

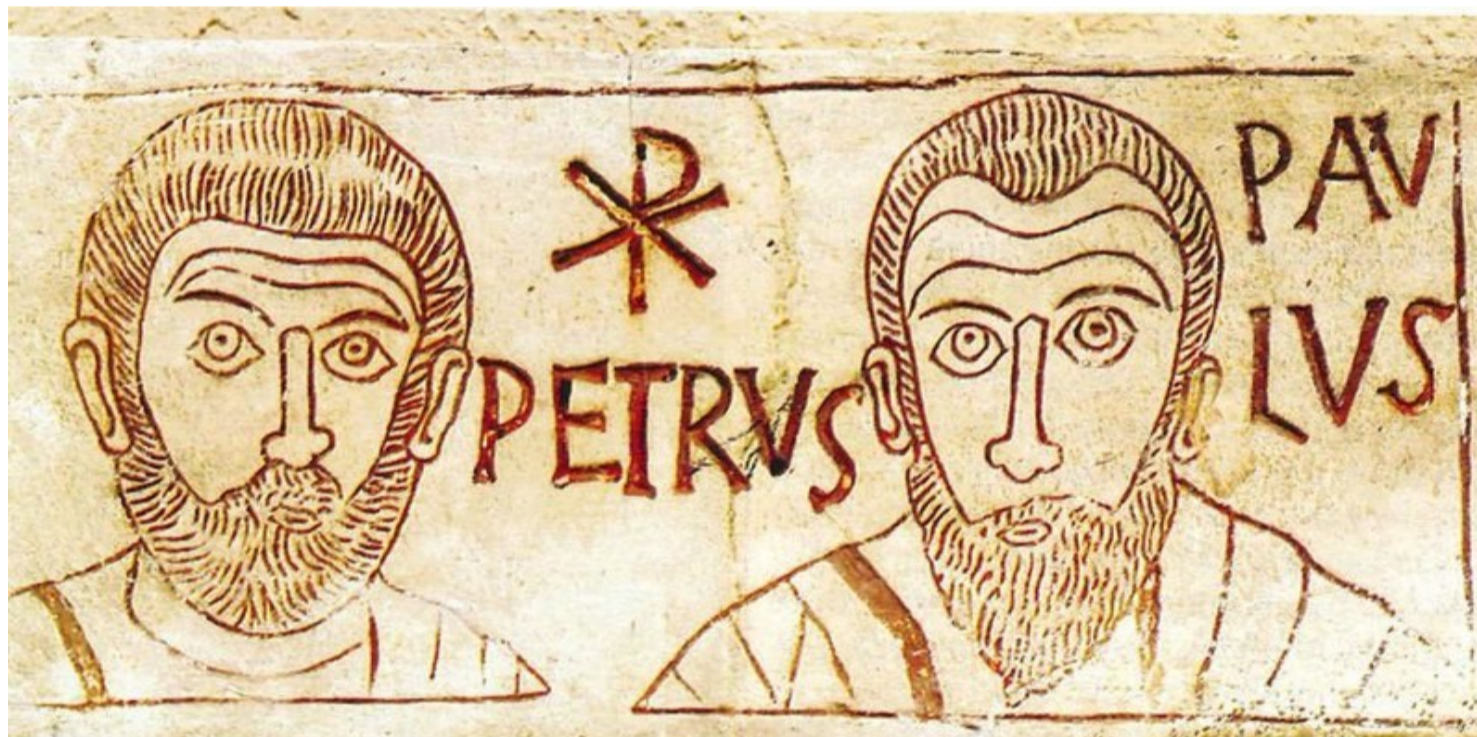
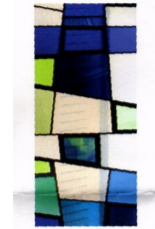
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Feast of St Peter and St Paul

28 June 2020



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At Worship Today:

**Almighty God,
whose apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their deaths as in their lives:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and knit together in unity by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding: Revd Greg
Liturgy Setting: Dianne Gome
Processional: The Summons v.1,2,5
Sentence: Peter says to Jesus, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.'
First Reading: Acts 12.1-11
Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: John 21.15-22
Offertory: TIS 129 Amazing Grace
Choir Anthem: 'I Sat Down Under His Shadow' by Arlen Clark
St James Music Press
Recessional Hymn: Jesus Called His First Disciples v. 1,3,4 (Tune: TIS 153)

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First Reading: Acts 12.1-11

1 About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. 2 He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. 3 After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) 4 When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. 5 While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. 6 The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. 7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. 8 The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' 9 Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. 10 After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. 11 Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Gospel Reading: John 21.15-22

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' 16 A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes,

Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' 17 He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.' 20 Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' 21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' 22 Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!'

