



## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

29 August 2021

### Dates for Calendar

Sunday 12th September - Patronal Festival Joint Service 9:30am.

Saturday 23rd October - Mini-Fete.

Sunday 21st November - Christ the King Joint service 9:30am, including confirmation with Bp Paul Barker.

Sunday 28th November - 1st Sunday of Advent Joint service 9:30am, Annual Meeting afterwards.

Sunday 19th December - Normal morning services 8am and 10am, Carol Service 5pm.

Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve Children & Families Service 5pm, Christmas Midnight Service 11pm.

Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day 9:30am (one service only).

Sunday 26th December - Christmas 1 9:30am (one service only).

### 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:

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord,  
and enlighten our hearts  
through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ,  
that when he comes in glory to be our judge  
we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

10.00 am

Preaching & Presiding:

Revd Greg

Cantor:

Brian Copple

Liturgy Setting:

**Curtis Stephan 'Mass of Creation'**

Introit:

**'Christ Be Our Light'**

Sentence:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift,  
is from above, coming down from the Father of  
lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow  
due to change.

First Reading:

James 1.17-27

Psalm Response:



**℟. The one who does jus-tice will live in the pres-ence of the Lord.**

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Gospel Acclamation:



**℟. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

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Gospel:

Mark 7.1-8, 14-23

Offertory:

**'Holy Spirit Living Breath of God'**

Recessional Hymn:

**TIS 531 'Sent Forth By God's Blessing'**

### Parish Survey

Parish Council are interested in getting your feedback about our current services as well as what we might do going forward. A survey will come out via email next week with various options for returning it to church, so please keep your eye out for that.

First Reading: James 1.17-27

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce **God's righteousness.** 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. 26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7.1-8, 14-23

1 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, 2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5 So the

**Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' 6 He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." 8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'** 14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, '**Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'** 17 When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. 18 **He said to them, 'Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, 19 since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?' (Thus he declared all foods clean.)** 20 **And he said, 'It is what comes out of a person that defiles. 21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'**

## 2022 Lectionary orders

The APBA Lectionary 2022 (Luke) is now in stock and available for sale at our usual stockist.

Why not spend some time this Lockdown getting ahead in your preparations for next year?

The cost to parishioners is \$15.00.

To purchase copies of the Lectionary please email parish office.

Due to the lockdown payment via bank transfer is preferred.

PROCESSIONAL 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 darkness.*

*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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OFFERTORY HYMN

'Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God'

1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
may Your joy be seen in all I do.  
**Love enough to cover ev'ry sin,**  
in each thought and deed and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

- 3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,**  
giving life to all that God has made,  
show Your power once again on earth,  
cause Your church to hunger for your ways.  
**Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise;**  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
that in unity the face of Christ  
may be clear for all the world to see.

*Stuart Townend and Keith Getty*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 531 'Sent Forth By God's Blessing'

1. **Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith**  
confessing,  
the people of God from his table take leave.  
The supper is ended: may now be extended  
the fruits of his service in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls  
reaching,  
shall blossom in action for all humankind.  
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us  
to work for his kingdom, his purpose to find.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-  
living  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face,  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing as neighbours all those of each  
race.  
One feast that has fed us, one light that has  
led us,  
unite us as one in his life that we share.  
Then may all the living, with praise and thanks-  
giving,  
give honour to Christ and his name that we  
bear.

Omer Westendorf  
1916 -1997

## Mothers' Union Fund Raising Lunch for 2021

Unfortunately, we have cancelled this event on Monday August 30<sup>th</sup> due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

Instead, Dr Gwenda Beed Davey has agreed to give her presentation via ZOOM on that day beginning at 2pm.

Gwenda will be speaking about *GIRL TALK: 100 years of Australian Girls' Childhood*, which is also the title of her recent book. If you thought your childhood was rather ordinary, you will enjoy hearing about the memories of Australian Women who can remember simpler and safer lives.

If you are not a member of MU but would like to hear this most interesting presentation, on Monday August 30<sup>th</sup>, please email Irene so we can forward the Zoom link.



