

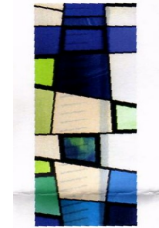
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

All Saints Day

1 November 2020



THE WATTLE

God of every breath,

We love to see the wattle in bloom,

The harbinger of spring.

Its arrival brightens up our winter gloom.

It can be uncomfortable too

Often indicating that hayfever is in the air.

Nothing reminds us of the gift of breath so much as when
breathing is difficult.

Wearing masks during the pandemic reminded many of us

Of the beauty of air, the grace of every easy breath.

Jesus breathed on his friends to receive the Holy Spirit.

May our every breath draw the Spirit deeper into our being

And free us from all fear. Amen.

Michael McGirr

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:

**Creator God,
you have filled the world with beauty:
open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works,
that, rejoicing in your whole creation,
we may learn to serve you with gladness,
for the sake of him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding:	Revd Greg
Liturgy Setting:	Michael Dudman
Processional:	TIS 470 'Rejoice in God's Saints' vv.1,3,4 <i>Tune TIS 96</i>
Sentence:	The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.
First Reading:	Revelation 7: 9 – 17
Gospel Acclamation:	TIS 720 (Halle, Halle)
Gospel:	Matthew 5: 1 -14
Offertory:	'Christ, be our light!' vv.1,2,5
Lord's Prayer:	Routledge version
Communion Song:	'My Peace I Give Unto You' by Keith Routledge
Recessional Hymn:	TIS 455 'For All The Saints' vv. 1,2,3



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First Reading: Revelation 7: 9 – 17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12 singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' 14 I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat 17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5: 1 -14

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. 13 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

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 4th November.**

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 12th November** then on **Thursday 26th November.**

From Your Assistant Curate

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of All Saints. This is an important day in our church calendar as it relates to each of us as God's saints (Greek: hagios or 'holy ones') in the Church.

Christian theologians through the ages have long described the Church as the 'visible' and the 'invisible'. They are not two different churches nor are they separate from each other. They broadly describe the body of Christ known to us now as a visible assembly and those known to God in eternity. So one day the invisible will be made fully visible when Christ returns.

Another way theologians describe the catholic church is the church militant, and the church triumphant – the church triumphant is simply the church militant who has ceased from its warfare against evil, and has entered God's sanctuary in heaven to worship together with the cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1-2). So we have far more support than we might realise – God's magnificent Church is not just made up of those we know now or those we see, but across space and time too; those who follow Christ throughout the world, and those across the history of time.

In this sense then, it is appropriate we celebrate All Saints Day in light of a challenging 2020. For many of us have battled on and many of us have been spiritually wounded. But today we remember those who have gone before us, trod our Lord's path, and finished the race with perseverance. They cheer us on as we persevere in difficulties and wrestle to restore Christ's supremacy in our lives. In reflecting on all the saints, those well known, those not well known, those whom we dearly miss, may we recollect precious memories of those who are at home with our Lord. By doing so, may their determined faithfulness be an encouragement as they urge us to fix our eyes on the Lord Jesus. Then when God one day makes the invisible church visible, we will be fully reunited with our Christian brothers and sisters through every age.

Grace and peace,
Rev'd Greg



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 470 'Rejoice in God's Saints' vv. 1,3 & 4

Tune TIS 96

1. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
2. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and un-
known,
Who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their
own;
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our
cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!
3. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

William Walsham How
1823-97 alt.

OFFERTORY HYMN

'Christ, Be Our Light'

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.*

3. Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

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

Bernadette Farrell

COMMUNION SONG

'My Peace I Give Unto You' by Keith Routledge

RECESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 455 'For All The Saints' vv. 1,2 & 3

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their Lord by faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!
2. You were their rock, their fortress and their
might,
you were their captain in the well fought fight
in deepest darkness still their one true light.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!
3. So may your servants, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

William Walsham How
1823-97 alt.

Roster for November

Sunday 8th November: Pentecost 23

Joshua 24: 1 - 3a, 14 – 25 Jenny Bowers
Matthew 25: 1 – 13

Intercessor Rowena Ferguson

Sunday 15th November: Pentecost 24

Judges 4: 1 – 10 John Foster
Matthew 25: 14 – 30

Intercessor Christine Mallouhi

Sunday 22nd November: Christ the King

Ezekiel 34: 11 - 16, 20 – 24 Irene Donohoue
Clyne

Matthew 25: 31 – 46

Intercessor Graeme Dellora

Sunday 29th November: First Sunday of Advent (Annual Meeting Day)

1 Corinthians 1: 1 -9 Elaine Fasken
Mark 13: 24 – 37

Intercessor Michael Mosely

Mission Action Plan

Interim MAP - Digital Technology

As mentioned two weeks ago, Parish Council have approved an interim Mission Action Plan to enable the Parish to maintain the objectives as set out in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne's Strategic Plan 2017-2025. We plan to implement new strategies to meet those objectives especially in a time when traditional social interactions have changed. This is also an opportune time to embrace new means of communication using digital platforms. We sought feedback from the parish but the wardens did not receive any so the MAP as it stands will be included for the November 2020 Annual Meeting.

Volunteers! Digital Technology Sub-Committee

We are looking for your help! Part of our MAP involves looking for opportunities to grow our parish and one such avenue is to focus on using digital technology to help us. As such, we're looking for those of you who think you might be able to commit to being part of a new Digital Technology sub-committee to work together, suggest strategic ideas to the Parish Council and then implement them. We are not just looking for people with technical IT skills but also those who are practiced in using, presenting and maintaining information on digital and social media platforms. If you are interested and able, please let the wardens know at parish.wardens@stephenandmary.org.au.

ANNUAL MEETING



***Sunday November 29 via Zoom at approx. 11.15am
after the service***

Thank you to all those who prepared reports for the Annual Report.

A reminder...

1. NOMINATIONS

Remember to email Katherine (parishoffice@stephenandmary.org.au) for a Nomination form if you have someone you'd like to nominate for the position of Warden (2), Parish Council member (8) and the Incumbency Committee (2). The closing date to return these is **Friday, November 8.**

ROWENA FERGUSON

Secretary, Parish Council

Get ready for **NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK**

[Monday 9 November to Sunday 15 November](#)

This year's theme is 'Recovery - A future beyond the bin'. We invite you to value your resources, giving them a second life by reducing virgin resource use, reusing and recycling. Reducing our waste not only keeps valuable materials out of landfill it also benefits the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and our need for new materials. Reducing and reusing can also save you money at home and in the workplace.

To help you the Social Justice and Mission Group has created a list **What, Where to Recycle** which has been sent via email.



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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

Sugan Blanchard

Music Director

Brian Copple

CE Music Coordinator

Greg Ellsmore

Treasurer

Helen Warren

Office Manager

Katherine Rushby

Churchwardens:

Graeme Dellora

John Foster

Judith Gibson

Parish Council:

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

Pastoral Care Ministry:

Aged Care Chaplaincies:

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