

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Second Sunday in Lent

8 March 2020



No words of ours can tell the whole

- 1 No words of ours can tell the whole
of how to praise the living God,
whose tenderness can heal us all,
whose patient love can feed us.

*Praise, praise to the holy God,
to the Spirit's grace, the world's true Light;
Praise, praise to the living Word,
for love will never leave us.*

2. When life is hard, and I need rest,
I come to God with perfect trust;
as child asleep on mother's breast,
so gently my God will hold me.
3. Jerusalem rejected him,
so Jesus stood and wept for them:
"I've longed to gather Israel in
as mother hen tends her chickens."
4. We're born of God when we're baptised;
we grow into maturity,
daughters and sons, with Jesus Christ,
of God who is Father and Mother.

words: Elizabeth J. Smith

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At Worship Today:

7.45 am (Book of Common Prayer)
Preaching & Presiding: The Venerable
Dianne Sharrock
Hymn: TIS 153 God is Love

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

**God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to
forgive: grant us grace to renounce all evil and to
cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to
be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

9.00 am (Sung Eucharist)

Presiding: Revd Greg
Preaching: The Venerable Dianne Sharrock
Liturgy Setting: Diane Gome
Processional: TIS 153 God is Love
Trisagion: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have
mercy on us.
Sentence: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so
that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.
First Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a
Psalm Response:



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Psalm: Ps 121
Second Reading: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17
Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: John 3.1-17
Offertory: No words of Ours Can Tell the Whole (see front)
Tune: Greensleeves
Choir Anthem: Lord, Who Hast Formed Me words by George Herbert
(1593-1633) Music by Philip Godfrey (1964-) SJMP
Recessional Hymn: TIS 147 To God Be The Glory

First Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

Second Reading: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

1 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' 4 Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5 But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. 13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel Reading: John 3.1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no

one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' 3 Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' 4 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' 5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' 9 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' 10 Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Parish Directory

The new parish directory is available. Please tick your name off on the sheet when you take your copy.

Mothers' Union Meetings in March



• MU celebrates Lady Day (The Feast of the Annunciation)

on Sunday March 22nd at St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne. The service begins at 2-30pm with the procession of MU banners. Join us by travelling on the train to the city.

Family and friends welcome.

• March meeting Mon. 23rd at 1-30

We have invited members of the Mothers' Union in Gippsland to update us on the Family Camps at Raymond Island which we supported in 2019. Hear how people are recovering from the recent bushfires. There will be a chance to talk with our visitors over afternoon tea.

All welcome.

• Knitting for those in need

If you like to knit or crochet, you are welcome join in this activity. Our MU group will be supporting the Diocesan project to knit beanies and mittens for the Mission to Seafarers, Adult sizes and colours please. Also we hope to knit or crochet covers for bassinets (about the size of a regular pillow case) and children's cots. Please do not use 100% wool as it felts when washed. We are collecting quilts or cot covers for children's hospital beds.

Colourful fabric or knitted squares welcome. Joan West is co-ordinating this project.

Irene Donohoue Clyne (Branch President)

Bp Paul Barker's Lenten Talks 2020

Sundays at 6pm at Christ Church Dingley

March 15, 22, 29; April 5

Wednesdays at 8pm at Holy Name Vermont
South March 18, 25; April 1, 8

The Net

The Net will gather for our men's breakfast at 9am this coming Saturday, 14 March at the Airstream Café, Century City Walk, Glen Waverley. All men of the parish are welcome. Contact Michael Mosley if you would like further information.

The Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will be meet on Thursday, 12th of March at 2 pm in the Parish Centre.

Please join us for a short meeting and afternoon tea.. You will be made most welcome.

Janice Miller

Bishopscourt event

The Archbishop's residence, Bishopscourt, opens up its gardens 10:00am-4:30pm on 28th and 29th March. For \$8 there will be tours, as well as Devonshire teas, handcrafts, and plants for sale. Please see the brochures in the Parish Centre.

Friends of Anglican Music

"The Cross of Christ"

Sunday 29th March 2020

Practice 1.45 pm Service 4.00pm

St John's the Evangelist Malvern East



Last week we encouraged you to celebrate the wonderful gift of nature and our Earth that we are called to work and look after (Gen 2:15).

This week the theme is Food. Food production and consumption is a key consideration for us all as stewards of Creation. Mass deforestation and the large carbon footprint of meat and dairy production has an enormous impact on our planet. Eating less meat and more plants is a key challenge for this week.

Need help getting started? The Sisters of Mercy (USA) have put together an easy guide for prayerfully eating less meat during Lent 2020. Pick up your copy from the Parish table (near the photocopier).

