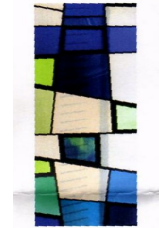


THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

15 November 2020

THE TREE THAT SHOULDN'T BE THERE

God of the unexpected,
we thank you for trees that grow where they are not supposed to.
Sometimes they frustrate us, putting their roots in our pipes
And blocking our drains.
But they remind us that our ways are not your ways.
They say that if you want to hear God laugh,
Just say what your plans are.
Help us, Lord, to surrender to your mystery.
To do what we can
And leave the rest to your grace.
You will make things grow in our lives
Where we least expect.
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:

Everliving God,
before the earth was formed,
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding:

Ven Dianne

Liturgy Setting:

Marty Haughen 'Mass of Creation'

Processional:

TIS 631 'Father, Lord of all creation' *Tune TIS 153*

Sentence:

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

First Reading:

Judges 4: 1 – 10

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

Matthew 25: 14 – 30

Offertory:

TIS 409 'O breath of life, come sweeping through us'

vv. 1,3,4

Tune TIS 497

Communion song:

'Litany to the Holy Spirit' - Peter Hurford

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 183 'Sing of the Lord's goodness' vv. 1 & 4

The Church Office remains **closed**. If you wish to continue to bring food items for the Asylum Seekers or MWCIS and/or your offertory, they can be left in Dianne's front porch.

First Reading: Judges 4: 1 – 10

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. 2 So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. 4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. 6 She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."' 8 Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' 9 And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14 – 30

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same

way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

From Your Vicar

In today's gospel, Matthew develops the theme of what it means to be living in the in-between time. The master has given the servants 'talents' and on his return they will be judged according to how they have used those talents and whether they have followed his instructions. The reference is to money, a standard measure used in the Near East and a very large sum indeed. In fact, each servant has been given a treasure. Two perform well but the third is paralysed by fear of taking a risk and hides his talent away. His excuse is that he knew his master was an exacting man and so he refused even to try. He condemns himself by not responding to the demands of the master. This gospel challenges us to drop our false notion of God as an exacting master, to appreciate the gifts we have been given and to use and develop them for our good and the good of others. What are some of the images of God we may have? Shepherd, judge, father, nurturer, rock, King, guide? How may our image of God influence the way we respond to the invitation to enter the kingdom? This week, use your talents explicitly for the good of others.

Pax (peace)
Dianne

ANY QUESTIONS ?

The Parish Annual General Meeting on Sun 29th November will be on Zoom. There will be no Soapbox or Question Time. Parishioner questions and enquiries must be submitted to the Vicar by Friday 20th November. The 2019-20 Annual Report is now available for perusal.

Regards -- The Wardens.



The November edition of *The Melbourne Anglican* is available online via the following link:

<http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma>

Printed copies available for pick up from the Vicar's porch.

Roster

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 631 'Father, Lord of all creation' Tune 153

1. Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.
2. Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
let us love as sisters, brothers,
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love we all may see.
3. Holy Spirit, rushing, burning,
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fill our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
and through us your love make known.

David Stewart Cross
1828-89

OFFERTORY HYMN

TIS 409 vv.1,3,4

'O breath of life, come sweeping through us'

1. O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.
2. O breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

3. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head 1850-1936

RECESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 183 'Sing of the Lord's goodness'

vv. 1 & 4

1. Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us,
his love is forever,
faithful to the end of days.

(Refrain)

*Come then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

2. Praise him with your singing,
praise him with a trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp,
praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.

