

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**8 December 2019**



Christmas and New Year Services



Sun 15<sup>th</sup> December 5pm --- Carol Service

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> December 5pm --- Contemporary/ Family Service

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> December 11pm -- Midnight Mass

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> December 9am -- Christmas Day Service

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> December 9am -- One Service only

Farewell to Becky (followed by morning tea)

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> January 9am -- One Service only

(office will be closed 25<sup>th</sup> Dec to 9<sup>th</sup> Jan)

TCCV (TAMIL) CONGREGATION

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm -- Carol Service

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm -- Christmas Eve Service

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> December 11pm -- Watch Night Service

JOY RIVER CHINESE CHURCH

Regular Services Sat 21<sup>st</sup>/ 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Venerable  
Dianne  
Hymn: TIS 270 On Jordan's bank the  
Baptist's cry

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

**God of all peoples,  
whose servant John came baptising  
and calling for repentance:  
help us to hear his voice of judgement,  
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,  
and be found pure and blameless  
in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the  
earth as Prince of Peace;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**9.00 am (Sung Eucharist)**

Presiding: The Revd Greg  
Preaching: The Venerable Dianne  
Liturgy Setting: Missa Emmanuel  
Processional: TIS 271 The Advent of Our God  
Sentence: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has  
come near; repent, and believe in the good news.  
Isaiah 11.1- 10  
First Reading: Isaiah 11.1- 10  
Psalm response:



**℟. Jus-tice shall flour-ish in his time, and full-ness of peace for ev-er.**

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Psalm: Ps 72.1-7, 18-21  
Second Reading: Romans 15.4- 13  
Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: Matthew 3.1- 12  
Offertory: TIS 270 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Choir Anthem: Saviour of the Nations come by Martin Luther  
Recessional Hymn: TIS 269 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes  
(tune 430)

**First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10**

1 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord . 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord . He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**Second Reading: Romans 15.4- 13**

4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6 so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9 and in order

that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; 10 and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; 11 and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; 12 and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.1- 12**

1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' 4 Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Bringing peace to Sri Lankan refugees returning home**



When ethnic violence swept across Sri Lanka, the poorest and most vulnerable families fled to India. With the war now over, many of them wish to return to their homeland to live in peace and freedom, and to help rebuild their nation. Your gifts can help provide skills training and financial assistance, and can support welcome groups that help families to make the return home. **Please give today.**

**Christmas Bowl**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://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

**The Net**

The Net will gather for our men's breakfast at 9am this coming Saturday, 14 December 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.

**2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

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

**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.

**Mt Waverley Chadstone InterChurch Council invites you to**

**8th Community**

**Carols in the Village**

**Friday 13th December**

Mt Waverley Community Centre, Miller Crescent opp. the Rail station

Come One, Come All!

Community Singing from 6.30 pm - 8pm

Supported by Monash Council and Mt Waverley Traders



### Accommodation needed

A teaching associate at the Environment Department of Holmesglen Institute of TAFE (Waverley Campus) from the Sunraysia District is looking for a room to rent.

Please contact Karl Liffman

NB the person is not known to the parish

### FOOD FOR FRIENDS



What an amazing result this year! Thank you to everyone who shopped at Ritchies and donated goods. Special thanks to our Tuesday helpers who had to brave the elements!

A record breaking 175 hampers were packed and cash donations of over \$1,300. This will bring some Christmas Cheer to families doing it tough this year. Our allocation of goods has been delivered to the Asylum Seekers Centre at Dandenong.

Marg Taylor

### 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.



A huge **thank you** to all the 'mainly music' mums who contributed so generously to our "Reverse Advent Calendar" project.

Their donations have been made into two large hamper boxes which will be given to the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre.

"Thanks be to God"

Becky

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

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 this coming **Thursday 12th December 2019, 7.30 pm** in the Old Church and then, into recess until **Thursday 23rd January 2020..**

## Dates to put in your diary ...

<b>Sunday Second Sunday of Advent</b> - December 8, 2019	
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)
<b>Monday</b>	9
<b>Tuesday</b>	10
9.30 - 11.00 am	Yoga (Parish Centre)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11
10.30 am - 12 noon	mainly music (Old Church)
6.30 - 10.30 pm	Kiwanis (Parish Ctr)
<b>Thursday</b>	12
11.00 - 1.00 am	Eucharist & Christmas lunch
7.30 - 9.00 pm	Meditation (Old Church)
<b>Friday</b>	13
<b>Saturday</b>	14
9.00 am	The Net
3.00 - 10.00 pm	Chinese Church (Ch/PC)
<b>Sunday</b>	15
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
5.00 pm	Carol Service

<b>Next week: Third Sunday of Advent</b> - December 15, 2019	
Readings:	
	Isaiah 35.1- 10
	Song of Mary
	James 5.7- 10
	Matthew 11.2- 11
Stewards/Welcomers:	
	BCP Adam Thevapalan
	Nirmala Thevapalan
SE	G Dellora SS
	M Dellora
	N Flora
CE	Fiona N-S
	Becky
Readers:	
	BCP J Foster
SE	I Donohoue Clyne
	P Northwood
CE	Miriam
Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:	
	BCP F Miller
SE	M Mosley
	S Blanchard
	S Retschko
	V Dyke
CE	Jean
	Miriam
Intercessor:	
SE	H Durkin
CE	Clergy

### 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.



### Galakhookemu

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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