



100th Anniversary of Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union

8 August 2021

O my God teach my heart
where and how to seek you,
where and how to find you.
You are my God and you are my All
and I have never seen you.
You have made me and remade me,
You have bestowed on me
all the good things I possess,
Still I do not know you.
I have not yet done that
for which I was made.
Teach me to seek you.
I cannot seek you
unless you teach me,
or find you
unless you show yourself to me.
Let me seek you in my desire,
let me desire you in my seeking.
Let me find you by loving you,
let me love you where I find you.

Anselm of Canterbury

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:

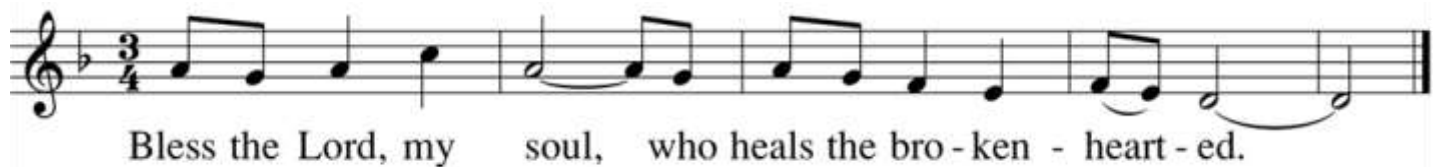
O God,
by whose grace your servant Mary
became a burning and a shining light in your Church:
grant that we also may be aflame
with the spirit of love and discipleship,
and walk before you as children of light;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

10.00 am

The Sanctuary bell will be rung 5 minutes before the service begins to observe a time of quiet.

Presiding: The Venerable Dianne
Preaching: Irene Donohoue Clyne
Cantor: Fran Ludgate
Liturgy Setting: **Curtis Stephan 'Mass of Creation'**
Processional: **'Thank You, God, For All the Women'** *tune TIS 92*
Sentence: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false; they will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.
First Reading: Deuteronomy 10: 12 – 22

Psalm Response:



Text: Psalm 147:12-13, 1-2, 3-4, 14-15; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
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Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: Matthew 17: 22 – 27
Offertory: TIS 420 'Holy Spirit, Go Before Us'
Communion Meditation: 'Gentle Woman' - by Carey Landry
Recessional Hymn: TIS 687 'God Gives Us a Future'

People of all Christian churches, who are communicants of their own church, are invited to share Holy Communion with us

First Reading: Deuteronomy 10: 12 – 22

12 So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. 14 Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, 15 yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. 16 Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. 17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, 18 who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. 19 You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. 20 You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. 21 He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. 22 Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17: 22 – 27

22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus **said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, 23 and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised.'** And they were greatly distressed. 24 When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the **temple tax came to Peter and said, 'Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?'** 25 He said, **'Yes, he does.'** And when he came home, **Jesus spoke of it first, asking, 'What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their children or from others?'** 26 **When Peter said, 'From others', Jesus said to him, 'Then the children are free. 27 However, so that we do not give offence to them, go to the lake and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me.'**



Mothers' Union

MU Birthday Celebration (deferred from June)
Monday August 30th from 12 noon

Homemade casserole lunch with a delicious desert served @ 12-30, donation \$20.

Guest speaker Dr. Gwenda Beed Davey
AM **speaking about Australian Girls' Childhood** research @ 2pm.

The money raised will support the MU Positive Parenting Program in Papua-New Guinea.

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 August 12th at 7.30pm. Zoom links are emailed to members prior to the sessions or enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley.

mainly music continues to engage with young families. You are always welcome to come along and see what we do on Wednesdays 10.30am -



mainly music

12 noon, Old Church, during school term.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
'Thank You, God, For All the Women'

*Thank you, God, for all the women,
faithful, hopeful, loving, strong.
Multiply the gifts you give them,
amplify your daughters' song.*

1. Always serving, seldom counted,
cleaning brass and making tea,
running Sunday schools and op shops,
caring, praying constantly:
Thank you, God, for all the women...

2. Mothers, sisters, deaconesses,
workers in the mission fields,
synod reps and vestry members,
Mothers' Unions, Ladies' Guilds:
Thank you, God, for all the women...

3. Clergy wives and bible scholars,
flower arrangers, GFS,
deacons, priests and bishops (today!)
preach and teach, absolve and bless:
Thank you, God, for all the women...

4. Theologians and church wardens,
shaping faith communities,
fete conveners, church musicians –
count the women's ministries!
Thank you, God, for all the women...

Words: Elizabeth J. Smith

OFFERTORY HYMN
TIS 420 'Holy Spirit, Go Before Us'

1. Holy Spirit, go before us,
every mind and heart prepare
for good news of life in Jesus,
for the joyful hope we share.
Gently lead the lost to safety,
gently teach them Wisdom's way,
till they come to seek you gladly,
till we find the words to say.

2. Holy Spirit, come and help us,
give us words to speak of Christ.
Teach us how to tell all people:
deepest darkness can be light!
Help us tell how faithful God is,
and how Jesus sets us free;
take our words, and make them gospel,
so that many may believe.

3. Holy Spirit, stay to show us
how to serve as Christ served us.
May our words of love be grounded
in love's actions, first and last.
Your good news is news of justice,
and the strong befriend the weak
in your service, till compassion
builds the peace the nations seek.

