

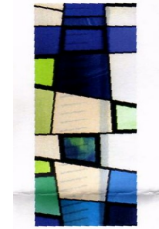
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**30 August 2020**



**Refugee Sunday**

*We welcome Revd Dr **Bob Mitchell** from Anglican Overseas Aid as our  
Guest Preacher.*

Almighty and merciful God,  
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;  
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger,  
homeless and hungry.

Bless those who work to bring them relief;  
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;  
and guide the nations of the world towards that day  
when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

- Church of England

**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:**

**O God,  
whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be the way of life:  
transform and renew our minds  
that we may not be conformed to this world  
but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)**

Presiding: The Venerable Dianne Sharrock  
Preaching: The Revd Dr Bob Mitchell  
Liturgy Setting: Diane Gome  
Processional: 'Called As Partners In Christ's Service'  
*Tune TIS 517*

Sentence: If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.

First Reading: Exodus 3.1– 15

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: Matthew 16.21– 28  
Offertory: TIS 629 'Were you there?' vv. 1,2,5 & 7  
Choir Anthem: 'Your Hands, O Lord, In Days of Old'  
Text: Edward Plumptre Composer: Carson Cooman  
Recessional Hymn: 'Christ, Be Our Light' vv. 1,2 & 4

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**First Reading: Exodus 3.1– 15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' 4 When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' 5 Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' 6 He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. 7 Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. 10 So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' 11 But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' 12 He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' 13 But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' 14 God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you." ' 15

God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.21– 28**

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' 23 But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'



### ***From Your Vicar***

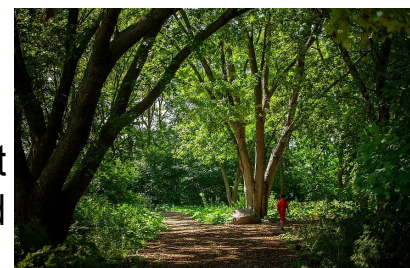
The continual sense of living in the unknown is tiring as we work out different possibilities in our heads based on restrictions that may or may not be put in place. Holding on to our purpose in all this can be hard.

Twice in 1 Kings 19 God asks Elijah “what are you doing here?” What a great question! Elijah is worn out, fed up, sick of the actions of others, and scared. Everything has just got too much and he wants to give up. His sense of purpose seems to have vanished with all the bad news and uncertainty he is witnessing.

It’s possible some of you may have similar feelings. May be you have lost your job or health. May be you are missing being a parent or grandparent. May be you are tied to home more than you would like to be. May be you feel distanced from church and the contribution you once made there. May be you are asking:

*“what am I doing, what’s my purpose?”*

May be your purpose needs to be redefined? Could it be that it’s not what you usually do that’s most important but the unique thing God is bringing to your attention during this unusual time?



Taking time out to consider your purpose could be helpful. May be you can’t go back to the old norm yet, but what new purpose is God opening up for you right now? What new opportunities are presenting themselves? What can you learn to love right now that you haven’t had time to enjoy before? What is there right under your nose, or in the sky overhead, or down the street, that can give you a sense of purpose and excite you once more? Two thousand years ago Irenaeus of Lyons said:

*“The glory of God is a human being fully alive.”*

Understanding and then living according to our purpose is what contributes to making us fully alive people. So let’s go live purposefully,

for God’s glory!

- Maggie le-Roy, Retreats Facilitator, Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf

### **Val’s on the move.**

**Please note Val Dyke’s new contact details and amend your Parish Directories:**

**Old Mailing Address:** Unit 2/22 Lee Ave., Mt Waverley 3149

**New Mailing Address: P O Box 2099 Mt Waverley 3149**



### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Called As Partners In Christ's Service'

