

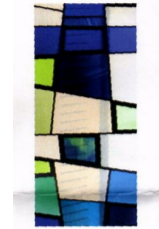
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

*WELCOME*

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9 August 2020**



**To endure the cross is not tragedy; it  
is the suffering which is the fruit of an  
exclusive allegiance to Jesus Christ.**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the people of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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:**

**Mighty God and ruler of all creation,  
give new strength to our faith,  
that we may recognise your presence  
even when all hope seems lost.  
Help us to face all trials with serenity  
as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life  
and come at the last to your eternal peace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)**

Preaching & Presiding:

The Revd Greg

Liturgy Setting:

Dudman

Processional:

TIS 136 There's a wideness in God's mercy' Tune 217  
vv. 1, 2, 3 & 5

Sentence:

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and  
said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

First Reading:

Genesis 50.15-26

Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel:

Matthew 14.22-36

Offertory:

'In Jesus Christ God makes us new' Tune TIS 145

Lord's Prayer:

Routledge setting (sung)

Communion Meditation:

"How can I keep from Singing"  
- American Christian Folksong *att.*

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 607 'Make me a channel of your peace'



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**First Reading: Genesis 50.15-26**

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' 19 But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. 22 So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's household; and Joseph lived for one hundred and ten years. 23 Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation; the children of Machir son of Manasseh were also born on Joseph's knees. 24 Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am about to die; but God will surely come to you, and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.' 25 So Joseph made the Israelites swear, saying, 'When God comes to you, you shall carry up my bones from here.' 26 And Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 14.22-36**

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And

early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' 28 Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' 29 He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' 34 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. 35 After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, 36 and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.



***From Your Vicar***

**“God Intended It For Good”**

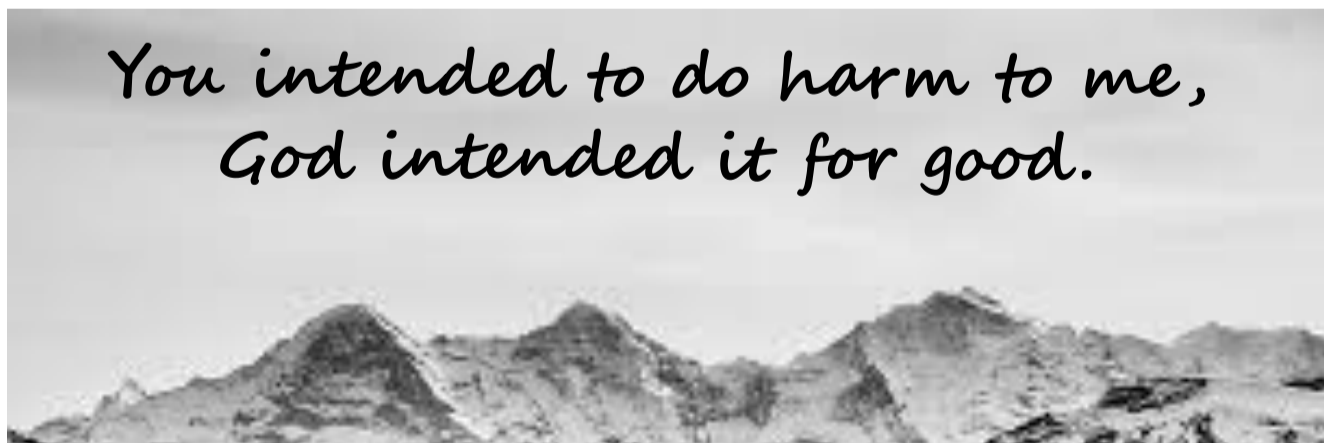
This week marks the end of our series in Genesis and wraps up this wonderful first book of the Bible. We focus particularly on the story of Joseph and see the ups and down of his life including jealous siblings, being sold into slavery, then becoming the second most powerful person in Egypt. From Joseph’s perspective these are individual circumstances in which he would certainly have been wrought with anxiety, questioning what God was doing in his life, and why he was experiencing such troubles. But he would find out later he needed not to despair in each circumstance, but see things as a whole; to have a ‘macro-view’ rather than a ‘micro’ one. Joseph experienced significant hardship early in his life but it leads to Joseph being installed as a powerful leader at the right hand of Pharaoh in Egypt. As Genesis 50:20 explains, “God intended it for good.”

So in Genesis we have a portrait painted of God and his plan of salvation for humanity from the effects of the Fall in Genesis 3. The rest of the Bible is a progressive revelation of God’s unfolding plan of redemption. Where we see individual characters and stories experience pain and difficulties, God is always directing the world’s affairs. This culminates in the horrific death of the Lord Jesus, but it leads to his resurrection and being installed as the powerful Christ at the right hand of God in heaven. “God intended it for good.”

