

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Palm Sunday

5 April 2020



We welcome Rt Revd Dr Paul Barker

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:

**Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy,
enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and for ever. Amen.**

10.00 am (Sung Eucharist)

Presiding:	Ven Dianne
Preaching	Rt Rev Dr Paul Barker
Liturgy Setting:	Diane Gome
Processional:	TIS 348 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
First Reading:	Isaiah 50.4 - 9a
Second Reading:	Philippians 2.5-11
Gradual:	TIS 357 When His Time Was Over
Gospel:	Matthew 27.11 - 66
Offertory:	TIS 607 Channel of Peace
Choir Anthem:	The Heavenly Word by St Thomas Aquinas arr. June Nixon
Sentence:	At the name of Jesus every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Recessional Hymn:	TIS 351 Lift High The Cross

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Pascal Candle

The Pascal 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.



First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a

4 The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. 7 The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9 It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Second Reading: Philippians 2.5-11

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading: Dramatic Reading - see attached document.

**MWCICC Way of the Cross - Good Friday**

The Way of the Cross is going online. It will be live-streamed using Facebook from the Mount Waverley Chadstone Inter-Church Council Facebook page which can be found at: <https://fb.me/mwcicc> or search Facebook for MWCICC.

If you don't have internet access, you can join the Way of the Cross using Zoom on a telephone (either landline or mobile) by dialling in on Good Friday from 11.10am (for an 11.15am start). First, call the Zoom local number (03) 7018 2005. Next, when the call connects you will be prompted to enter the meeting number, which is 930 421 677, and press the # key.

Once you've entered that number you'll hear what's happening, or be asked to wait if it hasn't started yet. It's that simple!



From the Assistant Curate

Our Isaiah reading today highlights an important attribute of our Sovereign Lord – namely one who provides sustenance for the weary. The servant in Isaiah who speaks on behalf of God affirms that the Lord God gives him power of speech and knowledge, especially concerning the future. This servant listens to God's voice as a student listens to a teacher. And so this servant is able to offer 'the word that sustains the weary' – a message of encouragement and salvation, good news to those who were in Babylonian exile, scattered from gathering together and therefore discouraged.

In our context, while we are physically scattered like the Israelites in Isaiah's time, we too may be discouraged. God has created us to be embodied and incarnational beings. We exist not merely in the digital and virtual world, we exist primarily in the flesh, though spiritual beings. This is why you may feel a sense of loss, and a sense of grief not being able to gather as we normally would.

But know that the Lord provides. He is a providential God who brought his people out of exile, and as we look to Christ this Palm Sunday we too remember our redemption from exile spiritually, but longer term also physically as well. When we come out of this exile caused by the coronavirus, our fellowship will be all the sweeter.

As our Philippians reading highlights, Christ needed to humble himself and go through suffering to be glorified as the ascended Christ. There is no crown without a cross. Our Messiah relates to our struggle before we reach our final destination; face to face, embodied, physical fellowship with God in heaven. So we are in an intermediate state; fully loved by God, but still longing for paradise. And so we now can be described as an 'intermediate church'; no less loved by God, and meeting virtually, but still longing for more. Until that day comes, we can look to the Lord who provides us sustenance for the difficult journey, wholly knowing that ahead a banquet awaits.

Grace and peace,
Rev'd Greg

• 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)

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Week 6 – Supporting Sustainability

Everything we buy has a health, environmental and social impact. Sustainable shopping provides us with the opportunity to support companies who care for people and the planet as their primary goal. It provides an opportunity for us to make decisions that can have a positive impact in our communities and the world.

Palm Sunday 5 April	Monday 6 April	Tuesday 7 April	Wednesday 8 April	Thursday 9 April	Friday 10 April	Saturday 11 April
Buy Palm Oil Free Products. Orangutans face extinction in our lifetime. 80% of their habitat has been destroyed in the last 20 years from palm oil production. https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/palm-oil/palm-oil-free-list	Easter Eggs. Make sure any Easter chocolate you purchase is Fairtrade, supporting cocoa farmers in less wealthy parts of the world.	Planning an Easter meal? Use the opportunity to add some meat-free dishes, shop for ingredients locally and use minimal waste.	New Clothes. How long could you go without buying any new clothing? Make a pledge for 3 months, 6 months or a year, and encourage friends or family to join you.	Printer Paper. In Australia we use around 230kg of paper per person per year. Buy 100% recycled paper and consider, do you really need to use the printer?	Reflect on your experience of performing small acts of Climate Justice and renew your pledge to care for creation. Pledge to pray, act, and advocate for the Earth.	Gifts in the form of a donation to a worthy cause, perhaps a charity with a focus on the environment, is the most sustainable gift you can give.

Happy Easter!

Social Justice and Mission Committee Lent 2020

ONLINE EASTER SERVICES

No weekday Eucharist on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

No Maundy Thursday service

10th April **Good Friday Service 9.45 am**

No Easter Vigil

12th April **Easter Day Service 9.45 am**

The Zoom code has been sent via email



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Priest

(Day off - Monday)

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(Tues, Wed & Thurs mornings, Fri, Sun)

The Revd Greg Wong

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(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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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