

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9 February 2020



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At Worship Today:

<p>7.45 am (Book of Common Prayer) Preaching & Presiding: The Venerable Dianne Hymn: TIS 626 Lord of Creation, To You Be All Praise!</p>	<p>Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.</p>
<p>10.30 am (Contemporary Eucharist) Preaching & Presiding: The Venerable Dianne</p>	

9.00 am (Sung Eucharist)
 Presiding: Revd Greg
 Preaching: The Venerable Dianne
 Liturgy Setting: John Ross/Diane Gome
 Processional: TIS 474 Here In This Place New Light Is Streaming
 Sentence: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
 First Reading: Isaiah 58.1-9a
 Psalm Response:



℣. The just man is a light in dark-ness to the up-right.

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Psalm: Ps 112
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-12
 Gospel Acclamation:



Owen Alstott

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

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Gospel: Matthew 5.13-20
 Offertory: TIS 622 Holy Father, God Of Might
 Choir Anthem: I Am The Light Of The World - Words and Music by Rosalie Bonighton
 Recessional Hymn: Bring Forth The Kingdom of God (See insert)

First Reading: Isaiah 58.1-9a

1 Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 3 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. 4 Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. 5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? 6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? 8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. 9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-12

1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. 6 Yet among the

mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5.13-20

13 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 17 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

"Three Things" from the December Parish Council meeting

- Parish Council welcomed 3 new members: Jennifer Gracie (from the Contemporary Eucharist), David Bruce (from BCP) and Nathan Goode (from Sung Eucharist)
- The solar panels have been installed in the parish centre and vicarage. We are sure that we will start seeing a reduction in power bills before long. Again, thank you to those who contributed towards the cost of these.
- The Carol Service (and subsequent Christmas services) were well attended. Thank you for all who took part and contributed to these acts of worship.

Lenten Program

This year we have four Tuesday night talks over dinner in a "Praying with" series. The four guest speakers on the following topics are:

- **3rd March** Praying with the Jesus Prayer (John Gill)
- **10th March** Praying with the Scriptures (Marilyn Hope)
- **17th March** Praying with the Icons (Brian Bubbers)
- **24th March** Praying with the Imagination (Cath Connelly)

They will run from 6:00pm-8:15pm. Including dinner, the cost is \$10 per session. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Centre.

Lenten Studies

Rev'd Greg will lead six sessions of "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" which is a small group study looking at traditional liturgy - why we do the things we do in church services. They will run on Tuesdays 2-3pm at church from 25th Feb - 31st March. Sign-up sheet is in the Parish Centre.

We are offering a second time slot for the studies on Thursdays 2-3pm, sign up in the Parish Centre.

Lent booklets

The Sanctuary for Lent - \$5

Available in the Narthex

LENTEN QUIET DAY

Time out to journey towards the Cross



Saturday 14th March

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Morning/Afternoon Tea provided

BYO Lunch

At St Stephen and St Mary 383 High Street Road
Mt Waverley 3149

**PLEASE SIGN THE LIST in the
Parish Centre**

GARDENING GROUP

Next Saturday 15th February, the Garden Group will convene for the first time in 2020 to spruce up the church grounds. 9.30am onwards.

Please stay for a cuppa and a chat afterwards.

Enquiries : Maggie and Graeme Dellora



The Ladies Guild

Our first get together for 2020 will be held on Thursday 13th February at 2.00 pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. After a short meeting we will have afternoon tea and a chat.

Please join us, you will be made very welcome.

Janice Miller.



OUR RECONCILIATION GARDEN

This week we recognise the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of the Reconciliation Garden, an initiative of the Social Justice Group. As a parish, we affirm the sentiments expressed on the plaque and pray for greater recognition of our indigenous people.

“In the spirit of reconciliation, the parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people, the traditional custodians of this land”. February 2010.



Youth Group

Youth Group resumes 16th February.
Third Sunday of each month
6.00 - 8.00 pm

YOUTH

Palm Crosses

Please bring last year's Palm Crosses and put them in the bowl in the Narthex.



Movie Night

and sausage sizzle.

14th February 2020

Don't forget to BYO Drinks and Glasses



Enjoy the movie!

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday services will be held at 10am & 7.30pm on 26th February 2020.



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 1st April 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 13th February 2020, 7.30 pm in the Old Church, then on 27th February.**

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - February 9, 2020

7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
3.00 - 7.30 pm	TCCV Service
Monday	10
10.00am - 12 noon	WBS
4.00 - 8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance
Tuesday	11
9.30 - 11.00 am	Yoga (Parish Centre)
Wednesday	12
2.30 - 4.00 pm	Meditation (Old Church)
6.30 - 9.30 pm	Kiwanis (room 4)
Thursday	13
10.00 am	Thursday Eucharist
Friday	14
6.30 pm	Movie Night & sausage sizzle
Saturday	15
9.30 am	Gardening Group
3.00 - 10.00 pm	Chinese Church
Sunday	16
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist

Next week: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany - February 16, 2020

Readings:
Deuteronomy 10.12-22
Ps 119.1-8
1 Corinthians 3.1-9
Matthew 5.21-37

Stewards/Welcomers:
BCP C Gant
G Le Huray
SE H Brown SS
J Brown
S Lieversz
CE Judith
Tony

Readers:
BCP F Miller
SE H Brown
J Brown
CE Jen G

Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:
BCP D Bruce
SE J Bowers
A Blanchard
J Brown
H Brown
CE Christine M
Miriam

Intercessor:
SE J Bowers
CE Rowena

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

Sun 10.30 am - 12.30 pm))

Lisa Eames

Music Director

Brian Cople

Treasurer

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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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