

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Fourth Sunday of Advent

22 December 2019



Christmas and New Year Services

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

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 Venerable
Dianne
Hymn: TIS 497 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep
Silence

**Gracious God,
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
so fill us with your grace,
that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,
and in all things embrace your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Sanctuary bell will be rung 5 minutes before the service begins to observe a time of quiet.

9.00 am (Sung Eucharist)

Presiding: The Revd Greg
Preaching: The Venerable Dianne
Liturgy Setting: Missa Emmanuel
Processional: TIS 265 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Sentence: A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.
First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-16
Psalm Response:

Owen Alstott



Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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Psalm: Ps 80.1-7, 17-19
Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7
Gospel Acclamation:

Owen Alstott



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Gospel: Matthew 1.18-25
Offertory: TIS 497 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Choir Anthem: Holy Is His Name by John Michael Talbot
Recessional Hymn: TIS 284 O Bless The God Of Israel

First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-16

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, 3 the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, 6 including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, 7 To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 1.18-25**

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' 22 All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' 24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, 25 but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (FOR BCP)

Fourth Candle

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of love.

Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He is God's gift of love in human form.

Those who believe in him live in his love. Love transforms and perfects all things. It never ends.

We light this candle today to remind us that God is love.

We thank God for the hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, for the joy he pours into our hearts, and for the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

Light the first, second, third, and fourth candles.

Let us pray.

O God of love, Emmanuel, shine your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's appearing. Grant that we may always dwell in him and that his perfect love fills our entire being. Make our worship a time in which we celebrate your love and are made ready to show that love to the whole world – both today and forevermore.

Amen.

WONDERFUL DONATIONS

Heartfelt thanks to those very generous parishioners who donated \$ 9,000 towards the Solar Panels. This has greatly assisted us to complete the payment in a timely manner.

We do indeed have a VERY GENEROUS PARISH.

Many thanks -- Venerable Dianne and The Wardens.



Fourth Sunday of Advent



Finding strength in love after fleeing Syria

How do we share God's unconditional love with those who have suffered unimaginable violence? Through your gifts, you can help support Syrian refugees as they rebuild their lives. Please give to the Christmas Bowl 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

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please collect your new sacrificial giving envelopes from the narthex and parish centre.

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

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



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

– Sunday 22 December 2019

Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19;

Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us'. What a profound concept – that God should take on human form and become one of us – what the poet John Betjeman called 'the most tremendous tale of all' in his poem, 'Christmas'. We wait in anticipation for the Incarnation when God comes to us wearing the clothes of humanity, and allows us to become like God by participating in God's life. Alleluya! Salvation is at hand!

Pray this week that you may become more and more like God himself by following the example of Jesus.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the staff and students at Newton Theological College in Popondetta.

Text: Robert McLean, Partnerships Missioner

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"You become like what you worship. When you gaze in awe, admiration, and wonder at something or someone, you begin to take on something of the character of the object of your worship."

– N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*

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 23rd January 2020.**

Dates to put in your diary ...


Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent	
- December 22, 2019	
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
Monday	23
Tuesday	24
5.00 pm	Contemporary Service
7.30 pm	TCCV Service
11.00 pm	Midnight Mass
Wednesday	25 Christmas Day
9.00 am	Christmas Day Service
Thursday	26
Friday	27
Saturday	28
3.00 - 10.00 pm	Chinese Church (Ch/PC)
Sunday	29
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist followed by morning tea (farewell to Becky)
Christmas Roster	
Christmas Eve 5pm	
Welcoming	David Jean
Reader	Aileen
Intercessor	Judith
Chalice Assistants	Jean Judith
Christmas Eve 11pm	
Welcoming	Nina Flora SS Shanti Slieversz
Readers	Kevin Phillips (Isaiah 9: 2-7) Irene Donohoue Clyne (Titus 2: 11-14)
Chalice Assistants	Helen Warren

Next week: First Sunday after Christmas	
- December 29, 2019	
Readings:	
Isaiah 63.7-9	
Ps 148	
Hebrews 2.10-18	
Matthew 2.13-23	
Stewards/Welcomers:	
SE G Dellora SS M Dellora	
Readers:	
SE E U'Ren G Dellora	
Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:	
SE J Bowers H Warren G Smith V Dyke	
Intercessor:	
SE J Bowers	
Christmas Day 9am	
Welcoming	John Russell SS Gillian Leembruggen
Readers	Jenny Bowers (Isaiah 62: 6-12) Val Dyke (Titus 3: 4-8a)
Intercessor	Joan West
Chalice Assistants	Sue Retschko Val Dyke Frank Miller


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)

Children's and Families' Minister

(Tues 10.00 am - 3.00 pm)

Wed 9.30 am - 2.30 pm)

The Revd Greg Wong

Becky Sims

Music Director

Brian Copple

Treasurer

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Katherine Rushby

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John Foster

Judith Gibson

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Pastoral Care Ministry:

Aged Care Chaplaincies:

Hospital Visiting:

Funeral Ministry:

Contemporary Eucharist Contact:

Clergy

The Vicar

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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