



Fifth Sunday of Easter

2 May 2021

Upcoming dates for your diary:

- Revds Dianne and Greg will be at a Clergy Conference on the 10th/11th May.
- Pentecost Sunday on 23rd May – joint service at 9.30am including First Communion for 6 children.
- Ecumenical Service on 30th May (10am).
- NAIDOC week 4th – 11th July.
- Bible Study 'Book of Esther' with Bp Paul Barker on 14th, 21st and 28th July to be livestreamed to here. We will have pizzas at 6.30pm with a short worship time and then watch Bp Paul.
- Patronal Festival of St Mary on 12th September (joint service at 9.30am).
- Church Fete on 23rd October.
- Christ the King on 21st November with Baptism, Confirmation and Reception with Bp Paul (joint service at 9.30am).
- Annual Meeting on 28th November (joint service at 9.30am).

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: Ven Dianne

Hymn: TIS 393 'Christ is Alive' v. 1, 4, 5

O God,
form the minds of your faithful people,
that we may love what you command
and desire what you promise,
so that, amid the many changes of this world,
our hearts may there be fixed where true joys
are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

10.00 am

Presiding:

Revd Greg

Preaching:

Ven Dianne

Cantor:

Allan Washington

Liturgy Setting:

Curtis Stephan

Processional:

TIS 393 'Christ is Alive' v.1 - 5

Sentence:

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

First Reading:

1 John 4: 7-21

Psalm Response:



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I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the Lord.
The lowly shall eat their fill;
They who see the Lord shall praise him:
"May your hearts live forever!"

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth;
Before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
All the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

And to him my soul shall live;
My descendants shall serve him.
Let the coming generation be told of the Lord
That they may proclaim to a people yet to be born
The justice he has shown.

Gospel Acclamation:

Owen Alstott



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Gospel:

John 15.1-8

Offertory:

TIS 417 'Living Spirit' v. 1 - 4

Choir Anthem:

'Take This Bread' Andrew Wright

Recessional Hymn:

'Christ Be Our Light' v.1,3,5

First Reading: 1 John 4: 7-21

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. **9 God's** love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. 15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19 We love because

he first loved us. 20 Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel Reading: John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Three things from Parish Council

- Palm Sunday and Easter Services well attended and all went well. Thank you to all who participated.
- Seminar on The Book of Ester July 14, 21, 28 Bishop Paul. Parishioners will receive further information in the future.
- We will have Confirmations, Baptisms and reception on 21 November (Christ the King). Bishop Paul to preside.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Christ is Alive'

- 1.Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
we celebrate our risen Lord,
praising the glory of his name.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 2.He is the grain of wheat that died,
sown in distress and reaped in joy,
yielding a harvest of new life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 3.He is the sun which brings the dawn:
he is the light of all the world,
setting us free from death and sin.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 4.He is the vine set in the earth,
sharing our life, from birth to death,
that we might share in God's own life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 5.He is the bread that comes from God,
broken to feed us in our need,
given to bring eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Pamela Stotter 1944 -

OFFERTORY HYMN

'Loving Spirit, loving Spirit'

- 1.Loving Spirit, loving spirit,
you have chosen me to be –
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.
- 2.Like a mother you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.
- 3.Like a father you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

- 4.Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.

Shirley Erena Murray 1931 -

RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Christ Be Our Light'

- 1.Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-
ness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.
- 2.Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light ...
- 3.Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light ...

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Ladies Guild

Opportunity Shop Week

The Ladies Guild will operating The Lions Club Opportunity Shop in Wadham Parade, Mount Waverley from Monday 3rd May to Friday 7th May.



Could you please put aside any saleable items for delivery to the shop on Tuesday 27th April.

Congregational Giving Report
1st JANUARY to 31st MARCH 2021

Giving Category	Amount Given	Budget Amount	Variation from Budget
Open	1,869	400	+ 1,469
Envelopes	11,914	2,000	+ 9,914
Direct to Bank Account	18,148	21,000	- 2,852
ADF Planned Giving	21,827	22,500	- 673
TOTALS	53,758	45,900	+ 7,858

Thank you from the Wardens for your continued generosity.

CAR BOOT SALE -- SAT 23rd OCTOBER 2021

Still plenty of car spaces available ! Bring your car-load of items -- and take home what you do not sell. A great fund-raiser for the Parish -- and a bonding experience for parishioners.

