

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Second Sunday of Advent

6 December 2020



Christmas Services

Carol Service 6th Dec

5.00pm outside - max 50 people BYO Chairs

Christmas Eve 24th Dec

10.00am - max 72 people

5.00pm family service outside - max 50 people BYO chairs

11.00pm Midnight Mass - max 72 people

Christmas Day 25th Dec

9.00am - max 72 people

Masks must be worn at all services

No Thursday Eucharist 31st Dec, 7th and 14th Jan 2021

Recommence 21st January



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.

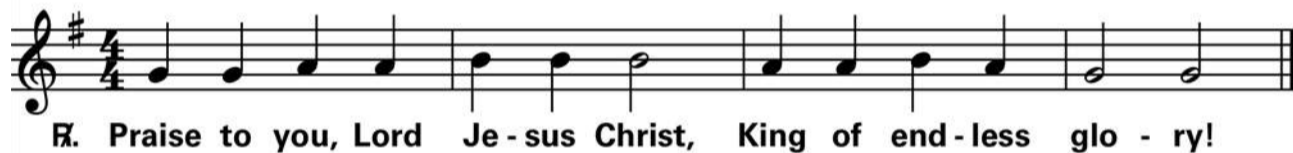
This parish is committed to Child Safety and complies with Diocesan and State requirements. This is a shared responsibility of staff and parish. Please see the back of pew leaflet for contact details.

At Worship Today:

**Merciful God,
you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy
the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding: Ven Dianne
Liturgy Setting: Missa Emmanuel
Processional: TIS 270 'On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry' vv.1,2 & 5
Sentence: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all
people shall see it together.
First Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8
Offertory: TIS 272 'Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus' vv.1,3 & 4
Communion song: 'O Comfort, Now My People'
- Composer: Thomas Pavlechko
Recessional Hymn: TIS 269 'Hark The Glad Sound! The Saviour comes'
Tune TIS 430

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GIVING ENVELOPES

The Giving Envelope Packets for 2021 are now available for pick-up at the Orange Door Entrance and also in the Vicarage Porch. Thank you for your generous stewardship.

--- The Wardens.

First Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a

8 But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. 11 Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? 13 But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. 14 Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 1-8

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; 3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', 4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Roster

Sunday 13 December Advent 3

1 Thess 5: 12 – 28 Joanne Burns

John 1: 6- 8; 19 – 28

Intercessor Sue Retschko

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**.

NO MORE PILL BLISTER PACKS PLEASE!

The advice from Sustainability Victoria is that they are not recyclable, so please place your empty blister packs in the general waste.

For all your questions go to recycling.vic.gov.au. This website has a comprehensive list which complements our What, Where to recycle list.



From Your Vicar

The word Advent comes from the Latin **adventium** meaning “to come”. Within the Church it refers to the coming of Christ, both as the Child of Mary and as Judge at the end of time. For this reason it is the name we give to the four week season to prepare for Christmas.

Advent has its own music, carols (as distinct from Christmas carols), themes, and traditions (like the Advent wreath). What makes the keeping of Advent so difficult is the commercial world starts Christmas in October and finishes on December 24th. The Church by contrast, keeps Advent up till December 24, and then Christmas is celebrated until January 6. This makes everything a bit schizophrenic, however, there is value in keeping the integrity of Advent.

Advent is the context and setting for us to understand the identity of the Child of Bethlehem. He is more than the cute Christmas card figure....He is the Almighty Judge proclaimed by John the Baptist (Second and Third Sunday of Advent). He is the goal and fulfilment of human history (First Sunday of Advent) who has entered into human history through the Most Holy God-Bearer, Mary of Nazareth. Christ who is the Child of Mary two thousand years ago, and who will come as Universal Judge at the end of time is also Brother, Lord, Lover and Friend who makes His adventium TODAY in the Eucharist – who enters into our souls in Christmas IS important, so important that we need to prepare for it.

Pax (peace)

Dianne



SUNDAY SERVICES

DEC 2020	JAN 2021	FEB - JUN 2021
9:45am	10:00am	8:00am & 10:00am

Second Sunday of Advent



Richard Wainwright/Act for Peace

Bringing peace to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

The coronavirus has reached the world's largest refugee camp and widespread misinformation about the virus is making it harder for doctors to contain the virus. Act for Peace's local partner is working with doctors, community workers and religious leaders to dispel myths and teach people how to stop the spread. Your Christmas Bowl gift will help give refugees around the world the long-term support they need. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



Christmas Bowl

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 270 'On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry'

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; come then and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every heart from sin; make straight the way for God within; prepare we in our hearts a home where such a mighty guest may come.
3. To him who left the throne of heaven to free us all, let praise be given; and praise be to the Father done, and Holy Spirit, Three in One.

Charles Coffin 1676-1749 tr. John Chandler 1806-76 alt.

OFFERTORY HYMN

TIS 272 'Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus'

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free, from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
3. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley 1707-88

CHOIR ANTHEM

'O Comfort, Now My People'

O comfort, now my people, says the Lord, your God.
Speak gently to Jerusalem and cry now unto her.
Her warfare is accomplished, her penalty is paid.
A voice cries in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way!"

So ev'ry valley shall be raised, all mountains, hills, made low,
As desert flow'rs rejoice and praise, and springs of water flow;
Uneven ground, a level field, rough lands become a plain.
The glory of the Lord revealed, God's children see again.

All humankind is grass and reeds, like flowers of the field;
They wither at the gentlest breeze, their feeble lives to yield.
Yet eyes are opened, ears unstopped, the lame leap like a deer,
And speechless tongues all sing for joy, the weak no longer fear.

For waters in the wild break forth, the desert flows with streams;
The burning sand becomes a pool, the thirsty ground a spring.
Their highway is the holy way God's chosen walk along.
The ransomed of the Lord return with gladness, joy and song.

Composer: Thomas Pavlechko

RECESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 269 'Hark The Glad Sound! The Saviour comes'

1. Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long; let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.
2. On him the Spirit largely poured exerts its sacred fire; wisdom and might and zeal and love his holy breast inspire.
3. He comes the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held; the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

4. He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.

5. His silver trumpets publish loud
the jubilee of the Lord,
our debts are all remitted now,
our heritage restored.

6. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heaven's exalted arches ring
with your beloved name.

Philip Doddridge 1702-51

CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE

Parishioners -- Our empty church has gathered winter cobwebs. If you have even half an hour to spare on Sat 19th Dec, that would be great. Thank You.

<p>Can you spare just one hour?</p>	<p>between 9am and 1pm on Saturday 19th</p>	
<p>We want to "spruce up" the Church and Parish Centre for CHRISTMAS</p>		<p>Please put your name against any job listed on the notice board</p>
	<p>Please bring whatever cleaning things you will need to complete</p>	<p>THANK YOU! (The Wardens)</p>

Mt Waverley Chadstone InterChurch Council

invites you to



ONLINE for 2020 returns in 2021

Sing online with us!

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mtwaverleychadstonechurches.org.au

Friday 11th December 2020

Community Singing from 6.30pm to 8pm



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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)

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SERVICE: Sunday 9.45 am