

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Christ The King

22 November 2020



THE TREE WITH A SPIDER'S WEB

God of gentle strength, A spider's web is a thing of great beauty but also fragile. Just like our lives. A spider's web is the result of a lot of hard work. Just like our lives. A spider's web can get damaged. But the spider is never discouraged. The spider just gets back to work and tries again. Just like us. A spider's web is easy to overlook. Sometimes that is just like us. Let us pray that we can appreciate the beauty of the world around us. Let us pray that we can appreciate the beauty and wonder of our own lives and the lives of those we love. Let us give thanks for small moments of grace. 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:

**God of power and love,
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:
free the world to rejoice in his peace,
to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.
Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,
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:

Diane Gome

Processional:

TIS 228 'Crown him with many crowns' vv.1,3 & 5

Sentence:

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

First Reading:

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

Psalm Response:



℣. We are his peo - ple: the sheep of his flock.

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Psalm:

Ps 100

Gospel Acclamation:



℣. Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!

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Gospel:

Matthew 25: 31-46

Offertory:

'Glory, glory in the highest'

Communion song:

'Thou Art The King of Glory, O Christ'

George Frederic Handel SJMP 20247

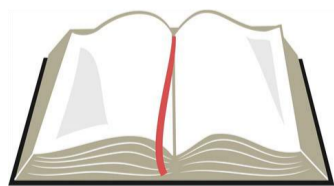
Recessional Hymn:

TIS 547 'Be Thou My Vision' vv. 1,3 & 5

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First Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

11 For thus says the Lord God : I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God . 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord , will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord , have spoken.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46**

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." 37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." 44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" 45 Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

From Your Vicar

We celebrate Christ the King this Sunday, the last Sunday of the Christian calendar, before Advent. This Feast, a clear reminder of Christ's reign, was instituted as a response to the growing influence of secularism and 'people power' as 'the State' attempted to relegate the Church.

This movement, particularly across Europe in the early 1900s led to dictatorships which triggered the two World Wars. It gave way to leadership that considered world domination at the expense of the lives of their own citizens. So we see that any country, organisation, or department is in disarray and is fruitless unless a good head is appointed. In contrast, under worthy management everything works seamlessly and holds together – people are productive, morale increases and they thrive as a result. This is the same, whether a country under a sound government or a footy club under a good coach. Leadership heals what is broken by uniting what was fragmented.

We are told in St Paul's letter to the Colossians that in King Jesus, "...all things were created...He is before all things and in him all things hold together." (Col 1:15-17). In the world's creation under his divine supervision, all was paradise. But due to human rebellion this was disrupted such that what we have now is disorder and death. But God offers us the hope he has always held out to us – his Christ, dying on the cross, rising to new life, and now ruling at his right hand in heaven. Reigning. Sovereign. In control. God's King is the one who is promised to return and heal the world completely.

In a year which has up-ended our plans, predictions, and preparations, let us not forget who is really in control. Whatever tumult demands authority and our attention, we need not turn aside from our faithful God. Let us remember that as King, Christ is the true authority. Our fractured and disrupted world needs Christ's benevolent leadership. For in him we find peace with God, and peace with others. May we throw off anything that hinders and persevere as we keep turning our eyes upon King Jesus. All else will grow 'strangely dim' in the light of His glory and grace.

Grace and peace,
Rev'd Greg



EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A Christian family (a mother and two teenage girls) are requiring emergency housing for about 4 weeks in the area. If you have a room or two, or a granny flat that might be available please contact Marg Crawford



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 228 'Crown him with many crowns' v.1,3,5

- 1.Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for me,
and hail him as your chosen king
through all eternity.
- 2.Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel there on high
can fully bear that sight,
but downwards bends a burning eye
at mysteries so bright.
- 3.Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Matthew Bridges 1800-94 and Godfrey Thring
1823-1903 alt.

OFFERTORY HYMN

'Glory, glory in the highest' Tune TIS 698

- 1.Glory, glory in the highest!
God we sing you joyful praise. Peace on earth
to all your people, glad and grateful all our days.
- 2.Jesus, Lord and loving teacher, Lamb of God,
you came to save. Take away our sin, and
show us how to live the life you gave.
- 3.You, O Christ, are with the Father, you will hear
us when we call, you have sent your Holy Spirit,
poured out blessing for us all.

4. So we lift our hearts to love you, give
ourselves to you for good. All your friends and
faithful servants praise the everlasting God.

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CHOIR ANTHEM

'Thou Art the King of Glory, O Christ'

From the Dettingen Te Deum. For Bass/Baritone
solo, trumpet, SATB choir, and organ. Handel at his
best: big, celebratory, and baroque. As nice as "The
Trumpet Shall Sound" but with a choral ending!

