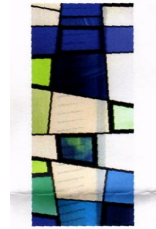


THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME



## Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr

23 August 2020

### Pandemic

What if you thought of it  
as the Jews consider the Sabbath—  
the most sacred of times?  
Cease from travel.  
Cease from buying and selling.  
Give up, just for now,  
on trying to make the world  
different than it is.  
Sing. Pray. Touch only those  
to whom you commit your life.  
Centre down.  
And when your body has become still,  
reach out with your heart.  
Know that we are connected  
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.  
(You could hardly deny it now.)  
Know that our lives  
are in one another's hands.  
(Surely, that has come clear.)  
Do not reach out your hands.  
Reach out your heart.  
Reach out your words.  
Reach out all the tendrils  
of compassion that move, invisibly,  
where we cannot touch.  
Promise this world your love—  
for better or for worse,  
in sickness and in health,  
so long as we all shall live.

—Lynn Ungar 3/11/20

### 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:**

**Almighty and everlasting God,  
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew  
grace to believe and to preach your word:  
grant that your Church  
may love that word which he believed  
and may faithfully receive and boldly preach it;  
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:

Revd Greg

Liturgy Setting:

Dudman

Processional:

TIS 578 'How firm a foundation, you people of God'  
vv. 1,2,3 Tune 143

Sentence:

Sing to the Lord, bless his name, tell his salvation from  
day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his  
marvellous works among all peoples.

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 18.15– 18

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

John 1.45– 51

Offertory:

TIS 113 'Now to the Lord a noble song' vv. 1,2,5

Lord's Prayer:

Routledge setting (*sung*)

Choir Anthem:

Duet by Alex Burke and Peter Northwood

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 233 'I Will Sing the Wondrous Story' vv. 1 & 2

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**First Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15– 18**

15 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. 16 This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' 17 Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

**Gospel Reading: John 1.45—51**

45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' 46 Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' 48 Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' 49 Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' 50 Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' 51 And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you,\* you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

**Refugee Sunday**

Next week (August 30th) we will mark Refugee Sunday and Revd Dr Bob Mitchell from Anglican Overseas Aid will be our Guest Preacher.

**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 live-streaming services and funerals, 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 and bellringing.**

**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".



### ***From Your Assistant/Curate***

#### **The focal point of history**

I've been reading a book by Ray Dalio, a renowned hedge fund manager, about financial economics and its relationship to geo-politics in modern history. In one captivating chapter, he notes that on average a world-power usually stays on top for around 100 years – the Dutch in the late 1700s, the British in the late 1800s, then the Americans in the late 1900s. Dalio thus identifies that world powers tend to come and go in cycles, though this has not just been a modern pattern, but throughout history – one can think of the Persian, Greek, and Roman empires two millennia ago.

In our Western context we generally think of time in reference to BC and AD (although that has been challenged recently), with Christ as the focal point of history. The Bible does not assert this explicitly, although it certainly points to this concept with the Old Testament and New Testament. So how did the Lord Jesus become the centre of this timeline? How did Christianity expand so rapidly to be the dominant religion even 2000 years later? There are four contextual reasons:

1. Politically: the ancient world became more of a global village with the Greek and Roman empires
2. Culturally: Greek and Roman heritage meant a common language and culture (cf. *pax Romana*)
3. Religiously: The dispersion of Jews enabled the flourishing of Christian ideas
4. Philosophically: Greek philosophy failed to adequately address morality and the big questions of life

Swiss theologian Emil Brunner puts it this way, "Plato and Alexander, Cicero and Julius Caesar must serve God, in order to prepare the way for Christ."

So we can see that God works throughout history setting a ripe and timely provenance in which his Christ breaks into the world, and the gospel rapidly spreads throughout the nations. It is precisely the good news about Christ's death and resurrection that proves he is the Lord not only to save (Jesus means 'he saves'), but also the Lord of history. In light of our context we may be overwhelmed with wild fluctuations whether financial, political, or medical. However we can always find solace in a benevolent Messiah whose death and resurrection enables salvation from sin and hope for the new creation. This qualifies him to be the focal point of history, and offers comfort as he is, has been, and always will be in control of that history too.

