



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

5 September 2021

Dates for Calendar

Sunday 12th September - Patronal Festival 10am.

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:

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase our faith, hope, and love,
and, that we may receive all you promise,
make us love what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

10.00 am

Preaching & Presiding:

Revd Greg

Cantor:

Brian Copple

Liturgy Setting:

Curtis Stephan 'Mass of Creation'

Introit:

TIS 638 'O Christ, The Healer'

Sentence:

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged
by the law of liberty.

First Reading:

James 2.1-10, 14-17

Psalm Response:



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Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

Mark 7.24-37

Offertory:

TIS 254 'O changeless Christ'

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 430 'Your words to me are life and health'

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 Sunday 5th September with various options for returning it to church, so please keep your eye out for that.

First Reading: James 2.1-10, 14-17

1 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? 2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, 3 and if you take notice of the **one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet'**, 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? 7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? 8 You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the **scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'** 9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. 14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16 **and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?** 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7.24-37

24 From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, 25 but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin.

She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 **He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'** 28 But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' 29 Then he **said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.'** 30 So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. 31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, '**Ephphatha**', that is, '**Be opened.**' 35 And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 They were astounded beyond **measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'**

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 by September 12th. Due to the lockdown payment via bank transfer is preferred.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
'O Christ, The Healer'

- 1.O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?
- 2.From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamour to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.
- 3.Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

*Frederick Pratt Green
1903-2000*

OFFERTORY HYMN
'O changeless Christ'

- 1.O changeless Christ, for ever new,
who walked our earthly ways,
still draw our hearts as once you drew
the hearts of other days.
- 2.And as of old to all who prayed
your healing hand was shown,
so be your touch upon us laid,
unseen but not unknown.
- 3.In broken bread, in wine outpoured,
your new and living way
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,
O Christ of this our day.
- 4.O changeless Christ, till life is past
your blessing still be given;
then bring us home, to taste at last
the timeless joys of heaven.

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926 -

RECESSIONAL HYMN
'Your words to me are life and health'

- 1.Your words to me are life and health;
pour strength into my soul;
enable, guide, and teach my heart
to reach its perfect goal.
- 2.Your words to me are light and truth;
from day to day they show
their wisdom, passing human thought,
as in their truth I grow.
- 3.Your words to me are full of joy,
of beauty, peace and grace;
from them I learn your blessed will,
through them I see your face.
- 4.Your words are perfected in One,
yourself, the living Word;
within my heart your image print
in clearest lines, O Lord.

*George Currie Martin
1865-1937 alt.*

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.

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
- September 5, 2021

10.00 am Eucharist via zoom

Monday 6

Tuesday 7

10.00 am Morning Prayer (zoom)

Wednesday 8

2.00 pm Interment of ashes

Thursday 9

7.30 pm Meditation (zoom)

Friday 10

Saturday 11

Sunday 12 Mary, Mother of Our Lord

10.00 am Eucharist via zoom

Next Sunday Patronal Festival of St Mary
- September 12, 2021

10.00 am

Welcomers Nima Flora
David Sharrock

Readers Jenny Brown
Isaiah 61: 10 - 62: 3

Nathan Kelly
Galatians: 4: 4 – 7

Gospel
Luke 2: 1 - 7

Intercessor Joan West

Morning Tea Jenny and Howard Brown

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 September 9th at 7.30pm. Zoom links are emailed to members prior to the sessions or enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley.

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 6th October 2021.

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
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<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