

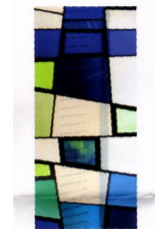
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

25 October 2020



THE ORANGE TREE

God of good neighbours,

We thank you for the gardener down the street

Who is so proud of his oranges.

Mary Magdalene is famous for mistaking Jesus for a gardener.

In a way, it was a compliment. Gardeners love creation!

They respect even the smallest seedling.

St Teresa of Avila said that God was like a gardener

And our lives are God's garden.

God plants all sorts of things in them.

May we also be gardeners of our own lives

Caring for ourselves and caring for others

In wonder and gratitude.

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:

**O God,
whose Son has taught us that love
is the fulfilment of your law:
stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love,
so that we may love you with our whole being,
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through 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:

Diane Gome

Processional:

'Come, sing together, friends' *Tune TIS 234*

Sentence:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 34.1-12

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

Matthew 22.34-46

Offertory:

TIS 699 'A new commandment' (*twice*)

Communion Song:

'I Give You A New Commandment'

Composer: Peter Nardone Text from John 13:34-35, and the Liber Usualis. Incorporates the Latin hymn Ubi caritas along with the English Gospel text.

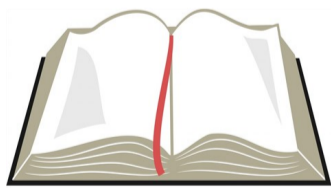
Recessional Hymn:

TIS 258 'Praise to you, O Christ'

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 34.1-12

1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, 2 all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, 3 the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. 4 The Lord said to him, 'This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I will give it to your descendants"; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.' 5 Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. 6 He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. 7 Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. 8 The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. 9 Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. 10 Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. 11 He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, 12 and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 22.34-46**

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' 37 He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' 41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 42 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' 43 He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 44 "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' " ? 45 If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' 46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.



From Your Assistant Curate

One of the most quoted verses from the Bible comes from today's Psalm reading - verse 4 of the 90th Psalm. This verse has been offered to provide comfort in many of life's frustrations when we can't see what God is doing. I think it's especially apt for us Melburnians as we work through the ups and downs of when we might be able to have some freedom back.

But this Psalm particularly speaks of God's timing. Time can feel like it moves slowly for us and as if it crawls from moment to moment. I'm sure the past six weeks has been crawling at a snail's pace for some of us! But God who exists in eternity sees all of history, so his timetable is unlikely to match ours.

The Psalm's author seems to see life from the vantage point of old age. As wisdom is often earned through experience, so the author finally begins to see a little as God does; that our time on earth is like 'vapour' (cf. Ecc 1).

So as we reflect on Psalm 90, let us allow its message to seep into our lives as we learn from it, and grow wiser because of it. May it help us be wise in our time (cf. v. 12) so that we make the best use of our time while we are blessed with it. As the Lord Jesus summarises in Matthew 22, "Love God, and love others." May we follow his command even in the most frustrating of times, because God sees a bigger picture in which we wonderfully get to be a part of. With this in mind, what are we able to do in our context today that we might not have if we were going about as normal?

Grace and peace,
Rev'd Greg

*So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.*

Psalm 90.12

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Come, sing together, friends' Tune TIS 234

1. Come, sing together, friends,
to praise the God we know,
whose Spirit's joy can fill the church
till blessings overflow.
2. Come, hear the living Word,
learn Wisdom's gentle way;
the Spirit teaches love's command
and calls us to obey.
3. Come, join the church at prayer,
give thanks, and intercede;
the Spirit helps each Christian pray,
and God will meet our need.
4. Come with us, serve the One
who served us first, in Christ;
we gladly go in power and peace,
a living sacrifice.

words: Elizabeth J. Smith

OFFERTORY HYMN

TIS 699 'A new commandment' (twice)

1. A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this will others know that you are my
disciples
if you have love one for another,
by this will others know that you are my
disciples
if you have love one for another.

unknown

COMMUNION SONG

'I Give You A New Commandment'

I give to you a new commandment, that you love
one another, as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos
in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso

jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

[Where charity is true, God is there. The love of
Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice
and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living
God. And from a sincere heart let us love one
another.]

Composer: Peter Nardone. Text from John 13:34-35,
and the Liber Usualis. Incorporates the Latin hymn
Ubi caritas along with the English Gospel text.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Praise to you, O Christ' vv.1,3&4

(Refrain)

*Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark-
ness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us thorough the de-
sert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

(Refrain)

2. You are the Word who calls us to be servants;
you are the Word whose only law is love;
you are the Word - made flesh who lives among
us:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

(Refrain)

3. You are the Word who binds us and unites us:
you are the Word who calls us to be one;
you are the Word who teaches us forgiveness:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

(Refrain)

Bernadette Farrell 1957-

Roster for November

Sunday 1st November: All Saints Day

Revelation 7: 9 – 17 Howard Brown
Matthew 5: 1 -14

Intercessor Val Dyke

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

“3 THINGS” FROM THE OCTOBER ZOOM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- **Services on parish website / Facebook page**

We have started putting our services onto our Website and Facebook page each Sunday afternoon so it is available for people to watch who have been unable to join the livestream in the morning, and which also makes it available to a wider “audience”. Andrew McCoy was invited to the meeting to describe how this was done and to answer any questions about security, confidentiality etc.

- **Impact of Covid on services**

We started looking at different options of how our services could run in a “Covid-normal” world (for when we are legally allowed back into the building), recognising that this could be our new way of “doing church” for the next 1-2 years. This included time of services, number of services, cleaning, seating, numbers allowed at each service, etc.

- **Alms baskets**

With the easing of Stage 4 restrictions, we are pleased we are again able to collect food for our Alms baskets. As before, food can be left on the Vicarage front porch.

ANNUAL MEETING



GROUP REPORTS DUE THS COMING FRIDAY!

Our Parish General Meeting will be held on **Sunday November 29** **via Zoom**

If you are preparing a report for a group, please remember that **THIS** Friday (October 30) is the last day to have it to the office for inclusion in the Parish Annual Report. Please send your reports to parishoffice@stephenandmary.org.au.

If you would like to nominate someone for the position of either Wardens (2), Parish Council (9) or the Incumbency Committee (2), please email Katherine in the Parish Office for the nomination form. The closing date to return these is **Friday, November 13** and should be emailed to back to Katherine once completed.

ROWENA FERGUSON

Secretary, Parish Council

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.**

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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