Grace and peace,  
Rev'd Greg

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'How firm a foundation, you people of God'  
vv. 1,2,3

1. How firm a foundation, you people of God,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word;  
what more can he say than to you he has said,  
to all who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. Fear not, he is with you, and be not dismayed,  
for he is your God, and will still give you aid:  
he'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to  
stand,  
upheld by his righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. When through the deep waters he calls you to  
go,  
the rivers of grief shall not you overflow;  
the Lord will be with you in trouble to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

*Author 'K -' (?Richard Keen).*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

'Now to the Lord a noble song'  
vv. 1,2,5

1. Now to the Lord a noble song,  
awake, my soul; awake, my tongue!  
Hosanna to the eternal name,  
and all his boundless love proclaim!
2. See where it shines in Jesus' face,  
the brightest image of his grace:  
God in the person of his Son  
has all his mightiest works outdone.
3. Grace: what a sweet, a charming theme!  
My thoughts rejoice at Jesus' name:  
all angels, dwell upon the sound,  
and heav'ns, reflect it to the ground.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748 alt.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

'I Will Sing the Wondrous Story' vv. 1 & 2

1. I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me  
How He left the realms of glory  
For the cross on Calvary  
Yes I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me  
Sing it with His saints in glory  
Gathered by the crystal sea
2. I was lost but Jesus found me  
Found the sheep that went astray  
Raised me up and gently led me  
Back into the narrow way  
Yes I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me  
Sing it with His saints in glory  
Gathered by the crystal sea

Francis Harold Rowley 1854-1952



## ALMS BASKETS

**Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions we can no longer collect your donations for the Asylum Seekers and Waverley Monash CIS.**

**We ask you to consider making a financial donation to assist these two local agencies to continue their good work.**

**Asylum Seekers Centre** is a not-for-profit inter-denominational Christian organisation assisting asylum seekers, refugees and international students

**Online Donations** to BSB 083 266 (NAB) Account number 57934 1647 Send an email to David Spitteler with your details for a tax deductible receipt through the Diocese of Melbourne.

**Cheques** can be posted to ASC C/o David Spitteler, PO Box 258, Glen Waverley 3150

**Monash Waverley Community Information and Support** offers emergency relief services to people in need in the Monash area.

**Online Donations** to BSB 633 000 Account number 147629034

**Cheques** can be posted to PO Box 2038, Mount Waverley 3149

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### **FIGHT FOR PLANET A: OUR CLIMATE CHALLENGE**

**Premiering on ABC TV and iView**

**This three-part documentary aims to empower and motivate us to take action on Climate Change. It will also help us to understand where our energy comes from, how transport and travel emissions affect our health, and just what is the carbon footprint of the things we eat.**

***Tuesday 25 August ABC at 8.30pm.***

*Roster for Next Week  
and September*

**30 August – Refugee and Migrant Sunday**

Exodus 3: 1 – 15 Jenny Bowers

Matthew 16: 21 – 28

Intercessor Christine Mallouhi

**6 September - 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus: 12: 1-14 Elaine Fasken

Matthew 18. 10-20

Intercessor Judith Gibson

**13 September – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pente-  
cost**

Exodus 14: 19-31 John Foster

Matthew 18: 21-35

Intercessor Michael Mosely

**20 September – Matthew, Apostle, Evange-  
list and Martyr**

Proverbs 3: 1-6 Howard Brown

Matthew 9: 9-13

Intercessor Val Dyke

**27 September – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pente-  
cost**

Exodus 17: 1-7 Irene Donohoue Clyne

Matthew 21: 23-32

Intercessor Sue Retschko

Thank you to our volunteers—if you are able to help please contact Joan West.

**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 27th August** then on **Thursday 10th September.**

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(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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**SERVICE: Sunday 9.45 am**