1. Called as partners in Christ's service  
Called to ministries of grace  
We respond with deep commitment  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace  
May we learn the art of sharing  
Side by side and friend with friend  
Equal partners in our caring  
To fulfil God's chosen end
2. Christ's example Christ's inspiring  
Christ's clear call to work and worth  
Let us follow never faltering  
Reconciling folk on earth  
Men and women richer poorer  
All God's people young and old  
Blending human skills together  
Gracious gifts from God unfold
3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission  
In a small or global sense  
Help us bear each other's burdens  
Breaking down each wall or fence  
Words of comfort words of vision  
Words of challenge said with care  
Bring new power and strength for action  
Made companions, free and fair
4. So God grant us for tomorrow  
Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
With a calm that conquers strife  
Make us partners in our living  
Our compassion to increase  
Messengers of faith thus giving  
Hope and confidence and peace

*Jane Parker Huber*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

TIS 629 'Were you there?' vv. 1,2,5 & 7

1. When I needed a neighbour, were you there,  
were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

*And the creed and the colour and the name  
won't matter,  
were you there?*

2. I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were  
you there?  
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour and the name  
won't matter,  
were you there?*
3. When I needed a healer, were you there, were  
you there?  
When I needed a healer, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour and the name  
won't matter,  
were you there?*
4. Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there,  
wherever you travel, I'll be there.  
*And the creed and the colour and the name  
won't matter, I'll be there.*

Sydney Carter 1915-2004

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Christ, Be Our Light' vv. 1,2 & 4

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.*
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Cont'd...

3. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others  
Walls made of living stone.

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

Bernadette Farrell

### **Choir Anthem**

#### **'Your Hands, O Lord, In Days of Old'**

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save;  
They triumphed over pain and death, o'er darkness and the grave.  
to you they went, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame,  
The leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame.

And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight;  
And youth renewed, with health restored, claimed you, the Lord of light.  
And so, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty now as then,  
In every street, in every home, in every troubled friend.

O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death;  
Restore and strengthen, so, O the and bless with your almighty breath,  
On hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour,  
That whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you evermore.

Text: Edward Plumptre Composer: Carson Cooman

#### **Carson Cooman b. 1982**

Carson Cooman is an American composer with a catalogue of works in many forms ranging from solo instrumental pieces to operas, and from orchestral works to hymn tunes. He is in continual demand for new commissions, and his music has been performed on all six inhabited continents. Cooman's music appears on over twenty-five recordings, including eight complete CDs on the Naxos, Albany, Artek, and Zimbel labels. Cooman's primary composition studies have been with Bernard Rands, Judith Weir, Alan Fletcher and James Willey. As an active concert organist, Cooman specializes exclusively in the performance of new music. Over 130 new works have been composed for him by composers from around the world, and his performances of the work of contemporary composers can be heard on a number of CD recordings. Cooman is also a writer on musical subjects, producing articles and reviews frequently for a number of international publications. He serves as an active consultant on music business matters to composers and performing organizations.

**“3 THINGS” FROM THE AUGUST ZOOM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**1. Zooming Sunday services**

We welcome the assistance of Gerard Hook who is zooming our services while Andrew has a break. John Leaver and Rowena Ferguson continue to assist each Sunday.

**2. Interim Mission Action Plan (MAP)**

Work is being done on an Interim MAP. Some uncertainty surrounds this due to Covid-19, but we are currently focussing on digital technology capability and how this can best be used now and in the future.

**3. Thank you letter received**

A letter was received from Professor Rev Mark Lindsay, the Deputy Dean of Trinity College thanking the parish for the mission allocation donation for the work of the theological school. He let us know that with all teaching online, students have coped well and there is a healthy enrolment for term 2 subjects. An offer has been made for a member of the faculty to come and preach one Sunday in the future.

*Roster for September*

**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 Pentecost**

Exodus 14: 19-31 John Foster  
Matthew 18: 21-35

Intercessor Michael Mosely

**20 September – Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist and Martyr**

Proverbs 3: 1-6 Howard Brown  
Matthew 9: 9-13

Intercessor Val Dyke

**27 September – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

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 10th September** then on **Thurs 24th September.**

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The Venerable Dianne Sharrock

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(Tues, Wed & Thurs mornings, Fri, Sun)

The Revd Greg Wong

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(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**