



First Sunday in Lent

21 February 2021

2021 Lenten Actions for Social Justice

Week 1 – Solidarity

Solidarity is about valuing our fellow human beings and respecting who they are as individuals. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Acknowledging our interdependence to each other belongs in every aspect of our human and day to day experiences, including our family, community, society and our world.

Sunday 21 Feb	Monday 22 Feb	Tuesday 23 Feb	Wednesday 24 Feb	Thursday 25 Feb	Friday 26 Feb	Saturday 27 Feb
Pray for those around the world who don't have access to all their basic needs.	Learn more about one of the ways people are helping to improve outcomes for indigenous children. https://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/	Read a book by an indigenous author to learn more about Australia's First peoples. See the NAIDOC reading guide on the SJ Webpage.	Watch a film about refugees. https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/films/	Learn about the Multi-faith networks in Victoria and the work they do for peace and harmony https://www.faithvictoria.org.au/	Research and get interested in our Government's commitment to global co-operation. https://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/	Listen (and why not dance!) to music from a different culture. Music cuts across languages and provides insight into the culture.

Social Justice and Mission Group Lent 2021

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:

8.00 am

Preaching & Presiding: Revd Greg

**Hymn: TIS 591 'Forty Days and
Forty Nights'**

God of the new and eternal covenant,
as the forty days of the great flood

swept away the world's corruption

and watered new beginnings

of righteousness and life:

grant to us, who are washed clean and born again
in the saving flood of baptism,

the wellspring of your grace,

that your gift of new life may flourish once again;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,

who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

10.00 am

Presiding:

Ven Dianne

Preaching:

Revd Greg

Liturgy Setting:

Diane Gome

Processional:

TIS 270 'On Jordan's Bank' vv. 1, 2, 4 & 5

Sentence:

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has
come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

First Reading:

1 Peter 3: 18 – 22

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

Mark 1: 9 - 15

Offertory:

TIS 591 'Forty Days and Forty Nights'

Communion Song:

Adagio Cantabile by Beethoven

Post Communion Meditation:

'Prayer for Peace' - David Haas

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 276 'There's a Light upon the Mountains' v. 1, 2, 4

Postlude:

'Inscription of Hope'

With thanks to Sophie Clapperton for singing

First Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22

18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 9 – 15

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 **And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'** 12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, **15 and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'**

Phoebe's Jams and Relishes

Phoebe will be selling her jams from the boot of her car after 10am church every fortnight.

She also has tomato relish and sauce for sale.

Lenten resources

The 2021 'Sanctuary for Lent' books are available in the Narthex for \$3. Please place your money in the box.

Also available Anglican Overseas Aid booklets 'Colours of Lent' which are free.

LENTEN QUIET DAY

Time out to journey towards the Cross



Saturday 6th March

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Morning/Afternoon Tea provided

BYO Lunch

At St Stephen and St Mary 383 High Street Road Mt Waverley 3149

PLEASE SIGN THE LIST in the Parish Centre on the Noticeboard

OR

Email or text Val Dyke

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
'On Jordan's Bank' TIS 270 v.1,2,4,5

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 heal the sick stretch out your hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.
4. 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
'Forty Days and Forty Nights' TIS 591

1. Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:
2. let us your endurance share
and from earthly greed abstain,
with you watching unto prayer,
with you strong to suffer pain
3. And if Satan on us press
flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fail.
4. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

George Hunt Smytten 1822-70 & Francis Pott 1832-1909 alt.

RECESSIONAL HYMN
'There's a Light upon the Mountains' TIS 276
v.1,2,4

1. **There's a light upon the mountains,**
and the day is at the spring,
When our eyes shall see the beauty
and the glory of the King;
Weary was our heart with waiting, and
the night-watch seemed so long,
But His triumph-day is breaking, and
we hail it with a song.
2. **There's a hush of expectation,**
and a quiet in the air,
and the breath of God is moving
in the fervent breath of prayer:
for the suffering, dying Jesus
is the Christ upon the throne,
and the travail of our spirit
is the travail of his own.
3. Hark, we hear a distant music,
and it comes with fuller swell -
the great triumph song of Jesus,
of our King, Immanuel:
Zion, go you forth to meet him;
and, my soul, be swift to bring
all your finest and your dearest
for the triumph of our King!

Lyrics: Henry Burton 1840-1930

2021 Lent, Good Friday & Easter
Gift Appeal



ABM offers five projects for you to
consider supporting during Lent, on Good Fri-
day and for the season of Easter. Envelopes
and Digital Donation Cards are available at
church or visit [abmission.org/Lent-
GoodFriday-21](http://abmission.org/Lent-GoodFriday-21)

From Your Assistant Curate

This week marks the beginning of Lent, a time in our church calendar where we more purposefully reflect on our devotion to our Lord such that we keep growing and to not be 'conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing' of our minds (Rom 12:2). This can help us as believers prepare for Easter and mature in our faith.

This is why we have seasons according to our church calendar which is rich in devotional value. Rather than measuring the year by secular time or sport seasons, the church year looks to the main events in Christ's life. It provides a truly Christian way of looking at time. It can often be challenging to discipline ourselves in daily devotion and reading God's word regularly, so Lent can give us direction or help us develop good Christian habits by focusing our devotion on the life, work, and passion of Christ.