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

Bless to me O God the path whereon I go,
Bless to me O God the thing of my desire;
Thou evermore of evermore.
Slán agus beannacht leat.
[Goodbye, and blessings be with you.]

Bless to me the thing whereon is set my mind,
Bless to me the thing whereon in set my love,
Bless to me the thing whereon is set my hope;
O thou King of Kings.

The eye of the great God,
The eye of the God of glory,
The eye of the King of hosts,
The eye of the King of the living,

Pouring upon us at each season,
Glory to thee thou glorious Sun,
Face of the God of life.

She of my love is the new moon,
The King of all creatures blessing her:
Be mine a good purpose
towards each creature of creation.

Holy be each thing which she illumines,
Kindly be each deed which she reveals:
Be her guidance on land with all beset ones,
Be her guidance on sea with all distressed ones.

May the moon of moons be coming through thick clouds
On me and every mortal who is coming through affliction.
May the virgin of my love be coming through thick clouds
to me and to all in tribulation.

May the King of grace help my hand,
Now and for evermore;
Until my resurrection day.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

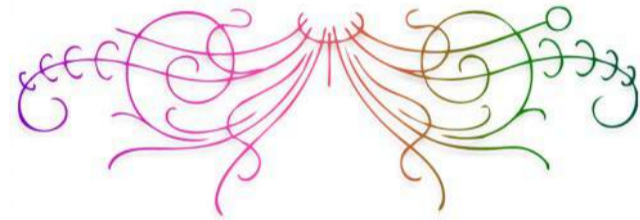
TIS 547 'Be Thou My Vision' vv. 1,3 & 5

1. Be thou my vision, o Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high
tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my
power.

3. High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Gaelic c.8th cent
tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1880-1931
versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull 1860-1935 alt.



ANGLICARE TOY & FOOD APPEAL

This year due to the ongoing Covid situation toys and food cannot be physically collected for this appeal. Instead Anglicare have asked that we make financial donations that will be distribute through their carers network to needy families.

Donations can be made in one of the following ways:

1. **Online** - www.anglicarevic.org.au/donation scroll down and enter the amount you wish to donate and your details. Then go to the **"What prompted you to donate today?"** box and select **Toys** or **Food** from the drop down menu. If you wish to donate to both, enter the amount of your donation to be allocated to each in the **"Comment"** box. The parish name may also be entered in this box if you wish.
2. Mail a cheque to **Anglicare Victoria**, PO Box 45, Abbotsford Vic 3067
3. Call Anglicare Victoria direct on 1800 809 722 to make a telephone donation.

ANNUAL MEETING



NEXT SUNDAY - November 29, 11am via Zoom

After the service, you'll be given a short time to go and make yourself a "cuppa" before coming back to your computer for the meeting.

This meeting will be via Zoom but there are a very small number of people without the internet who have already spoken to Dianne and will be in the church itself for the meeting.

Please remember to send your apology to the Parish Office if you are unable to attend so it is recorded in the minutes.

A reminder that there are hard copies of the Annual Report on the Vicarage porch if you don't receive yours by email.

ROWENA FERGUSON

Secretary, Parish Council

NOTICE: Update re Advent Quiet Day

Due to Coronavirus and the rules that have been issued by the Government and the Diocese it is not possible to have the **Advent Quiet Day** as planned on Saturday 5th December in the Parish. Although small groups now can meet in the church due to the implementation of the rules it is too difficult for us at this time due to all the requirement of cleaning.

Looking ahead to 2021 the Inner Stillness Meditation will hopefully take place on the 1st Wednesday of the month. There will be a Lenten and Advent Quiet Day and also the Annual Retreat in July have been booked. The 2021 brochure setting out the dates and themes will be available in December this year so you can enter the dates into your diaries.

Please feel free to make contact as below.

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“3 THINGS” FROM THE NOVEMBER ZOOM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. Return to “face to face” services

We continued our conversation about what our gradual return of “face to face” services will look like for the “Covid future” in terms of number of services, number of people able to attend each service, rosters, etc. All of this is always dependent on government regulations and so we noted that this may change from time to time.

2. Christmas services

As announced we will be holding a Carol Service on December 6, CE/Family service and midnight mass (11pm) on Christmas Eve, and 9am Eucharist on Christmas Day. Details of numbers of people who will be able to attend these services face to face will be known after the Premier’s update today.

3. Gardening Group

It is great to note that the Gardening Group is able to return to looking after our beautiful grounds! If you are interested in being involved, please contact Maggie or Graeme Dellora.