### Three Things from Parish Council

- Parish Council would like to acknowledge the work of many people who work behind the scenes to ensure our services continue.
- Survey of Parishioners re the changes to worship will be out in September.
- Thank you to all those parishioners who are providing Pastoral care to people via phone calls, emails and zoom.

### VALE REV'D GARY BOUMA

Emeritus Professor Gary Bouma AM passed away on August 19<sup>th</sup>, aged 79. Gary was an inspirational preacher at our parish on quite a few occasions. Born in Michigan, USA, Gary was an eminent sociologist, joining Monash University in 1979 as a lecturer in anthropology and sociology.

After an outstanding academic career, Gary was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2013. He believed strongly that religion is a legitimate causal agent of social change. An ordained Anglican priest with boundless energy, Gary was active in parish ministry and in the wider work of the church to the end of his days.

Our thoughts are with wife Patricia and all his family on their great loss.

A Requiem Eucharist in thanksgiving for the life of Gary Bouma was held in St John The Evangelist Anglican Church, Malvern East, on Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. RIP

## SPONSOR A PLANT!

The garden plot in the centre of the carpark, where the old Eucalypt used to be, is being transformed into a contemplative native garden, as you might be aware. Already the Garden Group has laid a cross-shaped path and has planted out the grasses and shrubs.

A Eucalypt tree and a bird-bath, have been donated and will be positioned and dedicated on the Patronal Day, 12th September – lockdown permitting.

The Garden Group, would love the wider community of St. Stephen and St. Mary to become involved in this project by way of Sponsorship of the plants.

**The three categories of sponsorship are: “Small”, “Medium” and “Large” plants. The total numbers of plants in each category, species of plants and financial levels of sponsorship are:**

- 42 Small - \$10 per plant      *Poa labillarderei, Dichelachne crinita*
- 14 Medium - \$15 per plant      *Banksia serrata prostrate, Eremophila glabra*  
“Kalbarri Carpet”, *Xerochrysum viscosum, Brachyscome angustifolia.*
- 22 Large - \$20 per plant      *Correa reflexa reflexa, Crowea exalata, Epacris longifolia, Epacris impressa, Grevillea hybrids.*

Nearly all the plants are native to Victoria; the two exceptions being the *Eremophila* which is endemic to drier parts of inland Australia including S.A. and N.S.W., and *Epacris longifolia* which occurs along the Great Dividing Range in N.S.W. But both are glorious in shape and flower and have proved hardy in Melbourne gardens.

We will appreciate your generosity to benefit the parish for generations to come, so to that end your sponsorship won't mean your ownership but will be a blessing to all parishioners. The Garden Group will do everything in its power to look after the plants – lockdowns permitting – **but it can't guarantee life everlasting. It doesn't have sufficient spiritual proficiency to be able to do that!**

Thus, if you would like to become a plant sponsor, would you please either:

- a. directly transfer your sponsorship money into the St. Stephen and St. Mary general **account marking it “Plant Sponsor”, or**
- b. **place money in an envelope in the Sunday offertory bowl marked “Plant Sponsor”.**

The money raised will be used for the general running of the parish of St. Stephen and St. Mary.

Many thanks for your participation in this project. The Garden Group.



# Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
- August 29, 2021

10.00 am Eucharist via zoom

Monday 30

Tuesday 31

Wednesday 1

Thursday 2

Friday 3

Saturday 4

Sunday 5 Pentecost 15

10.00 am Eucharist via zoom

Next Sunday Pentecost 15  
- September 5, 2021

8.00 am

Server Joanne Burns

Welcomers Nirmal Thevapalan  
Adam Thevapalan

Reader John Foster  
James 2: 1-10, 14-17

Gospel Mark 7: 24-37

Intercessor Clergy

10.00 am

Welcomers

Reader Val Dyke  
James 2: 1-10, 14-17

Gospel Mark 7: 24-37

Intercessor Rowena Ferguson

Morning Tea Judy and David Duncan

## 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 1st September 2021.

## Covid Cleaning Roster

Sunday 29th August

8.00am Shanti Lieversz

Darrell Lieversz

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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<b>Priest</b> (Day off - Monday)	The Venerable Dianne Sharrock
<b>Assistant Curate</b> (Day off - Monday)	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 Cople
<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>