Lent is also often a time of 'fasting'. Why? While material things, good things, can be God's blessing, too much can potentially clutter up our souls like they do in our houses! Devoting time to reflection and reading the Scriptures can help us unclutter and move our focus to spiritual things. Lent offers a reminder to do just that, with the right motives of course. It's a reminder to rightly 'deny oneself' and meditate on the ultimate example of self-denial of our Lord Jesus, in his incarnation, his life among us, and his ultimately his death of the cross.

So this Lent, how will self-denial and self-giving love tie into preparation for Easter and remembrance of your baptism? For what we do gives us space to mature in our faith as we reflect on the graciousness of God's gift of salvation. That is what Lent is about: creating space for the individual, and the gathered body of Christ, to put distractions aside and remember the suffering and sacrifice of our Lord. All so we are once again transformed into the pattern and thinking of God.

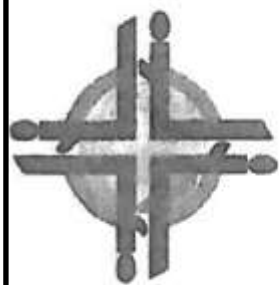
May we use this season to devote ourselves to prayer and meditation on Christ. And may we **do so out of right heart with spiritual motivation such that our Lenten reflections don't point us to our own works, but point us to the beautiful unmerited grace of God in Christ instead.**

Grace and peace,

Rev'd Greg

Acknowledgement

The January 2021 Parish Paper SSTAMP featured a summary of the life of Stanton Nelson. For a more complete version, please read the wonderful illustrated biography of Stan's life - available on loan.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Media Release

Date: Friday 5th March 2021



BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

You are invited to join us in prayer for the needs of Vanuatu and its people at our World Day of Prayer service here at St Stephen's and St Mary's Mount Waverley. For further information and resources please visit our website:

www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

Position Vacant

Holy Trinity Surrey Hills is currently looking to employ an Administration Officer.

Responsibilities include the preparation of the pew sheet, services, rosters, managing hall hire, as well as providing general administration support to the Vicar and Parish Council.

The position is for approximately 10 hours per week over 3 days.

The successful applicant must have experience in Microsoft Office, strong communication skills, attention to detail, and an understating of Anglican liturgy.

For more details, please contact the Rev Mark Pearce

Mothers' Union

MU Australia
Part of the World Wide Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union first meeting in 2021 will be on MONDAY FEBRUARY 22ND,

beginning with Eucharist in the Church at 1.30pm. We look forward to a challenging program as we re-build our hope for a better future through faith. All welcome.

Evening Meditation Gatherings

We continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of the month at 7.30pm. Our next session will be on Thursday, February 25 at 7.30pm and it will be a Zoom session. Zoom links will be forwarded to members or enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley. The following session will be on Thursday, March 11 at 7.30pm and details of how we gather for that meeting will be forwarded later.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday First Sunday in Lent
- February 21, 2021

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Eucharist with Kids Church
11.30 am Lenten Study (Old Church)

Monday 22

1.30 - 4.00 pm MU (Church)
4.00 - 8.45 pm Karen Margaret Dance (PC)

Tuesday 23

9.00am-5.00pm Centre for Living Well (PC)
2.00 - 3.00 pm Lenten Study (Old Church)

8.00-9.30pm Amnesty Intl

Wednesday 24

9.00am-5.00pm Centre Living Well (Church)
10.30 am mainly music (Old Ch)

Thursday 25

9.00am-5.00pm Centre for Living Well (OC)
10.00 am Thursday Eucharist

6.30 - 7.30 pm Karate (Parish Centre)
7.30 pm Meditation (Zoom)

Friday 26

10.30 am Lenten Study (Old Church)

Saturday 27

2.00-3.00 pm TCCV (Old Church)
3.00 - 10.00 pm Chinese Church (Ch/PC/OC)

Sunday 28

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Eucharist with Kids Church
11.30 am Lenten Study (Old Church)
3.00 - 8.00 pm TCCV

Next week: Second Sunday in Lent
- February 28, 2020

Readings:

Genesis 17.1-7,15-16

Ps 22.24-32

Romans 4.13-25

Mark 8.31-38

Server:

8 am Joanne Burns

Welcomers:

8 am Shanti Liewersz

Celia Gant

10 am Marg Crawford

Sugan Blanchard

Readers:

8 am Adam Thevapalan

10 am Howard Brown

Rowena Ferguson

Intercessor:

10 am Val Dyke

mainly music continues to engage with young families. You are always welcome to come along and see what we do on Wednesdays 10.30am - 12 noon, Old Church, during school term.



Galahkookemu: Following the path of Benedict in modern life.

We will meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7pm at Mitcham until further notice.

We welcome newcomers. Visit and see if this is for you. Contact Christine Mallouhi



Tamil Christian Church services
2nd and 4th Sunday from 3pm

Joyriver Chinese Church
Saturdays from 3pm

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Priest (Day off - Monday)	The Venerable Dianne Sharrock
Assistant Curate (Tues, Wed & Thurs mornings, Fri, Sun)	The Revd Greg Wong Emergency contact
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
Treasurer	Helen Warren
Office Manager	Katherine Rushby
Churchwardens:	Graeme Dellora John Foster Sue Retschko
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Pastoral Care Ministry:	
<i>Hospital Visiting:</i>	Clergy
<i>Funeral Ministry:</i>	The Vicar
<i>Contemporary Eucharist Contact:</i>	Rowena Ferguson
Spiritual Directors:	Cath Connelly Val Dyke
Prayer Chain contact	Margaret Syfret
SERVICES:	
	Sunday 8.00 & 10.00 am
	Thursday 10.00 am