



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

19 September 2021

Dates for Calendar

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:

God and Father of all,
you have taught us through your Son
that the last shall be first,
and have made a little child the measure of your kingdom:
give us the wisdom from above,
so that we may understand that in your sight
the one who serves is the greatest of all.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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:

The Venerable Dianne Sharrock

Cantor:

Reis Flora

Liturgy Setting:

Curtis Stephan 'Mass of Renewal'

Introit:

TIS 650 'Brother, sister, let me serve you' v.1,2,3,4,6

Sentence:

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

First Reading:

James 3:1-12

Psalm Response:



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Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

Mark 9:30-37

Offertory:

TIS 491 'Father welcomes all his children'

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 136 'There's a wideness in God's mercy'

The LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish. Psalm 1.6

First Reading: James 3:1-12

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8 but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; 31 for he was teaching his disciples, **saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.'** 32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. 33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, **'What were you arguing about on the way?'** 34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. 35 He sat down, called the **twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.'** 36 Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 37 **'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'**



Synod Representative

Sally Hibbert has been appointed Synod Rep for this parish—no voting necessary.

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
'Brother, sister, let me serve you'

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard 1953-

OFFERTORY HYMN
'Father welcomes all his children'

Refrain

*Father welcomes all his children
to his family through his Son;
Father giving his salvation,
life for ever has been won.*

1. Little children, come to me,
for my kingdom is of these;
life and love I have to give,
mercy for your sin.

Refrain

2. In the water, in the word
in his promise, be assured:
those who are baptized and believe
shall be born again.

Refrain

3. Let us daily die to sin,
let us daily rise with him,
walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
live in the peace of God.

Refrain

Robin Mann 1949 -

RECESSIONAL HYMN
'There's a wideness in God's mercy'

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea,
and forgiveness in his justice
sealed for us on Calvary.

2. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

3. If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the goodness of our Lord.

Frederick William Faber 1814-63 alt.



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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
- September 19, 2021

10.00 am Eucharist via zoom

Monday 20

Tuesday 21

10.00 am Morning Prayer (zoom)

Wednesday 22

Thursday 23

7.30 pm Meditation (zoom)

Friday 24

Saturday 24

Sunday 26 Michael & All Angels

10.00 am Eucharist via zoom

Next Sunday Michael & All Angels
- September 26, 2021

10.00 am

Welcomers Sugan Blanchard
Arunthy Blanchard

Reader Natalie Stroud
Revelation 12: 7 - 12a

Gospel John 1: 45 - 51
(read by Clergy)

Intercessor Val Dyke

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 23rd 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
Covid19 Compliance Officer	Sugan Blanchard
Music Director	Brian Copple
Treasurer	Helen Warren
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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