



## Third Sunday of Advent

12 December 2021

### Dates for Calendar

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).

Sunday 9th January - 9.30 am (one service only).

Sunday 16th January - 8.00 am and 10.00 am

Sunday 23rd January - 8.00 am and 10.00 am

Thursday 27th January - 10.00 am Return of Thursday Eucharist

Sunday 30th January - 8.00 am and 10.00 am

### 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.



The 2021 Toy Appeal will operate this year from September **to December in line with Victoria's current social distancing** regulations.

To give to this valuable cause, you can donate:

1. online at [www.anglicarevic.org.au/-toy-appeal](http://www.anglicarevic.org.au/-toy-appeal) either making a financial donation or selecting a gift on the Simply Giving Page.
2. by calling: Anglicare direct on 1800 809 722
3. by mail: PO Box 45, Abbotsford VIC 3067



**Mothers' Union will have its final meeting for the year** a celebratory Garden Party on Monday Dec 6th @ 2pm. This will be a time to meet and reconnect after a difficult year. Our first meeting for 2022 will be on Monday February 21st Eucharist at 2pm celebrated by our Vicar Ven Dianne in the Church, followed by revealing our program for 2022, our prayer partners and of course, afternoon tea. We welcome members of the parish and their friends to this meeting. **Visitors and new members are always welcomed in Mothers' Union.**



**Mothers' Union** would like to thank its members and the people of this parish for their generous response to the collection of Survival Bags to support the international campaign 16 Days of Activism Against Domestic Violence. We can accept bags until Sunday Dec.12th as we intend to deliver them to the Monash -Waverley Community Centre which is a main distribution point, the following day. Symbolic gestures such as filling these bags to support women and children escaping from domestic violence and providing food for the alms baskets, are practical expressions of our Christian faith which encourages to love and care for those in need.

Alms Baskets - please bring something

Firstly, please bring items for the Alms Baskets - we understand that both organisations are running very low on supplies with so many donors in similar situations to ours, while the number of people in need has increased.




3rd Thursday Christmas - 16th December

This year for the 3rd Thursday Christmas Service - in lieu of a luncheon - we will be having a festive morning tea.

The service will be at 10am as usual. Looking forward to seeing everyone.




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Many families who have been living in crowded refugee camps in India for decades want to return home to Sri Lanka. Sadly, the COVID-19 crisis has meant that many are unable to travel. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner keep refugees safe by providing medicine and protective clothing and equipment. Once the emergency is over, they will continue helping families experience the joy of returning to their homeland in Sri Lanka. **Please give today.**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](https://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188.



**Christmas Bowl**

Let me drink for ever deeply  
Of salvation's mighty flood,  
Till I thirst no more for ever  
After any earthly good;  
Live expectant of his coming,  
Watchful every hour abide,  
Haste to open, and be fully  
With his likeness to abide.



E. Wyn. James [trans. H. A. Hodges] Hymn IX Stanza 2





# WHAT IS YOUR FESTIVE FOOTPRINT?

**Experts report up to a 50% increase in household waste during the Festive Season.**

Be mindful of the environment and think about how you are going to dispose of waste and packaging when choosing and buying food, gifts, toys and household items.

## Food

Think about how many people you are expecting to feed. Create a food plan that includes what you can do with leftovers.



## Gifts

Opt for eco-friendly gifts where possible. Use wrapping that has already served a purpose like gift bags, boxes, pillowcases, and recovered wrapping paper. Food gifts could be wrapped in a tea towel. Avoid using sticky tape, glitter and foil sheets.



## Waste

Avoid excess packaging and recycle what you can. Think about re-gifting unwanted items or donating them to charity.



*Please consider your 'Festive Footprint' this Christmas and help to keep our Planet in good shape*



THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP INVITE YOU TO OUR



# SHOP & SHARE WITH CARE



## CHRISTMAS STALL

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021  
AFTER EACH OF THE SERVICES

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY  
MOUNT WAVERLEY



## Youth Group

On Thursday the youth group celebrated the end of the year, one of the few occasions we were able to meet together outside of church! We did an "Escape Room" in Glen Waverley followed by a burger and chips dinner at Grill'd. It was a good time to celebrate the end of a different year and also to look forward to next year with much hope. Please keep these children in your prayers as the future of the parish and as they grow in the faith here.



## GARDENING GROUP

Next Saturday 18th December, the Garden Group will convene to spruce up the Church grounds for Christmas. 9.30am onwards.  
Enquiries : Maggie and Graeme Dellora



Space for your notes on sermon

# Dates to put in your diary ...

## Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

- December 12, 2021

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
3.00 - 8.00 pm	TCCV Carol Service
<u>Monday</u>	13
<u>Tuesday</u>	14
10.00 am	Morning Prayer (zoom)
7.00 - 9.30 pm	<b>Amnesty Int'l</b>
<u>Wednesday</u>	15
<u>Thursday</u>	16
10.00 am	Holy Communion
<u>Friday</u>	17
<u>Saturday</u>	18
9.30 am	Gardening Group
3.00—10.00pm	Chinese Church
<u>Sunday</u>	19 Advent 4
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
5.00 pm	Carol Service

## Next Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

- December 19, 2021

<u>8.00 am</u>	
<u>Server</u>	Joanne Burns
<u>Welcomers</u>	Nirmal Thevapalan
<u>Reader</u>	Adam Thevapalan
	Micah 5: 2-5a
<u>Gospel</u>	Luke 1: 39-45 (Clergy)
<u>10.00 am</u>	
<u>Welcomers</u>	Fiona Nicholson Stocker
	Tony Watts
<u>Readers</u>	Christine Mallouhi
	Micah 5: 2 – 5a
<u>Gospel</u>	Luke 1: 39 – 45 (Clergy)
<u>Intercessor</u>	Val Dyke
<u>Morning Tea</u>	Fiona Rudd
	Karen Henricus
<u>5.00 pm Carol Service</u>	
<u>Welcomers</u>	Natalie Stroud
	David Sharrock
<u>Readers</u>	Irene Donohoue Clyne
	Dennis Mills
	Rowena Ferguson
	Val Dyke
	Lyn Ryan

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.

Joyriver Chinese Church

Saturdays from 3pm

Tamil Christian Church services

2nd and 4th Sunday from 3pm

The Thursday Evening Meditation Group

The group meets on Zoom at 7.30pm on the  
second and fourth Thursday evenings of the  
month. However, we are now in recess until  
January 27, 2022 the second Thursday in  
January. Zoom links are emailed to members  
prior to the sessions and enquiries can be  
directed to Michael Mosley

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<b>Priest</b> (Day off - Monday)	The Venerable Dianne Sharrock
<b>Assistant Curate</b> (Tues, Thurs, Fri)	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 Copple
<b>Treasurer</b>	Helen Warren
<b>Office Manager</b>	Katherine Rushby
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Sugan Blanchard Graeme Dellora Sue Retschko
<b>Parish Council:</b>	Sugan Blanchard, David Bruce, Graeme Dellora, Judith Gibson, Sally Hibbert, John Leaver, Sue Retschko, 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>