

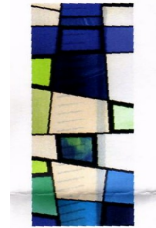
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Day of Pentecost

31 May 2020



A Pentecost Prayer

*O God, who on this day taught the hearts
of your faithful people by sending to them
the light of your Holy Spirit:
Grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things,
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort,
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:

**Almighty God,
at the feast of Pentecost
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
empower us with that same Spirit
to witness to your redeeming love
and draw all people to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding: Revd Greg
Liturgy Setting: Dianne Gome
Processional: TIS 422 Come, Holy Spirit, Come! v, 1, 5, 6
Sentence: 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord;
'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of
your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'
First Reading: Acts 2.1-21
Gospel Acclamation:



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

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Gospel: John 7.37-52
Sung Meditation: 'Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me' by Alison Washington
sung by Allan Washington
Offertory: 'Holy Spirit' by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty
Choir Anthem: 'A Pentecost Prayer' (see front of pew sheet)
Book of Common Prayer (Collect for Pentecost)
Music by Carson P. Cooman Opus 395
Recessional Hymn: TIS 409 O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us

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First Reading: Acts 2.1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' 13 But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky

mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel Reading: John 7.37-52

37 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, 38 and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."' 39 Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified. 40 When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, 'This is really the prophet.' 41 Others said, 'This is the Messiah.' But some asked, 'Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he?' 42 Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?' 43 So there was a division in the crowd because of him. 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. 45 Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, 'Why did you not arrest him?' 46 The police answered, 'Never has anyone spoken like this!' 47 Then the Pharisees replied, 'Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? 48 Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? 49 But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed.' 50 Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, 51 'Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?' 52 They replied, 'Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.'

From Your Assistant Curate

We celebrate Pentecost Sunday and what a powerful display from God! We wear red to show this, symbolising the fire and sheer joy from the disciples when the Holy Spirit descends. Through the whole of human history, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit unique only to the Church – God’s Spirit was never bestowed in the same magnitude nor across so many people as the age of the Church. So it is a great privilege for us for three reasons.

Firstly, the Holy Spirit empowers the Church to carry out God’s will and be effective in doing it. Disciples making more disciples happens only after the Holy Spirit descends upon them, then uses their speech to transform people. In Acts 2 Peter’s preaching means three thousand souls put their trust in the Lord Jesus (a scene that all clergy dream of)! Yet 50 days earlier, in the same town, the one that Peter proclaims was put to a horrible death. What makes the difference? It was not Peter’s ability but rather the Spirit speaking through the message, changing peoples’ hearts. So it is today – we proclaim Christ and bear this witness to others, but we cannot change hearts. Only God’s Spirit can do that.

Secondly, the Holy Spirit transforms us into the character of the Lord Jesus. We aren’t like him naturally but the Spirit is the Helper who prompts us, pricks our conscience, reminds us of biblical principles so that we continue to do good, even if it is difficult, costly, or counter-cultural.

Thirdly, the Holy Spirit means Christ is present with his people to comfort and direct us during this age. Christ himself says as much in the Gospel of Matthew, “And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.” (Mt 28:20).

So we can be encouraged and celebrate with great joy on Pentecost Sunday. Our responsibility is to present the gospel of our Lord Jesus to people, the Holy Spirit’s responsibility is to change their hearts. Knowing clearly where our role ends and God’s role begins means we won’t despair or be proud. We also celebrate because we grow more Christ-like every day, putting old ways behind and pressing on to godliness. Lastly, in this unprecedented time we can rejoice for the Lord Jesus is with us. Through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, he comforts, encourages, teaches, transforms.

Grace and peace,
Rev’d Greg

The Church Office is now **closed**. If you wish to continue to bring food items for the Asylum Seekers or your offertory, they can be left in Dianne’s front porch.

