

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

*WELCOME*

**Easter Day**

**12 April 2020**



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**At Worship Today:**

**Blessed be the risen Lord;  
he has broken from the tomb  
and opens for us the gate to life eternal.  
Blessed be the risen Lord;  
he comes to his disciples;  
where two or three gather together he is there.  
Blessed be the risen Lord:  
he comes from the dead with life,  
he brings us light and joy and hope.  
Blessed be the risen Lord,  
Alleluia. Amen.**

**9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)**

Presiding: Ven Dianne  
Preaching: Rev Greg  
Liturgy Setting: Diane Gome  
Processional: TIS 388 Easter Glory Fills The Sky v. 1,2,3,4 & 8  
(tune 201)  
First Reading: Jeremiah 31.1-6  
Psalm: Ps 118.1-2,14-24  
Psalm Response:



**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.**

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Second Reading: Colossians 3.1 - 4

Gospel Acclamation:



Owen Alstott

**R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

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Gospel: Matthew 28.1 - 10  
Offertory: TIS 242 Lord of the Dance  
Communion Meditation: 'I Know that My Redeemer Liveth' by Handel  
Recessional Hymn: TIS 380 Yours Be The Glory

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**First Reading: Jeremiah 31.1-6**

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.<sup>2</sup> Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup> the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup> Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. <sup>5</sup> Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup> For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'

**Second Reading: Colossians 3.1 - 4**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 28.1 - 10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you

will see him." This is my message for you.' <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

**Roster****Sunday 19 April**

Reader Elaine Fasken

Intercessions Sue Retschko

**Sunday 26 April**

Reader Sophie Clapperton

Intercessions Michael Mosley



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**MU Australia**  
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**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 Donohue Clyne ( Branch President)

### ***From the Vicar***

I thought I would tell you a little bit about the paschal candle in today's letter.

A dominant feature of our sanctuary is the paschal candle. It burns as a sign of the Risen Christ.

It entered the church's worship in medieval times, but its origins are much earlier. In the Hebrew Scriptures, fire was seen as a sign of God's presence, especially in the pillar of fire that led the Israelites in their journey to the Promised Land. Christians naturally saw the Risen Jesus as the 'New Moses', the pioneer of our salvation, leading us through the desert into new life, and thus used fire as his sign.

The symbolism is of Christ's triumph over the darkness of sin and death. Each year the paschal candle is renewed in the Easter Vigil. The church is dark, representing the tomb of the crucified Jesus. The candle is lit and carried in procession into the darkness, and the people acclaim the Risen Christ, the Light of the World. The Spirit of Jesus is not extinguished by death, and is with us now, leading us into the abundant life of God.

The paschal candle burns for the 50 days of Easter. After Pentecost it is placed beside the font as a visual reminder that in our baptism, we are crucified and resurrected with Christ. Thus it is lit for all baptisms, and all feasts where we renew our baptismal vows. It is also used during funerals, proclaiming the scripture used at the beginning of the burial liturgy: *"In our baptism we have already died and been raised with Christ."* (Romans 6.3-5)

The candle is decorated, carrying the alpha and omega, and the year - Christ is the beginning and the end of all creation, and eternally present with us in our church and lives. It has 5 brass studs representing the wounds of the cross, for the Resurrected Christ is also the Crucified One. *Cross and resurrection* belong to God's process of liberation and never be separated.

Blessings,  
Dianne

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6.3-5

### **Paschal 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.



## Congregational Giving Report

1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY through until the 31<sup>st</sup> of MARCH 2020

Giving Category	Amount Given	Budget Amount	Variation from Budget
<b>Open</b>	7,384	3,719	+ 3,665
<b>Envelopes</b>	18,621	20,500	- 1,879
<b>Direct to bank Account</b>	7,820	6,348	+ 1,472
<b>ADF Planned Giving</b>	23,797	24,900	- 1,103
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>57,622</b>	<b>55,467</b>	<b>+ 2,155</b>

The Wardens thank you for your generosity

### From the Wardens: Adapting our Church to meet Coronavirus protocols.

The Wardens have been talking regularly with Rev'd Dianne as our Parish and Clergy adapt to government directives, Diocesan protocols for worship and keeping our staff in good health. We will continue to update you as we have information to share.

#### • Livestream Services.

The response to services via Zoom has been very positive. Many thanks to Andrew McCoy for his hard work and expertise. We are learning new things each week so please be understanding if the sound drops. Don't forget you can phone into the service if you cannot connect via a computer, i-pad or phone device.

#### • New Opportunities to Communicate

We have received many suggestions of apps or ideas that could be used to enhance worship and communication. Please be patient as our parish adapts to new ways of working and communicating as our Clergy focus on the plethora of changes needed to adapt the liturgy, responses to pastoral matters, and Diocesan requirements to the time and technological constraints of live streaming, electronic communication mediums etc. Please pass any ideas or requests to The Wardens who will share your suggestions with Parish Council and Clergy.

#### • Parish Questionnaire – Last Call!

The timing of this Survey was thwarted by the closure of the Church for public worship. The response has been good but not as high as we expected. There is still time. Please post your reply or email the form to the Parish Office by the end of April 2020. Your ideas will help Parish Council with planning.

The Wardens. (John, Judith, Graeme)

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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)

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**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:*

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*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