

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME



## Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

31 October 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 5th December - Healing and Hope and service 5pm.

Sunday 19th December - Normal morning services 8am and 10am and Carol Service at 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).

Sunday 2nd January 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:

8.00 am

Preaching & Presiding: The  
Venerable Dianne Sharrock

Hymn: **TIS 699 'A New**

**Commandment'**

Organist: John Leaver

10.00 am

O God,  
whose blessed Son came into the world  
that he might destroy the works of evil  
and make us your children and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that, having this hope,  
we may purify ourselves as he is pure;  
that, when he comes again with power and great glory,  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Preaching & Presiding:

The Venerable Dianne Sharrock

Cantor:

Sophie Clapperton

Liturgy Setting:

**'Mass of Renewal'** Curtis Stephan

Introit:

**'As We Gather Round Your Table'** Tune: TIS 520

Sentence:

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure,  
pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be  
put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the  
measure you get back.

First Reading:

Hebrews 9.11-14

Psalm Response:



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Psalm:

Ps 146

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

Mark 12. 28-34

Offertory:

**TIS 699 'A New Commandment'**

Communion Meditation:

**'How Beautiful'** by Twila Paris

Recessional Hymn:

**TIS 217(i) 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'**

First Reading: Hebrews 9.11-15

11 When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), 12 he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Gospel Reading: Mark 12. 13-17, 28-34

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him,

**‘Which commandment is the first of all?’** 29 **Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.”** 31 **The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”** There is no other commandment greater than these.’ 32 Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; 33 and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

## Psalm 146

1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul:  
while I live I will praise the Lord;

2 While I have any being:  
I will sing praises to my God.

3 Put not your trust in princes:  
nor in flesh and blood, which cannot save.

4 For when their breath goes from them,  
they return again to the earth:  
and on that day all their thoughts perish.

5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of  
Jacob:

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

6 The God who made heaven and earth:  
the sea, and all that is in them,

7 Who keeps faith for ever:

who deals justice to those that are oppressed.

8 The Lord gives food to the hungry:  
and sets the captives free.

9 The Lord gives sight to the blind:  
the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.

10 The Lord loves the righteous:  
the Lord cares for the stranger in the land.

11 He upholds the widow and the fatherless:  
as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside  
down.

12 The Lord shall be king for ever:  
your God, O Zion, shall reign through all  
generations.

Praise the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN  
'As We Gather Round Your Table'

1. As we gather round your table,  
**wipe away the tears we've shed.**  
Share your gifts of love and laughter,  
pour the wine and break the bread.  
Christ our Wisdom, Christ our Justice,  
feast with us till all are fed.
2. We have heard your call to service,  
seen forgiveness in your face.  
In your heart you hold our future:  
clothe us with your shining grace.  
Christ our End and our Beginning,  
make us strong to run this race.
3. You gave up your place of honour.  
Stripped of human pride, you came  
touching lepers, blessing children,  
loving all who bear your name.  
Christ of kindness, Christ of welcome,  
teach us how to do the same.

*Elizabeth J. Smith*

OFFERTORY HYMN  
'A New Commandment'

1. 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  
'Love Divine'

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave:  
thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be,  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.*

Proof of covid vaccination  
**If you can't access your covid vaccination**  
certificate online, you can phone the  
Australian Immunisation Register - 1800 653  
809 between 8am-5pm, Mon-Fri and ask  
them to send it to you. It can take up to two -  
three weeks to arrive in the mail.



***Sunday November 28 following a Joint Service at 9.30am***

Thank you to all those who prepared reports for the Annual Report.

If you would like to nominate someone for the position of either Warden (2), Parish Council (9) or the Incumbency Committee (2), Ven Dianne has included the nomination form with the Parish Update email and hard copies will be available at the entrance to the church. The closing date to return these is Friday November 12. You can email completed forms to Katherine or return them to the office.

Joan West

Secretary, Parish Council

Four things from Parish Council

- Survey data presented to members. Sincere thanks to Nathan Kelly for a great job in putting this data together.
- A new ministry is proposed for upskilling parishioners IT skills. More to come about this.
- **Mothers' Union is looking at the introduction of a Prayer Shawl Ministry.**
- A Healing and Hope Service will be held on Sunday 5 December at 5.00pm

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 3rd November 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 November 11th at 7.30pm. Zoom links are emailed to members prior to the sessions or enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley

MU meeting Monday Nov.22<sup>nd</sup> @2pm Garden Party via Zoom .

To be part of this Garden Party, send a good clear photograph via email to Joan West.

It could be any plants or flowers, pot plant, aerial view etc. Or you might like to send Joan a prayer or poem, gardening hint or brief note about your garden for Joan to include in a PowerPoint presentation. Appropriate food will be prepared for your own use, hats are optional but encouraged.

A prize will be offered for the best contribution.



## 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

**Mothers' Union in our Parish is an active partner in** the international 16 Days of Activism which run from Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. to Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. We have decided as one of our actions to prepare *Survival Bags* for Women fleeing violence.



If you had to leave your own home in a hurry what would you take?...

We have been advised that the following personal care items would be appreciated by women in this situation...

A comb, toothbrush and toothpaste, soap and a hand towel, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, hand cream or moisturiser and a small packet of tissues.

In these Covid times, it might be useful to add hand sanitiser or handwipes. You might include other items such as, a notebook and pens, a folding shopping bag, a coin purse, a scarf or a novel or magazine. Try to select small items which would fit within a large handbag. Please do not include food items, sanitary products or make up.

There is a box in the parish Centre with some large handbags which we have been given and if you would like to participate in this action, you are free to take one to fill. Bags will need to be returned to the Parish Centre before Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Elizabeth Woods if you have any questions. Thank you for caring for Women escaping violence. IDC

# Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
- October 31, 2021

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Eucharist

Monday 1

Tuesday 2

10.00 am Morning Prayer (zoom)

Wednesday 3

Thursday 4

10.00 am Holy Communion

Friday 5

Saturday 6

3.00—10.00pm Chinese Church

Sunday 7 All Saints

10.00 am Eucharist

Next Sunday All Saints - November 7, 2021

8.00 am

Server Joanne Burns

Welcomers Celia Gant

Reader Frank Miller  
Revelation 21: 1- 6a

Gospel John 11: 32- 44  
(Clergy)

10.00 am

Welcomers Tony Watts  
Natalie Stroud

Readers Jenny Bowers  
Revelation 21: 1- 6a

Gospel John 11: 32- 44  
(Clergy)

Intercessor Sue Retschko

Morning Tea Maggie and Graeme Dellora

## Jewish Life Cycle Tour - A Day in Melbourne

Tuesday 16th November 9.00 am - 5.30 pm

\$129 per person. 4 places available.

Please let Dianne and Steven Green (1300 552 830) know if you are interested.

You can also register here: [www.trybooking.com/BSZYD](http://www.trybooking.com/BSZYD)

**We are also looking at having a bus picking up and returning from St Stephen's and St Mary's**  
but there will be an additional cost. Dianne will let you know un due course.

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**

(Tues, Thurs, Fri)

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:**

*Hospital Visiting:*

Clergy

*Funeral Ministry:*

The Vicar

*Contemporary Eucharist Contact:*

Rowena Ferguson

**Spiritual Directors:** Cath Connelly

Val Dyke

**Prayer Chain contact** Margaret Syfret

**SERVICES: Sunday 8.00 & 10.00 am**

**Thursday 10.00 am**