Refrain

Ernest Sands 1949-

**THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR:
STUDIES ON THE READINGS FOR YEAR B**

Saturday 28 November 2020 | 9.30am–12.30pm

By Zoom conference

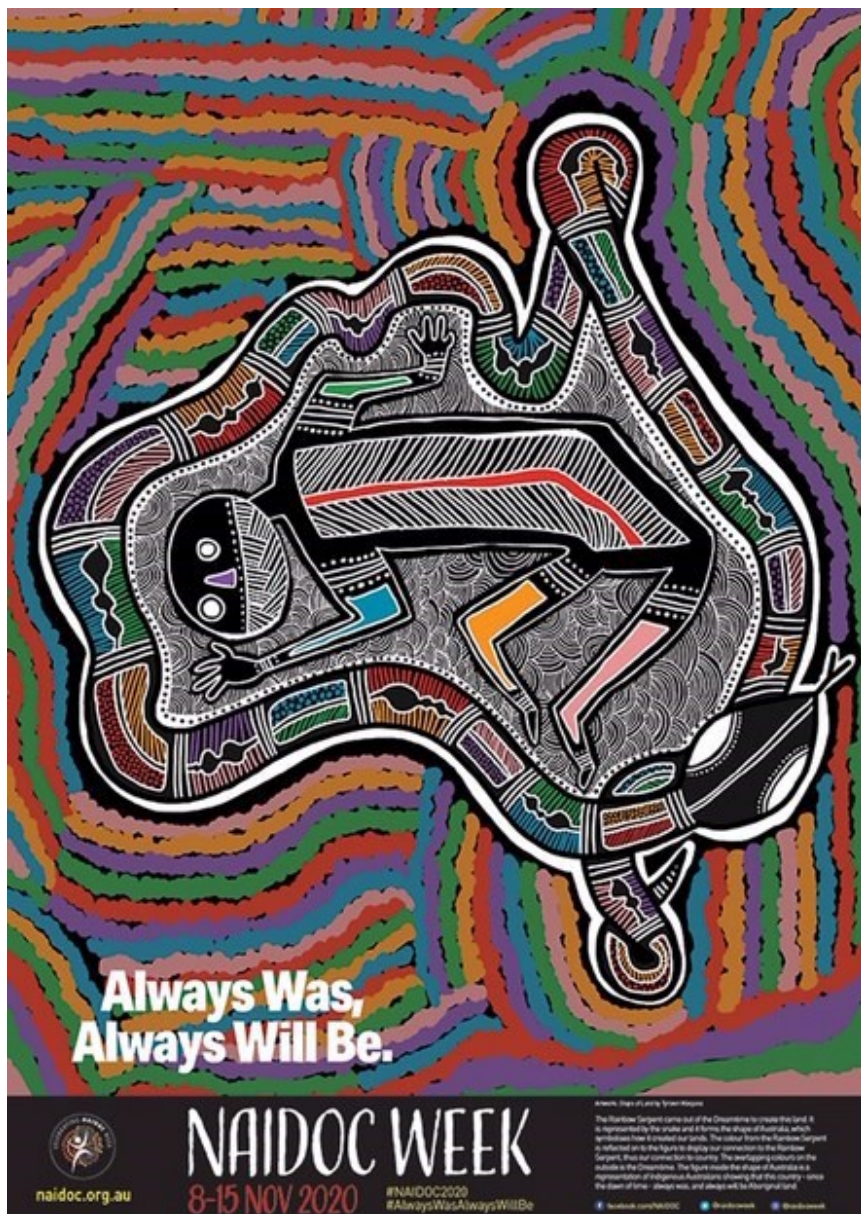
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A day for clergy and lay people to be enriched by the readings from Mark and elsewhere in the Bible for the forthcoming Church Year B.

Led by the Rev'd Dr Bob Derrenbacker and Dr Rachelle Gilmour of the Trinity College Theological School.

For more information and to register go to www.trybooking.com/647150 or email to theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or call 03 9348 7127.

NAIDOC WEEK



The acronym NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee.

This special week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The week is traditionally celebrated in July but because of COVID - 19 it is being celebrated [from 8 November until 15 November](#) this year.

This year's theme is 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. This is the winning entry in the NAIDOC Week poster competition painted by Tynown Waigana, a 23 year old artist and designer from Perth.

For further information www.naidoc.org.au

ANNUAL MEETING



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

ANNUAL REPORT

By now if you are on email, you will have received a copy of the Annual Report. For those who don't have email access, hard copies will be available from Sunday and can be collected from the foyer in the Vicarage. If you don't have email, or are unable to get to the Vicarage to pick your copy up, please let us know.

APOLOGIES FOR ANNUAL MEETING

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please email your apology to the parish office.

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 2nd December.**

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

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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