

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY



**WELCOME**

**First Sunday after Christmas**

**27 December 2020**

**Saving God,  
whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple  
and was acclaimed the glory of Israel  
and the light of the nations:  
grant that in him we may be presented to you  
and in the world may reflect his glory;  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**9.00 am** (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding:

Revd Greg

Liturgy Setting:

Mass of Creation

Processional:

TIS 319 'Child in the Manger'

Sentence:

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

First Reading:

Galatians 4.4-7

Gospel Acclamation:

Halle Halle Halle

Gospel:

Luke 2.22-40

Offertory:

TIS 312 'Once in Royal David's City'

Communion Solo:

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Music - Jonathan Pitts, arr. Antony Pitts

Lyrics - Edmund Seers

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 313 'Good Christians all, rejoice'

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### **Office Closed until 12th January 2021**

There will be no pew leaflet on Sunday 3rd January and Sunday 10th January.

The service on January 3rd will be at **10.00 am in church** and also live-streamed.

On January 10th the service will again be at **10.00 am in church** and also live-streamed.

### **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.

**First Reading: Galatians 4.4-7**

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. 6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' 7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40**

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary

under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' 33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' 36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

**First Sunday after Christmas****Thank you!**

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**"Love your neighbour as yourself" Mark 12:31**



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**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**  
TIS 319 'Child in the Manger'

- 1 Child in the manger,  
infant of Mary;  
outcast and stranger,  
Lord of all!  
Child who inherits  
all our transgressions,  
all our demerits  
on him fall.
- 2 Once the most holy  
child of salvation  
gentle and lowly  
lived below;  
now, as our glorious  
mighty Redeemer,  
see him victorious  
over each foe.
- 3 Prophets foretold him,  
infant of wonder;  
angels behold him  
on his throne;  
worthy our Saviour  
of all their praises;  
happy for ever are his own.
- Words: Elizabeth J. Smith

**OFFERTORY HYMN**  
TIS 312 'Once in Royal David's City'

1. Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, despised and lowly

lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him: but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high,  
when his children gather round  
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-95 alt.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**  
TIS 313 'Good Christians all, rejoice'

- 1 Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now you hear of endless bliss,  
Jesus Christ was born for this;  
he has opened heaven's door  
and you are blest for evermore;  
Christ was born for this,  
Christ was born for this.
- 2 Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now you need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save,  
calls you one and calls you all,  
to gain his everlasting hall;  
Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save.
- John Mason Neale 1818-66 alt.

*Roster*

- Sunday 3 January The Epiphany of Our Lord**  
Ephesians 3: 1 – 12 Jenny Bowers  
Matthew 2: 1 – 12  
Intercessor Judith Gibson
- Sunday 10 January The Baptism of Our Lord**  
Acts 19: 1 – 7 John Russell  
Mark 1: 4 - 11  
Intercessor Christine Mallouhi



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**SERVICES: Sunday 9.45 am (changing to 10.00 am in January)**  
**Thursday 10.00 am**

**Tamil Christian Church services**

4th Sunday in January from 3pm

**Joyriver Chinese Church**

Saturdays from 3pm