

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

16 February 2020



Thomas Merton on the Psalms as prayer

‘Songs grow up around me like a jungle. Choirs of all creatures sing the tunes your Spirit played in Eden.’

From ‘Psalms’ The Poems of Thomas Merton p220

Praise has always been the preoccupation of those who live in a vital awareness of a universe resplendent with mystery. From the dawn of creation, humankind has generated visionaries who communicate a sense of the sacred. These mystic artists, poets, dramatists, liturgists and symbolists inspire an extraordinary creativity in response to the numinous, empowering is to live with courage, reverence and awe.

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: Revd Greg
Hymn: TIS 284 O Bless The God Of
Israel

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

**Almighty God,
you gave the law to guide our lives:
grant that we may never shrink from your
commandments,
but, as we are taught by your Spirit,
may fulfil your law in perfect love;
through Christ our Lord and Master,
who lives and reigns with you and 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 Venerable Dianne
Preaching: Revd Greg
Liturgy Setting: John Ross/Diane Gome
Processional: TIS 284 O Bless The God Of Israel
Sentence: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who
walk in the law of the Lord.
First Reading: Deuteronomy 10.12-22
Gradual: TIS 121 God Himself Is Present
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.1-9
Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: Matthew 5.21-37
Offertory: TIS 454 Worship The Lord In The Beauty Of
Holiness
Recessional Hymn: TIS 569 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 10.12-22

¹² So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. ¹⁴ Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, ¹⁵ yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. ¹⁶ Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. ¹⁷ For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸ who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. ¹⁹ You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. ²² Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.1-9

¹ And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴ For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? ⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul?

Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. ⁹ For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5.21-37

²¹ 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement."' ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery."' ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹ 'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce."' ³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife,

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except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.³³ 'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord."³⁴ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.³⁷ Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Parish Directory

There is a draft copy of the Parish Directory in the Narthex. Please check your details are correct. If you would like to be added to the directory or need to make any changes please complete an information form.

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**

Waverley Benevolent Society

Due to Waverley Benevolent Society having to vacate their rooms at Link in Euvena St by the 6th March it has been decided that it will cease operating as of the 28th February. As from today we will no longer collect food.

On behalf of WBS I wish to thank all parishioners who have given food over many years.

Helen Warren for WBS

WELCOME to Mothers Union 2020



WE will begin our MU Year with Eucharist in the Chapel on **TUESDAY Feb 25th at 1-30pm.**

Our meeting will follow in the Parish Centre and as Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday we will have pancakes!

Please join us for pancakes and good conversation.

We usually meet on the 4th Monday of each month beginning at 1-30pm in the Parish Centre.

The program for the first half of 2020 is on the Parish notice board. All welcome .

Our next meeting will be on **Monday March 23rd. at 1-30pm.**

At this meeting, MU members from Gippsland will share their experiences of drought and fire.

Our MU branch has supported the family respite camps which MU in the Gippsland Diocese run for families in need.

Please speak to me or other MU members if you wish to know more. Irene Donohoue Clyne

'BAKE FOR THE BUSHFIRES' CAKE STALL

Our cake stall last weekend was very successful and resulted in a fantastic profit of \$1,372.35.

The Social Justice Group wish to thank everyone who helped by donating goods, serving on the stall as well as those who bought goodies.



All proceeds will be forwarded to the Anglicare Bushfire Appeal. Marg Taylor

Thank You!

Money received from the Retiring Offertory came to \$2615.00 and the Cake Stall came to \$1372.35, making a total of \$3920.35. Thank you to all who gave financially, cooked and worked on the stall, this was a wonderful amount from the parish to go to Anglicare's Fire Appeal. Dianne.



Youth Group

Youth Group resumes tonight.

Third Sunday of each month

6.00 - 8.00 pm



Palm Crosses

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

Ash Wednesday Services

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

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.



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 27th February 2020, 7.30 pm in the Old Church, then on 12th March.**

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Sixth Sunday after Epiphany - February 16, 2020

7.45 am Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am Sung Eucharist
10.30 am Contemporary Eucharist
2.30 - 5.30 pm Chundikuli Old Girls (PC/Kit)
6.00 - 8.00 pm Youth Group

Monday 17

4.00 - 8.45 pm Karen Margaret Dance

Tuesday 18

9.30 - 11.00 am Yoga (Parish Centre)
7.00 - 9.00 pm Amnesty Intl (room 4)

Wednesday 19

10.30 am - 12.00 pm mainly music (Old Church)
7.30 pm Parish Council

Thursday 20

10.00 am Thursday Eucharist & Brunch
2.00 - 3.00 pm Sue in Counselling room
7.30 pm Choir practice (Church)

Friday 21

2.00 - 3.00 pm Sue in Counselling room

Saturday 22

3.00 - 10.00 pm Chinese Church

Sunday 23

7.45 am Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am Sung Eucharist
10.30 am Contemporary Eucharist
3.00 - 8.00 pm TCCV family service

Next week: Seventh Sunday after Epiphany - February 23, 2020

Readings:
Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18
Ps 119.33-40
1 Corinthians 3.10-17
Matthew 5.38-48

Stewards/Welcomers:

BCP Adam Thevapalan
Nirmala Thevapalan
SE G Dellora SS
M Dellora
G Leembruggen
CE Marg
Geoff

Readers:

BCP A Thevapalan
SE I Donohoue Clyne
M Biddle
CE Rowena

Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:

BCP J Burns
SE Y Lancaster
M Mosley
H Warren
G Smith
CE Rowena
Jean

Intercessor:

SE R Ritchie
CE Judith

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 Copple

CE Music Coordinator

Greg Ellsmore

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 Kelly, 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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