Words: Elizabeth J. Smith

RECESSIONAL HYMN
TIS 687 'God Give Us a Future'

1. God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.

2. We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.

3. Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life, and
find our future there. *Words: Elizabeth J. Smith*

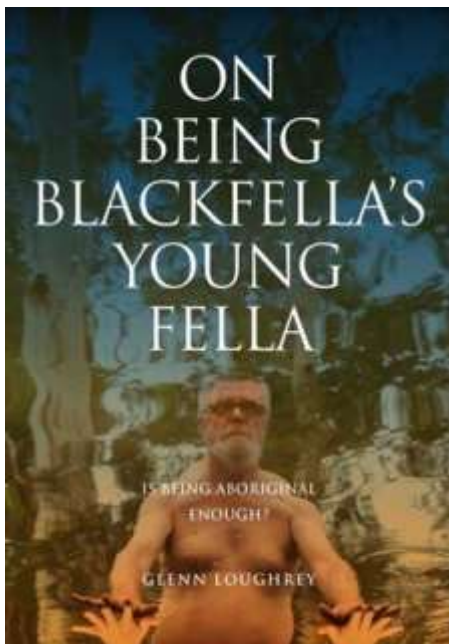
YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO THIS FREE EVENT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

**A COMMUNITY FORUM
'LISTENING TO FIRST AUSTRALIANS'**

(WHIN-NGA-RRA ... LISTEN, HEAR AND THINK)

**LET'S TAKE THE FIRST STEPS ON OUR
JOURNEY TO UNDERSTANDING**



THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- WELCOME TO COUNTRY/
SMOKING CEREMONY
- TALK BY INSPIRING WRITER
AND ARTIST, WIRADJURI
MAN, GLENN LOUGHREY
- OPEN FORUM/Q&A, WITH
AN INDIGENOUS PANEL ON
MATTERS IMPORTANT TO
THEIR COMMUNITY
- GLENN'S ARTWORK ON DISPLAY

**AT HIGH STREET ROAD UNITING CHURCH*
482 HIGH STREET ROAD, MOUNT WAVERLEY**

2:15PM TO 4:15PM

**PLEASE NOTE: PLACES AT THE VENUE MAY BE LIMITED, IF
COVID RESTRICTIONS ARE IN FORCE**

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

The life and legacy of Mary Sumner

The founder of Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner, is marked in our Lectionary on 9 August and is commemorated for her radical vision, says Mia Mia Editor Susan Skowronski: "She reflected on the importance of motherhood and envisaged calling women of all social classes to support one another"

Educated at home, Mary Sumner, née Heywood, learned to speak three foreign languages and sing well. She travelled to Rome to complete her musical education where she met her future husband, George Sumner. George was ordained and in 1851 received the 'living' (that is a parish appointment) of Old Arlesford, Hampshire where Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and helping her husband in his ministry by providing music and Bible classes. In 1876, when her eldest daughter Margaret gave birth, she felt it would be beneficial for young mothers in the parish to be offered support. She reflected on the importance of motherhood and envisaged calling women of all social classes to support one another. Mary was nervous at first, but soon gathered the courage to put her plans into action, calling a meeting in the Old Arlesford Rectory where George Sumner spoke about giving religious teaching and leadership in the home.

The Mothers' Union was limited to her parish until 1885, when she was asked to address the Portsmouth Church Congress by the Bishop of Newcastle. She spoke passionately of national morality and the importance of women's vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. She focused on the two ideas central to her Mothers' Union group: being a good example to children and keeping prayer central to the life of the family. This led to a number of women going on to found mothers' meetings in their own parishes, and soon the Bishop of Winchester made the Mothers' Union a Diocesan organisation.

The Mothers' Union concept spread rapidly to Dioceses throughout the United Kingdom, and as women migrated to different parts of the Commonwealth it was established overseas. By 1892, after just seven years, the movement had spread to India, Canada, Gibraltar, Malta, South Africa, West Indies, New Zealand, and Australia, operating in 28 Dioceses, with 60,000 members. In 1897, Queen Victoria became patron of Mothers' Union, giving it her stamp of approval.

In Australia the first Branch was formed in 1892 at Cullenswood in Tasmania by the wife of the Rector of Cullenswood. The movement spread quickly and within a few years The Mothers' Union was established in the Diocese of Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Perth and Brisbane.

Behind this move were strong Christian women who shared Mary Sumner's Vision.

The first branch in the Brisbane Diocese was established at Milton in 1904 by Mrs Exley, the wife of a school teacher. In 1906 Lady Chelmsford, wife of the Governor, was appointed the first Diocesan President.

On 9 August 1921 Mary died at the age of 92. She is buried with her husband in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral. She is commemorated in the liturgical calendars of the Church of England, the Church in Wales, the Anglican Church of Australia and other provinces on the date of her death. In 1925 a central headquarters for the worldwide organisation was established in London known as Mary Sumner House, adjacent to Westminster Abbey. The integrity and social responsibility of The Mothers' Union has always been highly regarded and in 1926 at the 50th Jubilee, The Mothers' Union was granted a Royal Charter by His Majesty King George V.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday 100th Anniversary of Mary Sumner
- August 8, 2021

10.00 am Eucharist via zoom

Monday 9

Tuesday 10

Wednesday 11

Thursday 12

Friday 13

Saturday 14

3.00 - 10.00 pm Chinese Church

Sunday 15 Pentecost 12

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Eucharist

11.30 am—1.00pm Confirmation Class (Old Ch)

Next Sunday Pentecost 12

- August 15, 2021

8.00 am

Server Brett Gaffney

Welcomers David Sharrock

Reader Adam Thevapalan

Ephesians 5:11 – 21

Intercessor Clergy

10.00 am

Welcomers Nima Flora

Natalie Stroud

Reader Rowena Ferguson

Ephesians 5:11 – 21

Intercessor Michael Mosley

Morning Tea Elaine Fasken

Jill Paquin

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. Next session will be on 1st September 2021.

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 0409829389



Covid Cleaning Roster

Sunday 15th August

8.00am Stephen Lo

Hannah Lo

10.00am Graeme Dellora

Maggie Dellora

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