

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME



Sixth Sunday of Easter

9 May 2021

“If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God
who is always kept safe, I know nothing of it,
for it was not shown to me. But this was
shown: that in falling and rising again we
are always kept in that same precious love.”

— Julian of Norwich

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

Presiding: Revd Greg

Preaching: Venerable Dianne

Hymn: 'Called As Partners In Christ's Service'

10.00 am

Loving God,
your Son has chosen us
and called us to be his friends:
give us grace to keep his commandments,
to love one another,
and to bear fruit which will abide;
through him who is the true vine,
the source of all our life,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preaching & Presiding:

Cantor:

Liturgy Setting:

Processional:

Sentence:

First Reading:

Psalm Response:

Ven Dianne

Sophie Clapperton

Curtis Stephan

'Called As Partners in Christ's Service' Tune 517

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

1 John 5: 1-12

Bobby Fisher

Refrain: All



All the ends of the earth, sing a joy - ful song.

Sing to the Lord, there is sal - va - tion.

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Gospel Acclamation:



R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel:

Offertory:

Choir Anthem:

Recessional Hymn:

John 15.9-17

TIS 699 'A New Commandment' (*sung twice*)

'God Has Chosen Me' Bernadette Farrell

TIS 152 'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You'

First Reading: 1 John 5: 1-12

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4 for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. 7 There are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. 9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. 10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday 11th May. Katherine working Weds instead.

Gospel Reading: John 15.9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my **Father's commandments and abide in his** love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12 **'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.** 13 No one has greater love than this, to **lay down one's life for one's friends.** 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild wishes to thanks everyone who supported our week at the Lions Club Op-Shop.

Your help was very much appreciated.

The next meeting of the Ladies Guild will be on Thursday 13th May at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Please join us for a chat and afternoon tea. You will be most welcome.

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
'Called As Partners In Christ's Service'

1. **Called as partners in Christ's service,**
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfil God's chosen end.
2. **Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,**
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.
3. **Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,**
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.
4. So God grant us, for tomorrow,
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

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OFFERTORY HYMN
'A New Commandment' (sung twice)

A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this will others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another;
by this will others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

Source unknown

RECESSIONAL HYMN
'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You'

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, God of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
singing bird and flowing fountain
call to praise you joyfully.
3. You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest.
You our Father, Christ our brother,
all are yours who live in love;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to your joy above.

Henry Van Dyke
1852-1933 *alt.*

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.



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



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).

GARDENING GROUP

Next Saturday 15th May, the Garden Group will again convene to spruce up the church grounds. 9.30 am onwards. New helpers will be made most welcome.

Enquiries : Maggie and Graeme Dellora



MISSION BOX COLLECTION

The long-awaited mission box changeover will continue on 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

- May 9, 2021

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

Monday 10

4.00 - 8.45 pm Karen Margaret Dance

Tuesday 11

Wednesday 12

10.30 am-12.00 pm mainly music (Old Church)

2.30 pm - 3.30 pm Meditation (Old Church)

6.30 pm - 9.30 pm Kiwanis (Old Church)

Thursday 13

10.00 am Thursday Eucharist

2.00 - 3.30 pm Ladies Guild (Parish Centre)

4.00 - 5.00 pm First Communion Class
(Old Church)

7.30 pm Meditation (zoom)

Friday 14

2.00 pm Funeral

Saturday 15

3.00 - 10.00 pm Chinese Church

Sunday 16 Easter 7

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Eucharist with Kids Church

Next week: Seventh Sunday of Easter

- May 16, 2021

8am

Server Doug Hastings

Welcomers Nirmal Thevapalan
Adam Thevapalan

Reader Joanne Burns
1 John 5: 9-13

10am

Welcomers Graeme Dellora
Maggie Dellora

Reader Sue Retschko
1 John 5: 9-13

Intercessor Michael Mosley

Covid Cleaning Roster

Sunday 9th May

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

Thursday 13th May

10.00am Brian De Lacy
Jill De Lacy

Sunday 16th May

8.00am John Foster
Mo Smethurst
10.00am Sugan Blanchard
Arunthy Blanchard

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 (Day off - Monday) | 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) | 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 |
| Parish Council: | Sugan Blanchard, David Bruce, Margaret Crawford, Rowena Ferguson, Judith Gibson, Jennifer Gracie, Nathan Kelly, Sherredan Maher, Helen Warren, Joan West |
| 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 |