

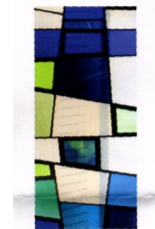
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Third Sunday after Pentecost

21 June 2020



My life is but a weaving
Between my God and me.
I cannot choose the colours
He weaveth steadily.
Off' times He weaveth sorrow;
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper
And I the underside.
Not 'til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Will God unroll the canvas
And reveal the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful
In the weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned
He knows, He loves, He cares;
Nothing this truth can dim.
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to Him.

Benjamin Malachi Franklin
1882-1965

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:

**Gracious God,
we who were baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death:
we pray that, as you raised him from death,
so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the
new life to your glory,
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin
but alive for you in Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding: The Ven Dianne
Liturgy Setting: Michael Dudman
Processional: TIS 745 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
Sentence: Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose
their life for Jesus' sake will find it.
First Reading: Genesis 21.8-21
Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: Mathew 10.24-39
Offertory: TIS 607 Make me a channel of Your peace
Lord's Prayer: Routledge setting (sung)
Choir Anthem: 'He Shall Feed His Flock' by Frederick Handel
Recessional Hymn: Christ be our light v.1

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First Reading: Genesis 21.8-21

8 The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. 9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. 10 So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' 11 The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. 12 But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. 13 As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' 14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. 15 When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. 16 Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. 18 Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' 19 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. 20 God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. 21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10.24-39

Jesus gathered the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction:
24 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 26 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 34 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; 36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household. 37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

From Your Vicar

The people of Matthew's community were being persecuted for their faith. They were mostly Jews who had come to accept Jesus as the awaited Messiah. But not all Jews accepted this and they did not want the Christians to worship with them in the synagogues, so the Jewish Christians were expelled. Matthew's Christian community was feeling very vulnerable and trying to find a new way of living their faith outside the traditional Jewish practices. In this passage, Matthew comforts them and assures them that they need not fear physical harm for God knows every hair of their heads and will protect them. Those who are strong in their faith and refuse to recant will be honoured before God. If God extends his care to the sparrows, the cheapest life available, how much more will he extend his care to his faithful people. Jesus wants to form a community in which each individual is valued. In what ways do you experience God's individual care and concern? How does our parish reflect God's individual care and concern? What makes you afraid as you move towards committing yourself to Christ and Christ's Church? Do you avoid speaking about your journey to faith in case others may think you are 'odd'.

Did You Know?

Sparrows were sold in market places as inexpensive food for the poor and were a symbol of something of minimal value.

Members of the Church who have died rather than renounce their faith are called martyrs. The word 'martyr' literally means 'witness'. Throughout history many have given their lives for the faith and in our own time people are still martyred because they will not swerve from their commitment to Christ.

Perhaps repeat the prayer...."Do not be afraid; I am with you". Use it as your mantra this week.

Pax (peace)

Dianne

ALMS BASKETS.

Thank you to everyone who has been continuing with their donations to the Asylum Seekers basket during lockdown.

Monash Council have just relaxed some of its restrictions and as a result the MWCIS has reopened with reduced opening hours. There will now be an Alms Basket for both Asylum Seekers and MWCIS in the front porch of the Vicarage to receive donations.

Most needed items are breakfast cereal, UHT milk, tea, coffee, pasta and pasta sauce.



Thank you from the Social Justice and Mission Group.

PROCESSIONAL TIS 745

'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God'

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and you shall find,
knock and it shall
be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain

3. We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds
from the mouth of the Lord.

Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain

Karen Lafferty 1948-

OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 607

'Make me a channel of Your peace'

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred
let me bring your love;
where there is injury,
your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt,
true faith in you.

*O Master,
grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved,
as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope;
where there is darkness,
let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness,
ever joy.

Refrain

3. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves
that we receive,
and in dying that we're
born to eternal life.

Johann Sebastian Templehoff 1928-

RECESSIONAL

'Christ be our light' v.1

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Bernadette Farrell



“3 THINGS” FROM THE JUNE ZOOM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. Car Park Tree

If you have been up to the church recently, you may have noticed that the tree is still in the car park. The removal of this will eventually happen, but we are now waiting for the birds who have made their home in it to be removed!

2. Survey regarding “reopening”

Most of the meeting was spent talking about “reopening” church and the many issues and rules surrounding this. A survey will be sent to parishioners by email (hard copies will be available for those who don’t have email) in the next week or so and we encourage each and everyone of you to complete this.

3. Thank offering for the work of Andrew McCoy

On discussion with Andrew regarding thanking him for his work in enabling our zoom services to happen every week, at Andrew’s request, Parish Council passed a motion to donate \$1500 to “Debbie’s Place” (a safe house for “at risk” girls from the Bellarine Peninsula completing VCE). Andrew’s wife, Jill, who is the Vicar of Ocean Grove with Barwon Heads, is very involved in this project. For more information about “Debbie’s Place” see <https://www.debbiesplacebellarine.com.au/about>



Today’s flowers are given by Rowena Ferguson in memory of her much loved father, Alexander Douglas Ferguson

Dianne on leave

The Venerable Dianne Sharrock will be on annual leave from Wednesday 24th June to Tuesday 30th June inclusive.

Please call Rev Greg for any pastoral concerns

Roster for next week

28/6 Peter & Paul, Apostles and Martyrs

Readings

Acts 12: 1 – 11 Jenny Bowers

John 21: 15 – 22

Intercessions Judith Gibson

PARISH PAPER

Plenty of hard copies of the May 2020 Edition of SSTAMP are available for pick-up from the Vicarage porch.

If you would like a copy home-delivered to your letter-box, please call Graeme Dellora --



The June digital-only edition of TMA will be available in early June at <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma>. The April and May editions can also be found at this link.

There are plans to resume normal printing of TMA with the July edition.

The July edition will also be available online - in print-friendly formats and as a flipbook for reading on-screen - so that parishioners can read it at home.

“Let us recommit ourselves to following in the footsteps of Jesus, the way that leads to healing, justice and love.”

- Bishop Michael Curry

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 and the meditation we will reflect on together will be sent to you. **Our next gathering is Wednesday 1st July.**

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 25th June** then on **Thursday 9th July.**

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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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Val Dyke

Prayer Chain contact

Margaret Syfret

SERVICE: Sunday 9.45 am

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