



## Last Sunday after Epiphany - Transfiguration

14 February 2021

Ash Wednesday services - cancelled

### Lenten Study Program

Our Lenten Program consists of 6 sessions for groups and individuals exploring the geography of the Holy Land following Jesus from Galilee to Golgotha. Each session will reflect on a theme e.g. the desert, the water well, the mountain, the sea, the road, and the garden.

We hope to commence on Friday 19th February at 10.30 am and Sunday 21st February at 11.30 am. The program is called, "A River Through the Desert - A Lenten Pilgrimage". It comes to us from St George's College Jerusalem. Tuesday sessions will start on 23rd February.

Tuesday 16th February at 2pm has been cancelled.

Please email parish office if you wish to join.



### Other 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.

### 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 234 'How Good Lord To Be Here'

Almighty God,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us faith to perceive his glory,  
that being strengthened by his grace  
we may be changed into his likeness,  
from glory to glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

10.00 am

Preaching & Presiding:

Liturgy Setting:

Processional:

Sentence:

Revd Greg

Diane Gome

TIS 234 'How Good Lord To Be Here' vv.1, 2 & 5

**It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

First Reading:

2 Kings 2.1-12

Psalm Response:



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Psalm:

Ps 50: 1 - 6

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 4: 3 – 12

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

Mark 9: 2 - 9

Offertory:

TIS 454 'Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness'  
vv. 1, 2, 3 & 5

Choir Anthem:

'O God Who On The Holy Mount'

- Composer: Robert W. Lehman

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 106(i) 'Now Thank We All Our God'

*With thanks to John Leaver for singing*

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 **Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.'** But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. 3 The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' 4 **Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.'** But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. 5 The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' 6 Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. 7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' 10 He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' 11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. 12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 3 – 12

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers,

to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. 11 For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. 12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 2 – 9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' 6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' 8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'How Good Lord To Be Here' TIS 234 vs 1,2&5

1. How good, Lord, to be here!  
your glory fills the night;  
your face and garments, like the sun,  
shine with unborrowed light.
2. How good, Lord, to be here,  
your beauty to behold,  
where Moses and Elijah stand,  
your messengers of old.
3. How good, Lord, to be here!  
yet we may not remain;  
but since you bid us leave the mount  
come with us to the plain.

Joseph Armitage Robinson 1858 – 1933 alt.

OFFERTORY HYMN

'Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness'

TIS 454 vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5

1. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.
2. Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for you,  
comfort your sorrows, and answer your prayer-  
fulness,  
guiding your steps in the way best for you.
3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth you would reckon to own:  
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.
4. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell 1811-75 alt.

CHOIR ANTHEM

'O God Who On The Holy Mount'

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to  
chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son,  
wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and  
glistening:

Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from  
the disquietude of this world,  
may by faith behold the King in his beauty;  
who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Robert W. Lehman b. 1960

RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Now Thank We All Our God' TIS 106(i)

1. Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom the world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us.  
Lord, keep us in your grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm  
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God  
who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son  
and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore,  
who ever was, is now,  
and shall be ever more.

Martin Rinkart 1586-1649  
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 alt

*From Your Assistant Curate*

**Over the summer I've noticed a common theme in conversations** – the interesting, unprecedented, difficult, year that was 2020. It was not an easy year for most. There is also an uncertainty about what 2021 will hold. It's as if we mimic the psalmist who cries, "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?" (Ps 121:1)

**I think it is a blessing then to be reminded of God's truth on this feast of the Transfiguration.** For in this pericope we resonate with Peter, James, and John who were called to follow our Lord Jesus up the mountain. There are strong echoes of the fulfilment of the Old Testament – just as Moses met God in the burning bush on a mountain, the apostles see Christ in resplendent glory. **Just as God declares his divinity, "I am" to Moses through speech, the Father speaks and declares Christ's divinity as his 'beloved son'.**

**Yet the passage is brief. They didn't stay on the mountain, the cloud vanished, and the disciples follow our Lord back down the mountain, only to see his death and execution shortly after.**

