish Centre)
Wednesday	4
10.30 am - 12 noon	mainly music (Old Church)
Thursday	5
10.00 - 11.00 am	Eucharist
7.30 - 9.00 pm	Choir practice (Church)
Friday	6
7.30 - 9.00 pm	TCCV Choir (Church)
Saturday	7
9.00 am - 2.00 pm	TCCV Choir Practice (Old Ch)
2.00 - 10.00 pm	Choir Victoria (Church & PC)
Sunday	8
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
2.00 - 8.00 pm	TCCV Carol Service (Church)

Next week: Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2019	
Readings:	
Isaiah 11.1- 10	
Ps 72.1-7, 18-21	
Romans 15.4- 13	
Matthew 3.1- 12	
Stewards/Welcomers:	
BCP Adam Thevapalan	
Nirmala Thevapalan	
SE	J Brown SS
	H Briown
	S Lieversz
CE	Tony
	David
Readers:	
BCP J Burns	
SE	E U'Ren
	S Retschko
CE	Geoff
Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:	
BCP J Burns	
SE	A Blanchard
	S Blanchard
	Y Lancaster
	S Retschko
CE	Geoff
	Marg
Intercessor:	
SE	V Dyke
CE	Judith

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, David Bruce, Margaret Crawford, Rowena Ferguson, Nathan Goode, Jennifer Gracie, Frances Ludgate, Sherredan Maher, Helen Warren.

Pastoral Care Ministry:

Aged Care Chaplaincies:

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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