3 THINGS FROM THE MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. **"ZOOM Cafe"**. A time for everyone to have a social chit-chat over zoom. BYO coffee and cake. Greg will send out an email with the details.
2. **COVID-19 Compliance Officer**. A requirement of the Diocese before churches can start planning their reopening when it is allowed and practical, is for each parish to have a Compliance Officer to ensure the strict government and diocesan guidelines are adhered to. Thank you to Sujan Blanchard for offering to be this person for our parish.
3. **Security cameras for the Vicarage**. Especially with the current lack of people popping in and out of the church and creating a "presence", a decision was made to have security cameras installed at the Vicarage.

Roster for June 2020

7/6 Trinity

Readings

Exodus 34: 1 – 8 John Leaver

Gospel Matthew 38: 16 – 20

Intercessions Val Dyke

14/6 Corpus Christi

Readings

Exodus 24: 3 – 8 Jenny Brown

Gospel Mark 14: 12 – 16; 22 – 26

Intercessions Sue Retschko

21/6 Pentecost 3

Readings

Genesis 21: 8 – 21 Peter Northwood

Gospel Matthew 10: 24 – 39

Intercessions Christine Mallouhi

28/6 Peter & Paul, Apostles and Martyrs

Readings

Acts 12: 1 – 11 Jenny Bowers

John 21: 15 – 22

Intercessions Judith Gibson

Afternoon Meditation Gathering

On the 1st Wednesday of each month is still being offered during the Coronavirus in our own homes. We keep the same time in our own homes from 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

If you are Interested in joining with other parishioners please contact Val and the meditation we will reflect on together will be sent to you. **Our next gathering is Wednesday 3rd June.**

Evening Meditation Gatherings

On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month meditation sessions are offered, via Zoom, in the Contemplative Traditions of Christian Meditation. The sessions start at 7.30pm but you can enter into the gathering after 7.15pm. Interested parishioners can contact Michael Mosley for more information. The next session will be on **Thursday 11th June** then on **Thursday 25th June.**

PARISH PAPER

The May 2020 Edition of SSTAMP is now available.

Thanks to all those who contributed.

Many parishioners like hard copies. These are now available for pick-up from the Vicarage porch.

Enquiries : Graeme Dellora



PROCESSIONAL TIS 422 **'Come, Holy Spirit, Come!'**

1. Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
O let us not despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,
the foolishness of God.
2. Give us the tongues to speak,
in every time and place,
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,
the word of love and grace.
Enable us to hear
the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear
the special song they sing.
3. Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earth-bound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay;
and teach us to desire
all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect give of love.

Michael Lindsay Forster
1946-

See next page for Offertory Hymn...



RECESSIONAL TIS 409

'O breath of life, come sweeping through us'

1. O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.
2. O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore: for this we plead.
3. O breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.
4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head 1850-1936

OFFERTORY HYMN

Holy Spirit

Words and Music by
Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

VERSE

E♭ E♭maj⁷/G A♭ B♭ A♭/C B♭/D E♭ E♭/G B♭ E♭/G A♭ B♭ A♭/C B♭/D



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in, may Your joy be seen in all I
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has

4 E♭ A♭/E♭ B♭/E♭ E♭ E♭maj⁷/G A♭ B♭ A♭/C B♭/D E♭ E♭/G B♭ E♭/G



soul. _____ Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -
do. _____ Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin, in each
made, _____ show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause Your

7 A♭ B♭ A♭/C B♭/D E♭ A♭ B♭ Cm E♭/G A♭ E♭/G B♭



-new my heart and make me whole. Cause Your word to come a - live in me;
thought and deed and at - ti - tude. Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
church to hun - ger for Your ways. Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;

11 Cm B♭/D E♭ E♭/G Fm E♭ B♭ Cm E♭maj⁷/G A♭ B♭ A♭/C B♭/D



Give me faith for what I can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to
Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

14 E♭ E♭/G B♭ E♭/G A♭ B♭ A♭/C B♭/D E♭



pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.
works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.
face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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