We too may remember the excitement of knowing God, feeling and experiencing vibrant faith which knows no bounds. Yet somewhere along the way, life becomes complicated and we end up a bit worse for wear. Can you imagine the apostles witnessing the crucifixion of the Lord? **They too would've despaired and wondered, "What happened to the glorious Christ we saw up on the mountain?"**

In the midst of trials, I want to encourage you to recall the pattern the apostles experience **journeying with Christ. The gospels don't end at Christ's death, he doesn't stay in the tomb.** Rather, our Lord is raised to life and ascends to heaven where he now reigns. He will return in glory. Christ does lay it bare, not sugar coating it for those who want to follow him – **"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23).** **So we ought not to be surprised when life becomes messy and recognise this is the pattern for his disciples.** But may we be strengthened through the rigours of life, remembering that the pattern ends with our Lord in glory, sovereignly caring for his people.

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.

## 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

## LENTEN QUIET DAY

Time out to journey towards the Cross



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Message to Val Dyke**

## GARDENING GROUP

Next Saturday 20th February, the Garden Group will again convene to spruce up the church grounds. 9.30am onwards.

Enquiries : Maggie and Graeme Dellora



## 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.

## Evening Meditation Gatherings

Continues to meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and the first meditation session for 2021 will be on Zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday, 11 February. Zoom links will be forwarded to members or enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley The following session will be on Thursday 25 February at 7.30pm and details of how we gather for that meeting will be confirmed later.

# Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Last Sunday after Epiphany /  
Transfiguration

- February 14, 2021

10.00 am	Eucharist with Kids Church
<u>Monday</u>	15
<u>Tuesday</u>	16
<u>Wednesday</u>	17
<u>Thursday</u>	18
10.00 am	Thursday Eucharist w. brunch
6.30 - 7.30 pm	Karate (Parish Centre)
<u>Friday</u>	19
10.00 - 11.30 am	WPD meeting (Parish Ctr)
10.30 am	Lenten Study (Old Church)
<u>Saturday</u>	20
3.00 - 10.00 pm	Chinese Church (Ch/PC/OC)
<u>Sunday</u>	21
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Eucharist with Kids Church
11.30 am	Lenten Study (Old Church)

Next week: First Sunday in Lent  
- February 21, 2020

Reading:  
1 Peter 3.18-22

Server:  
8 am David Bruce

Welcomers:  
8 am Doug Hastings  
Adam Thevapalan  
10 am Shanti Lieversz  
Nima Flora

Readers:  
8 am Janice Miller  
10 am Peter Northwood

Intercessor:  
10 am Judith Gibson

Galahkookemu

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



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.



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

Joyriver Chinese Church  
Saturdays from 3pm

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<b>Priest</b> (Day off - Monday)	The Venerable Dianne Sharrock
<b>Assistant Curate</b> (Tues, Wed & Thurs mornings, Fri, Sun)	The Revd Greg Wong
<b>Children's and Families' Minister</b> (Tues 10.00 am - 3.00 pm, Wed 9.30 am - 2.30 pm, Sun 10.30 am - 12.30 pm)	Lisa Eames
<b>Child Safety Compliance Officer</b>	Elaine Fasken
<b>Covid19 Compliance Officer</b>	Sugan Blanchard
<b>Music Director</b>	Brian Copple
<b>Treasurer</b>	Helen Warren
<b>Office Manager</b>	Katherine Rushby
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Graeme Dellora John Foster Sue Retschko
<b>Parish Council:</b>	Sugan Blanchard, David Bruce, Margaret Crawford, Rowena Ferguson, Judith Gibson, Jennifer Gracie, Nathan Kelly, Sherredan Maher, Helen Warren, Joan West
<b>Pastoral Care Ministry:</b>	
<i>Hospital Visiting:</i>	Clergy
<i>Funeral Ministry:</i>	The Vicar
<i>Contemporary Eucharist Contact:</i>	Rowena Ferguson
<b>Spiritual Directors:</b>	Cath Connelly Val Dyke
<b>Prayer Chain contact</b>	Margaret Syfret
<b>SERVICES:</b>	<b>Sunday 8.00 &amp; 10.00 am</b> <b>Thursday 10.00 am</b>