Dianne on leave

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

Please call Rev Greg for any pastoral concerns

From Your Assistant Curate

We celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul today, especially remembering their commitment to the Lord Jesus even in the face of death as some of Christ's first martyrs. We will focus especially on Peter this year as a close friend and apostle of the Lord Jesus.

Peter, or Simon son of Jona or John, as he is also known in the Gospels, is one of the first disciples that the Lord Jesus called (Matt 4:18-20; Mark 1:16-18) and he is always first when Scripture lists the apostles (see especially Matt 10:2). It seems Peter became part of Christ's inner circle together with John and James and most likely the first apostle to see the resurrected Christ (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5).

The picture painted of him through the Gospels is that he is impetuous and rash, often being the spokesperson of the apostles and not a few times being on the receiving end of Christ's rebukes (Matt 4:10). Despite his brash personality, the Lord Jesus commissions Peter to be his key leader in the Church Age, giving him his name "Peter" which means "rock", on which Christ would build his church (Matt 16:18).

In our Gospel reading today, we also see Christ commission Peter to the important pastoral office, key to looking after the fledgling flock, and so when we read on in Acts, we see a picture of Peter emerge as a leader. Tradition is that Peter ends up being crucified upside-down during Roman Emperor Nero's persecution of Christians in AD 64.

Whether or not this was how Peter was martyred, we see a growth in one of Christ's dearest friends. Brash, impulsive, Imperfect. Yet used by God, led the early Church, willing to die for his faith in Christ. The Lord Jesus loves him and bestows him this honour.

God can use people of all gifts and skills, temperaments and personalities. In his benevolence, Christ's atoning death brings us from darkness into light, from enemy to friend. And so God transforms us; we begin as 'rough around the edges' but become to him glorious as polished diamond. Today we celebrate not necessarily that St Peter is an example to follow, but that Christ welcomes all people to place our trust in him. In so doing, may we each be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Rom 12:2) into Christ-likeness as God has intended for us.

Grace and peace,
Rev'd Greg

Today's flowers are given by Val Dyke in memory of her much loved mother, Joyce Dyke



PROCESSIONAL

The Summons

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 129

'Amazing Grace'

1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
2. As grace first taught my heart to fear
so grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

John Newton 1725-1807 *alt.*

RECESSIONAL

'Jesus Called His First Disciples'

1. Jesus called his first disciples
from their boats beside the sea.
"I will make you fish for people!
Simon, come and follow me.
You're a rock – I'll call you Peter,
so be steadfast and be strong."
Jesus Christ, choose us and change us
as we sing Saint Peter's song.
2. Who was Jesus? Peter answered,
"You're the Son of God, the Christ."
Peter spoke this truth, but stumbled
at the Saviour's sacrifice.
Yet his risen friend forgave him
when bright Easter glory shone.
Jesus Christ, give us your Spirit
to pass Peter's message on.
3. Come and bless your pilgrim people
with the grace that Peter found.
When we stumble, sink, deny you,
lift us up and turn us round.
Give us words to preach your Gospel,
love to feed and tend your flock.
Help us build the Church you long for
on the everlasting rock.

words: Elizabeth J. Smith

CHOIR ANTHEM
'I Sat Down Under His Shadow'

I sat down under His shadow with great delight
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house and His
banner over me was love.

Arlen Clarke
St James Music Press



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.



“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>

Roster for July 2020

5/7 Pentecost 5

Readings

Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Joanne Burns

Matthew 11: 15 - 19, 25 - 30

Intercessions Michael Mosley

12/7 Pentecost 6

Readings

Gen 3:1-15 Howard Brown

Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23

Intercessions Joan West

19/7 Pentecost 7

Readings

Gen 6:9-22 John Russell

Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43

Intercessions Jenny Bowers

26/7 Pentecost 8

Readings

Gen 12:1-9 Judith Gibson

Matthew 13: 44 - 58

Intercessions Val Dyke

THANK YOU TO GARDENERS

Many thanks to all the gardeners who pitched in last Sat 20th June to spruce up the church grounds. Despite an adverse forecast, the weather gods smiled on us. A lot of good work was achieved -- including repair of the vicarage fence near Taylor's Track.

So a big shout-out to the 11 hard-working volunteers !



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 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 9th July** then on **Thursday 23rd 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)	Lisa Eames
Child Safety Compliance Officer	Elaine Fasken
Music Director	Brian Copple
CE Music Coordinator	Greg Ellsmore
Treasurer	Helen Warren
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<i>Hospital Visiting:</i>	Clergy
<i>Funeral Ministry:</i>	The Vicar
<i>Contemporary Eucharist Contact:</i>	Rowena Ferguson
Spiritual Directors:	Cath Connelly 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.