The beginning of stage 4 lockdown brings with it all sorts of emotions. It may be fear and anxiety, especially of the unknown. It is natural to be experiencing distress. However, into our difficulty God’s Word speaks to us a message of hope – he is in control and intends the best for us. In both Joseph’s life and Christ’s life, we learn that individual circumstances may distort our perspective. But as God reveals to us his bigger picture, in time may we look back and see that despite our current circumstances, “God intended it for good.”

Grace and peace,  
Rev’d Greg

*You intended to do harm to me,  
God intended it for good.*



### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 136 'There's a wideness in God's mercy'  
Tune TIS 217 vv. 1,2,3 & 5

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea,  
and forgiveness in his justice  
sealed for us on Calvary.
- 2 There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.
- 3 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.
- 4 If our love were but more simple  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the goodness of our Lord.

Frederick William Faber 1814-63 *alt.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

'In Jesus Christ God makes us new'  
Tune TIS 145

1. In Jesus Christ God makes us new,  
and with us, all creation.  
In him we find our nature true,  
he offers us salvation.
2. His cross makes God's forgiveness sure,  
our reconciliation.  
God's world made whole for evermore  
we join in celebration!
3. The Spirit's fruits are love and peace,  
embracing every nation.  
From Law too harsh God brings release,  
for sadness, consolation.

4. To you, O God, so patient, kind,  
beyond imagination,  
We offer gifts of heart and mind,  
ourselves in consecration.

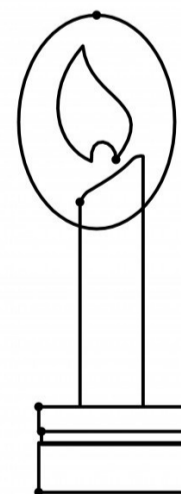
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### RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Make me a Channel of Your Peace' TIS 607

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 you 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.  
*O Master, grant that I may never seek ...*
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  
1928-1997



## **New Restrictions**

Archbishop's Covid-19 update:

**From 11.59pm Wednesday, August 5, all church premises are to be closed. This includes op shops and staff offices. Apart from the exceptions below, nobody is allowed to be in churches, op shops or on church premises. Clergy and staff who normally work from the church building must relocate to their homes. This prohibition also applies to accessing church buildings for any reason, including printing, office supplies, financial reporting, personal prayer, cleaning and bellringing.**

**This means that we will no longer be able to supply printed pew sheets to those with no internet access. This will be the case for the next six weeks.**

## **“3 THINGS” FROM THE JULY ZOOM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **1. Electronic sign**

The sign has unfortunately stopped working due to some major “internal” issues. Parish Council has confirmed the great value of this sign and approved the repair of it.

### **2. Survey regarding “reopening”**

Thank you to all those who completed this survey. Your answers and comments were very helpful for Parish Council when the time comes to reopen.

### **3. Mission Giving / Donation to Anglican Overseas Aid**

Remaining Mission Allocation payments to be made (\$4,000). An extra payment of \$1000 was approved for St Peter's Anglican Church Eastern Hill Foundation who provides meals to those in need 7 days a week. This donation is as a “thank you” for the government's funding we are receiving during the pandemic. Council also approved a \$1000 donation to Anglican Overseas Aid in recognition of Refugee and Migrant Sunday which is at the end of August. As we did last year, we will request that this money go towards the Al Ahli Hospital Gaza project which aims to improve the lives of women with breast cancer in Gaza.

<https://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au/womens-health-womens-rights-project-gaza/>

### Thank You!

Phoebe & Alf would like to thank you for all your prayers, phone calls, and kind thoughts during the time before and after Phoebe's Operation and Recovery.

Phoebe is progressing well. Thanks again.

### MEDITATION PODCAST

Michael Mosley's Meditation Podcast is now available on the Meditation Page of the Parish Website. <https://www.stephenandmary.org.au>

Click on " Groups and Events" ; then " Meditation Groups".

The audio link is at bottom of " Evening Meditation Groups".



### *Roster for August*

#### 15 August – Mary, the Mother of Our Lord

Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3                      John Leaver

Luke 2: 1 – 7

Intercessor    Joan West

#### 23 August – Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr

Deuteronomy 18: 15 – 18      Ron Ritchie

John 1: 45 – 51

Intercessor    Sue Retschko

#### 30 August – Refugee and Migrant Sunday

Exodus 3: 1 – 15

Jenny Bowers

Matthew 16: 21 – 28

Intercessor    Christine Mallouhi

#### Afternoon Meditation Gathering

On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2nd September.**

#### Evening Meditation Gatherings

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 13th August** then on **Thursday 27th August.**

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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

**Covid19 Compliance Officer**

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Brian Copple

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Graeme Dellora

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**Parish Council:**

Sugan Blanchard, David Bruce, Margaret Crawford, Rowena Ferguson, Jennifer Gracie, Nathan Kelly, Frances Ludgate, Sherredan Maher, Helen Warren.

**Pastoral Care Ministry:**

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*Hospital Visiting:*

Clergy

*Funeral Ministry:*

The Vicar

*Contemporary Eucharist Contact:*

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.