Week 2 – Food

Sunday 8 March	Monday 9 March	Tuesday 10 March	Wednesday 11 March	Thursday 12 March	Friday 13 March	Saturday 14 March
Plan to prayerfully eat less meat this week.	Meatless Monday Prepare your meals tonight using plant based ingredients - vegetables, legumes, grains and fruit.	Start Composting! Food waste is overrepresented in landfill, where it rots and creates methane, a potent greenhouse gas	Buy Local. Find local places to purchase fruit and veggies.	Reduce your food waste. Buy only the food you need. Eat or share all the food you buy.	Choose compassion. Free range eggs are better for animals and the environment. Find out which brands are best on www.choice.com.au	Start your own veggie patch. Simple plants like tomatoes, squash, basil and rosemary are a good start

Social Justice and Mission Committee Lent 2020

Invitation to St Paul's Cathedral

Prayers will be said for this parish on Friday 13 March at 5.10pm. You are invited to attend.

Coronavirus and Communion

Due to the ongoing issue of the Coronavirus in our community, from this week we will not be receiving Holy Communion in both forms i.e. Host and wine. We will just be receiving Communion with the Host (bread). Also we will go back to not shaking hands during the greeting of peace. We do have hand sanitizers placed around the church for your use. This will be our liturgical practice from this week until this emergency has passed. Therefore the ministry of Chalice Assistants will not be required during the services until further notice.

THREE THINGS FROM THE FEBRUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. Formation of an Education Committee (chaired by David Bruce) to brainstorm ideas, co-ordinate and advertise educational activities for the parish.
2. *mainly music* starting back in March (delayed start due to coronavirus)
3. Parish Council is working on a new Mission Action Plan (MAP). MAPS cover a period of 3 years.

Parishioner Survey

The Parish Council is issuing a survey to assess

Parishioner involvement with the church and their views on future activities in the church. Information gathered by the survey will assist both in the formation of the next Mission Action Plan and in longer term planning in the Parish. Survey forms will be available in the Narthex after the services, and will be e-mailed to those who prefer it delivered that way. Individual replies will be anonymous and treated confidentially. We ask for your cooperation and forbearance in this exercise and would appreciate return of the survey forms by the end of March. Many thanks.



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.**

MENS FORUM

The Forum will recommence on

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH

2pm in the Old Church

A DVD presentation

In keeping with our lead up to ANZAC DAY and a military theme, we will be showing the outstanding but harrowing WWI documentary "THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD"

The presentation will take approx. 95 mins followed by Afternoon Tea.

As is our wish to continue with inclusiveness, all parishioners are most welcome to attend.

ALMS BASKETS

We are looking for one or more volunteers to share the delivery of the weekly collection of food to Waverley Monash Community Information and Services (MWCIS). Their premises are located at the rear of the Mt Waverley Community Centre and open from 9.30am to 4.30pm weekdays. An average collection fits inside 2 - 3 shopping bags. There is a short term car space right at the door.

If you can help please speak to Marg Taylor

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 12th March 2020, 7.30 pm in the Old Church, then on 9th April; 26th March session is cancelled.**

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Second Sunday in Lent - March 8, 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	9
4.00 - 8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance
Tuesday	10
9.30 - 11.00 am	Yoga (Parish Centre)
2.00 - 3.00 pm	Lenten Study (Parish Ctr)
2.00 - 3.00 pm	Men's Forum (Old Church)
6.00 - 8.15 pm	Lent Session (Parish Ctr)
Wednesday	11
10.30 am	mainly music
6.30 - 9.30 pm	Kiwanis (room 4)
7.30 pm	Wardens mtg
Thursday	12
10.00 am	Thursday Eucharist
2.00 - 3.00 pm	Ladies Guild (room 4)
2.00 - 3.00 pm	Lenten Study (Old Church)
Friday	13
Saturday	14
9.00 am	The Net
10.00 am - 3.00 pm	Lenten Quiet Day
3.00 - 10.00 pm	Chinese Church
Sunday	15
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
5.30 - 8.30 pm	Youth Group (Parish Ctr/Old Church)

Office Closed this week

Katherine is on holiday this week. Please email or call Dianne or Greg directly if you need to contact them urgently. See back of pew sheet for contact details.

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.



mainly music

Next week: Third Sunday in Lent - March 15, 2020

Readings:	
Exodus 17.1-7	
Ps 95	
Romans 5.1-11	
John 4.5-42	
Stewards/Welcomers:	
BCP D Hastings	
C Gant	
SE G Dellora SS	
M Dellora	
N Flora	
CE Fiona N-S	
David	
Readers:	
BCP J Foster	
SE I Donohoue Clyne	
J Russell	
CE Aileen	
Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:	
BCP J Burns	
SE H Brown	
J Brown	
J Bowers	
G Smith	
CE Rowena	
Michael	
Intercessor:	
SE S Retschko	
CE Rowena	

Tamil Christian Church services

2nd and 4th Sundays at 4.30pm

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

Child Safety Compliance Officer

Elaine Fasken

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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