

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Baptism of Our Lord

12 January 2020



The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing... not healing, not curing... that is a friend who cares.

Henri Nouwen

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 250 Christ, when for us you
were baptized (Tune 425)

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

**Loving God,
your Son came to seek the lost,
and was baptised with sinners: grant that we,
who have been baptised in his name,
may reach out in love to those in need
with the mercy of Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, for ever and 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 Venerable Dianne
Preaching: The Revd Greg
Liturgy Setting: John Ross
Processional: TIS 269 Hark the glad sound!
Sentence: A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son,
the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'
First Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9
Gradual: TIS 250 Christ, when for us you were baptized
(Tune 425)
Second Reading: Acts 10.34-43
Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17
Offertory: TIS 194 O love how deep, how broad, how high!
Recessional Hymn: All praise to you, Christ Jesus (Tune TIS 361)
See inside pages



People of all Christian churches, who are communicants of their own church, are invited to share Holy Communion with us

First Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Second Reading: Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to

appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' 15 But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'



Baptism of Christ by Verrocchio, 1472

All praise to you, Christ Jesus

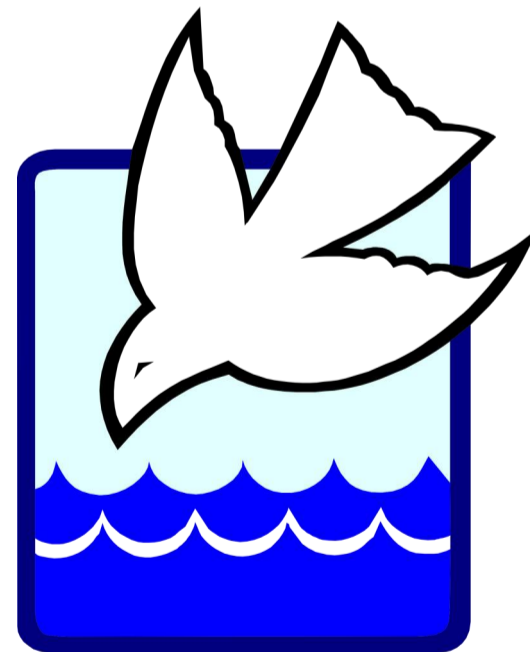
1. All praise to you, Christ Jesus,
our brother, priest and God,
You are our stories' ending,
our first believing word.
Though all our life is shaken,
we stand within your grace;
once for all time, you brought us
into the holy place.

4. Give us the will to listen
to all God has to say
to grow into the blessing
of our baptismal day.
Send us to tell this nation
God's reign is close at hand,
and justice, joy, compassion
will flourish in our land.

2. You heard the voice from heaven,
God's word of gracious love;
you saw the Holy Spirit
descending as a dove,
and, through the Jordan River,
where John preached and baptised,
you entered into Israel
as God's long-promised Christ.

words: Elizabeth J. Smith

3. Through the baptismal waters
God brings the church to birth,
makes us a holy people,
and teaches us our worth.
There is no turning back, now
that we are born anew;
stay with us, Jesus, guide us,
and give us work to do.



Retiring Collection

We will be collecting money for Anglicare's Bushfire Appeal following today's services.

A Prayer for Australia in Drought and Fire

Our heavenly Father, creator of all things and especially the creator of this land and its original peoples, we call out to you in these desperate times as fires have swept across several parts of our country. Our hearts cry out to you for those who have lost loved ones, and those who have lost properties in the wake of these ravaging fires.

Father we pray, in your mercy, restrain the forces of nature from creating catastrophic damage; in your mercy protect human life. Guard those volunteers, rural fire service personnel and emergency services who selflessly step into the breach to fight the fires. Guide police and authorities who help evacuate and shelter those who are displaced. Bring comfort and healing to all who suffer loss.

Remembering your promises of old that seedtime and harvest will never cease, we pray that you would open the heavens to send refreshing rain upon our parched land. In your mercy, we pray for drenching rain. We pray that despite the forecasts, in your miraculous power you would bring forth rain to quench these fires and to bring life back into the earth, so that crops may grow and farmers may bring forth the harvest of the land again.

We bring these requests before your throne, in the name of your Son, who died and rose again for our deliverance. Amen.

THANK YOU

Dear Dianne, Greg, Wardens, Parish Council and parishioners,
A huge thank you for your generous farewell gift which is greatly appreciated!
My heartfelt thanks once again for your support and encouragement of my ministry over the last four years. May God abundantly bless the life of the parish as it continues to work towards making the "word of God fully known" in the community. Becky Sims

Thank You!

Kids' Church

restarts on 2nd February 2020. Activity packs are available in the Narthex.

Our new Children's and Families Minister is **Lisa Eames**. She will be commissioned on Sunday 2nd February at the 10.30 am service.

Thursday Eucharist

recommences on 30th January 2020

Missing Aprons

If you have borrowed a funeral catering apron can you please return it. Thanks.

mainly music

resumes on 19th February 2020.

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.

Movie Night

and sausage sizzle.

14th February 2020

6.30 pm (movie starts at 8.00 pm)

\$50 per couple

tickets on sale 19th January

BYO Drinks

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



2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

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 planned session on January 23 is cancelled so the next session will be on **Thursday 13 February 2020.**

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Baptism of Our Lord - January 12, 20120

7.45 am Book of Common Prayer
 9.00 am Sung Eucharist
 10.30 am Contemporary Eucharist
 3.00 - 7.30 pm Tamil Church
Monday 13
Tuesday 14
 2.00 - 3.00pm Sue in Counselling room
Wednesday 15
Thursday 16
Friday 17
 2.00 - 3.00pm Sue in Counselling room
Saturday 18
 3.00 - 10.00 pm Chinese Church (Ch/PC)
Sunday 19
 7.45 am Book of Common Prayer
 9.00 am Sung Eucharist
 10.30 am Contemporary Eucharist

Next week: Second Sunday after Epiphany - January 19, 2020

Readings:
 Isaiah 49.1-7
 Ps 40.1-14
 1 Corinthians 1.1-9
 John 1.29-42

Stewards/Welcomers:
 BCP Adam and Nirmala Thevapalan
 SE H Brown SS
 J Brown
 E Fasken
 CE Judith
 Rowena

Readers:
 BCP A Thevapalan
 SE I Donohoue Clyne
 V Dyke
 CE Aileen

Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:
 BCP B Gaffney
 SE H Brown
 J Brown
 A Blanchard
 S Blanchard
 CE Rowena
 Geoff

Intercessor:
 SE S Retschko
 CE Clergy

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.



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)

Lisa Eames (starts February 2)

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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