The Wardens need to know numbers by Wed 12th May. We ask all interested participants to contact either -- Office Manager Katherine Rushby;

John Foster

Graeme Dellora

Sue Retschko



WINTER WOOLIES APPEAL

During the month of May the Social Justice Committee are seeking donations of winter woolies for distribution to the homeless through St Mark's Fitzroy and to the Asylum Seekers at Dandenong.

Donations can be left in the Narthex or in the foyer by the orange door.

Items can be new or good quality, clean second-hand goods.

Suggested items: Blankets, Sleeping Bags, Coats, Jumpers, Track Pants,
Beanies, Scarves, Gloves, New Underwear or socks



AUSTRALIS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



Do you believe that Henry VIII began the Church of England / Anglican Church?

Have you heard about St. Hilda, the nun who was in charge of male & female monasteries at the same time?

Did you know that Charles Wesley was a Church of England minister?

Who was the anchorite Julian of Norwich? What is an anchorite?

How did the Church of England become the Anglican Church of Australia?

If you are interested in any of these questions or have questions of your own, perhaps you would like to join the Australis Program which is restarting after the Corona Pandemic Lock Down? This program is based on adult learning, using what you know or want to know as a starting point. Assignments are optional. Many of us in this program have learned amazing things about the scriptures and our own faith.

We intend to meet on Tuesday evenings beginning early in May. The comprehensive study book, costing \$60, which includes most of the resources you need, has to be ordered and printed in Bendigo, so we need to order extra copies soon. Please speak with Irene Donohoue Clyne for more information or email (check parish directory)

Social Gathering/Hopper Night - SOLD OUT

MISSION BOX COLLECTION

The long-awaited mission box changeover will happen on 2nd, 9th and 16th May 2021 when full Mission Boxes will be collected and exchanged for empty boxes.

Afternoon Meditation Gatherings

1st Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Chapel, based on Ignatian Spirituality. A Sacred Space where you can find rest and stillness, listen and centre yourself. Spiritual food is offered to aid reflection and meditation. Contact Val Dyke. Next session will be on 12th May 2021.

The Thursday Evening Meditation Group

We continue to meet on Zoom on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month at 7.30pm. Our next session will be on May 13 at 7.30pm. Zoom links are emailed to members prior to the sessions or enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley. The session following May 13 will be May 27 at 7.30pm.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter

- May 2, 2021

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Eucharist with Kids Church

Monday 3

4.00 - 8.45 pm Karen Margaret Dance

Tuesday 4

Wednesday 5

10.30 am-12.00 pm mainly music (Old Church)

2.00 pm Funeral

Thursday 6

10.00 am Thursday Eucharist
7.30 pm Choir Practice (Church)

Friday 7

6.30 pm Hopper Night

Saturday 8

3.00 - 10.00 pm Chinese Church

Sunday 9 Easter 6

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Eucharist with Kids Church
3.00 - 8.00 pm TCCV service

The Net **will gather for our men's breakfast at 9.30am** this coming Saturday, May 8 at the Air-stream Café, Century City Walk, Glen Waverley. All men of the parish are welcome. Please contact Michael Mosley if you would like further info.

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

Next week: Sixth Sunday of Easter

- May 9, 2021

8am

Server Brett Gaffney

Welcomers Doug Hastings Celia Gant

Reader John Foster
1 John 5: 1-12

10am

Welcomers Natalie Stroud
Tony Watts

Reader Val Dyke
1 John 5: 1-12

Intercessor Rowena Ferguson

Covid Cleaning Roster

Sunday 2nd May

8.00am Shanti Lieversz
Darrell Lieversz
10.00am Helen Warren
Margaret Crawford

Thursday 6th May

10.00am Val Dyke
Lyn Ryan

Sunday 9th May

8.00am Stephen Lo
Hannah Lo
10.00am Sue Retschko
Nirmolini Flora

Joyriver Chinese Church
Saturdays from 3pm

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(Day off - Monday)

The Venerable Dianne Sharrock

Assistant Curate

(Day off - Monday)

The Revd Greg Wong

Children's and Families' Minister

Lisa Eames

(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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The Vicar

Contemporary Eucharist Contact:

Rowena Ferguson

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Val Dyke

Prayer Chain contact

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**SERVICES: Sunday 8.00 & 10.00 am
Thursday 10.00 am**