Phoebe’s Jams

Anyone wanting Jams, Relish, Marmalades, Pickles & Plum Sauce, could you please ring Phoebe a.s.a.p. & she will arrange a time to deliver them for you to collect from the Church car park. Thank you.

New Ritchies IGA loyalty card scheme

The old loyalty card scheme (from which the Parish has received a total of more than \$5,000 over the years) has been replaced with a new scheme so customers need to pick up a new plastic card in store and/or download the Ritchies app. You can then set up an online account and link it to our Parish.



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS & MWCIS

We know there will be many families doing it tough this Christmas. Our Parish Alms Baskets this year were significantly reduced due to COVID-19 - so let's make a special effort to help the Asylum Seekers Centre and Monash Waverley Community Information and Support (MWCIS).

What to do:

1. Find a suitable box
2. Make up your own Hamper with a variety of Christmas treats
3. Choose something for your hamper every time you go shopping.
4. Return your hamper:
 - at the **Carol Service on Sunday 6 December, or**
 - deliver it to the **Vicarage porch** anytime by **Thursday 10 December.**
 - Home pick up can also be organised if needed
5. Make it a fun activity that the whole family can join in!

Suggestions for your Hamper:

Cereal, UHT milk, tea, coffee, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, simmer sauce, tins of fish (tuna, salmon, sardines), rice, pasta, lentils, tinned tomatoes, sweet corn, chickpeas, lentils, beans, sweet and savoury biscuits, cordial, Christmas cake, mince pies, chocolates, sweets, tinned and dried fruit, tooth paste and brushes, soap, sanitiser, soap, hand lotion, toothbrushes and paste, deodorant, sunscreen.

An initiative of the Social Justice and Mission Group



Christmas

Carol Service

I am planning to hold a shortened Carol Service on Sunday 6th December at 5pm in the Peace Court at Church. At this stage our measurements allow for 50 people but please do not ring to book in yet. I am just giving you some advance notice to put it in your diary and we are hoping that we may be able to live stream it as well.

Christmas Services

At this stage and subject to change, we are planning for a Christmas Eve (24th) 5pm service, again about 50 people and our focus will be for families with children to be able to come first. Again we are hoping to live stream this. In the past this service has been the largest of all the Christmas services with between 150-180 people so you can see our numbers will have to be greatly reduced.

Midnight Mass 11pm. At this stage again only 20 people in 2 groups of 10 separated by 5 metres. Again this will have to be a scaled back service without all the procession that we usually have because everyone will be too close. This is still in the planning process and we hope this service will be live streamed.

Christmas Day (25th) 9am. Again at this stage 20 people in 2 groups of 10 separated by 5 metres but I don't expect this service will be live streamed.

I know you are all anxious and wanting to know but this is the best I can do at this stage. You might like to give some extra prayer about nice weather for our outside services. **Please do not ring Dianne to book in for any of these Christmas services yet.**



Thank you from David Spitteler

David Spitteler from The Asylum Seekers Centre has thanked us for the several bags of food that have been donated in the past couple of weeks. Thank you to Janice too who has delivered them.

2020 WAVERLEY HELPMATES CHRISTMAS TREE DRIVE

Our parish has been a loyal supporter of this fundraiser for several years. The Helpmates do a marvellous job mowing our lawns every fortnight. Please consider purchasing your tree from the Waverley Helpmates this year.

The trees are available for Pick-up or Delivery -- on Fri 27th Nov or Fri 11th December.

12- 14 Mavron Street, Ashwood. 3147.

Ring for details on prices.

or go to www.waverleyhelpmates.org.au and click on 'News'.



[Waverley Helpmates](http://www.waverleyhelpmates.org.au)

Waverley Helpmates is a not-for-profit, Supported Employment & Training Program for people with disabilities. We have been providing affordable lawn mowing, ironing and cleaning to the community and body corporates for over 3 decades. We are a registered NDIS provider

www.waverleyhelpmates.org.au

Annual Meeting Nominations

Thank you to those who have accepted nomination for the following positions:

Incumbency: Rowena Ferguson, Judith Gibson,

Wardens: John Foster, Sue Retschko

Parish Council: Sughan Blanchard, David Bruce, Marg Crawford, Rowena Ferguson, Jennifer Gracie, Sherredan Maher, Hellen Warren, Joan West

As Vicar, on the day of the Annual Meeting I will announce my Vicar's Warden and 2 Vicar's nominations for Parish Council

Roster

Sunday 29th November: First Sunday of Advent

(Annual Meeting Day)

1 Corinthians 1: 1 -9 Elaine Fasken

Mark 13: 24 – 37

Intercessor Michael Mosely

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 26th November** then on **Thursday 10th December**.

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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