

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Fifth Sunday in Lent

29 March 2020



Lord Jesus Christ, healer and friend, come and care for all of us through the danger and uncertainty of the coronavirus epidemic.

To people who are sick, bring healing. To people who are displaced, isolated, or cut off from family, friends or work, bring comfort and companionship. Work with medical staff as they care for the sick, and protect them from harm.

Give skill and fruitful research to scientists as they search for treatments, prevention and a cure. To public health authorities, give wisdom to decide the best ways to manage both this crisis and our anxieties. When communities are fearful, give a calm spirit, and kindness to neighbours and strangers.

Through this testing time, and through all the risks we face together, teach us once again how we can love one another as you have loved us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

This parish is committed to Child Safety and complies with Diocesan and State requirements. This is a shared responsibility of staff and parish. Please see the back of pew leaflet for contact details.

At Worship Today:

**Life-giving God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death:
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

10.00 am (Sung Eucharist)

Presiding:	Ven Dianne
Preaching	Revd Greg
Liturgy Setting:	Diane Gome
Processional:	TIS 447 Lord, Your Almighty Word
Trisagion:	Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.
Sentence:	'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'
First Reading:	1 Samuel 16.1-13
TIS:	Ps 23
Second Reading:	Ephesians 5.8-14
Gospel Acclamation:	
Gospel:	John 9.1-41
Offertory:	Holy Spirit, Living Water (see Screen)
Choir Anthem:	Shepherd Me, O God. Words & music Marty Haugen
Post-Communion Meditation:	Holy Spirit
Recessional Hymn:	TIS 547 Be Thou My Vision

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1-13

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' ² Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ." ' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' ⁵ He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord 's anointed is now before the Lord .' ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came

mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

Gospel Reading: John 9.1-41

¹ As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³ Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' ⁹ Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' ¹¹ He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' ¹² They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath

day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' ¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' ²⁰ His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' ²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' ²⁵ He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' ²⁶ They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' ²⁷ He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for

this man, we do not know where he comes from.' ³⁰ The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' ³⁴ They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' ³⁶ He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' ³⁷ Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' ³⁸ He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

THREE THINGS FROM THE MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. Clergy and Parish Council discussed the ongoing concerns regarding the coronavirus and how it will affect the Parish going forward. We will meet again this Wednesday to discuss further, keeping in mind ongoing advice from the government and bishops.
2. Due to OH&S concerns and a report from an Arborist, the tree in the car park needs to be removed.
3. Easter working bee to be held on the 4th April to tidy up the church. We encourage people to sign up.



Energy - Consume less and conserve more.

Reducing electricity use in our homes, or going off the power grid with solar energy, benefits the environment and conserves precious natural resources. Although our own energy saving adjustments may seem inconsequential, small steps become great leaps when multiplied by 7.8 billion.

Week 3 – Energy

Sunday 22 March	Monday 23 March	Tuesday 24 March	Wednesday 25 March	Thursday 26 March	Friday 27 March	Saturday 28 March
Fourth Sunday of Lent. Today is WORLD WATER DAY!	Go Solar. Commit to getting one piece of solar equipment in 2020. This could be a solar light, a solar charger for your phone, or solar panels for your home.	Check and adjust Your Thermostats. Air conditioning and heating are both very energy-intensive. Adjust your thermostat by one or two degrees.	Insulate! Insulate! Insulate! Is your fridge sealed correctly? Are your front and back doors sealed or are they leaking warm air? Check your windows - is there a draft? Insulate your home the best you can.	Conserve and Turn off anything that has a switch when you're not using it. Turn off lights when leaving a room and unplug electronics when done with them - especially phone chargers.	Find Ways to Be More Fuel-Efficient on the Road Catch public transport when you have extra time. Car pool - offer to pick someone up for Church one Sunday.	Today is Earth Hour 2020 - The Time for Global Action! Switch off for an hour at home between 8:30 – 9:30 PM

O Lord, help us turn from the selfish consumption of Resources meant for all and to see the impacts of our choices on the poor and vulnerable.

Social Justice and Mission Committee Lent 2020

Mothers' Union Meetings in March

Due to the risks to the health of some Mothers' Union members that the Corona virus poses and the potential exposure due to travelling on public transport, the National President of the Mothers' Union, the Rev. Anne Kennedy has recommended that Lady Day Services be **cancelled** for 2020.

We will celebrate Lady Day at our regular meeting on Monday March 23rd. See details below.

• **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)



<p>Can you spare just one hour?</p>	<p>From 9am on Saturday 4th APRIL</p>	
<p>We want to "spruce up" the Church and Parish Centre for EASTER</p>		<p>Please put your name against any job listed on the notice board</p>
	<p>Please bring whatever cleaning things you will need to complete your job</p>	<p>THANK YOU! (The Wardens)</p>

Two piano Recital
Sunday May 3rd
David and I are of course **postponing** our recital until further notice.
We were looking forward to presenting our program "From Bach to Broadway" and are certainly not going to abandon it. We look forward to seeing you all some time in the future.
Please keep well everybody. Joan

Pascal Candle
The Paschal Candle for this Easter has been donated by Eleanor U'Ren in loving memory of her parents, MAISIE and BERNIE U'REN, and of her dear friend DOROTHY KEAN.


PALM CROSSES

Helpers are needed to make our Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday.

Friday 27 March from 2.00pm in the Parish Centre – Oiling the palms

Saturday 28 March from 9.30am in the Parish Centre - Making the crosses

No previous experience needed- learn on the job from people who have made them in the past. It's lots of fun! If you can help please phone Pam Knight or Marg Taylor



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 9th April 2020, 7.30 pm in the Old Church, then on 23rd April; 26th March session is cancelled.**

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 22, 2020

7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
2.00 - 4.30 pm	TCCV Choir (Old Church)
3.00 - 8.00 pm	TCCV family service
Monday	23
1.30 - 4.00 pm	MU
4.00 - 8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance
Tuesday	24
8.30 am - 4.30 pm	Archdeacon's mtg (Old Ch)
9.30 - 11.00 am	Yoga (Parish Centre)
Wednesday	25
10.00 - 11.00 am	Lenten Study (Old Church)
10.30 am	mainly music
6.30 - 9.30 pm	Kiwanis (room 4)
Thursday	26
10.00 am	Thursday Eucharist & brunch
7.30 - 9.00 pm	Choir (Church)
Friday	27
Saturday	28
1.00 - 4.00 pm	TCCV Choir (Old Ch)
Sunday	29
7.45 am	Book of Common Prayer
9.00 am	Sung Eucharist
10.30 am	Contemporary Eucharist
2.00 - 4.30 pm	TCCV English Choir (Church)

In line with government and Diocesan guidelines, sadly we are no longer able to serve or offer food or drink. This includes Phoebe's jams. If you want to purchase any, please contact Phoebe directly.

Friends of Anglican Music event scheduled for 29th March has been cancelled.

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.



Next week: Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 29, 2020

Readings:
1 Samuel 16.1-13
Ps 23
Ephesians 5.8-14
John 9.1-41

Stewards/Welcomers:
BCP Adam Thevapalan
Nirmala Thevapalan
SE J Russell SS
N Flora
S Lieversz
CE Marg
Geoff

Readers:
BCP J Burns
SE V Dyke
M Biddle
CE Jen G

Eucharistic/Chalice Assistance:
BCP B Gaffney
SE H Warren
R Ritchie
G Smith
S Blanchard
CE Judith
Marg

Intercessor:
SE J West
CE Clergy

Tamil Christian Church services

2nd and 4th Sundays at 4.30pm



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

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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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