

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME



The Presentation of Christ

6 February 2022

Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have
been fully known.



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.

CHANGE -- SHORT DEFERMENT

Due to the current Covid hesitancy, the technology workshops with Dennis Mills have been deferred for 4 weeks - now starting on 28th February. But that allows more time to enrol! The new Registration deadline is Sun 13th Feb.

Enquiries : Contact -- Graeme Dellora | or Dennis Mills

So, maybe it's time to Make Friends with your Device!



How is your relationship with technology?

Does it make you anxious, angry, depressed? Are there things you would like to do, or think you should do, but you don't know how to get started? Perhaps we can help.

On four Mondays (28th February, 7th March, 14th March, 21st March) we will be conducting workshops in the old church, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. No prior knowledge or skills required, just a fun, relaxed opportunity to explore ways in which you might get on with technology with less stress, and be more productive and connected.

This will be hands-on learning, so you will need to bring your device of choice with you, your laptop, tablet or phone. The cost is \$20 for the four sessions - all proceeds will go into church funds.

Please register by filling in the application form, letting us know what you know, and what you would like to know. Lodge the form and the fee with the church office.

Dates: 28th February, 7th March, 14th March, 21st March

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Venue: Old Church

Fee: \$20 per person.

20th Anniversary of the Amalgamation of two parishes

St Mary's Chadstone East was established in 1955 at the time of the post war population growth with many young families making this area their home but in the 1900's St Marys Chadstone East experienced a decline in the number of parishioners attending services and being involved in the life of the parish. A small band of loyal parishioners worshipped and worked together to support their parish and one another but an ageing congregation made it increasingly difficult.

In 1999 Father Jeff O'Hare and the people from the church on the hill (St Stephens) who were well aware of the difficulties of their neighbours offered their help and support. The Vestries of the two churches worked together to find the best way forward for St Marys.

It was clear that St Marys could not continue on its own, so the very difficult decision to close **the parish and then join with St Stephens was made. The St Mary's people worked through many difficult decisions. Parishioners continued to support one another through the selling of the property, the decommissioning of the Church and many other decisions about what should happen to fixtures such as the altar, the pews and the organ. The cross from St Mary's now sits on top of the timber campanile with the St Stephen's bell, symbolising the union of the two parishes.**

The final Eucharist at St Mary's was on 3 February 2002. The following Sunday the church was deconsecrated by Bishop Steven Hale (and Father Jeff O'Hare) Following this the priests and parishioners including people from St Stephen's made the pilgrimage along Huntingdale Road and up High Street Road to St Stephen's where the parishioners were waiting to celebrate the coming together of the two parishes. It was a day of very mixed feelings for many people but the group was welcomed by the people of St Stephens and now 20 years later we can celebrate what is a very successful union.

Memories of the amalgamation from Father Jeff O'Hare

The amalgamation of St Stephen's and St Mary's was for me a true journey in compassionate, patient and loving listening. I remember clearly sitting with members of the two parishes in circles listening to passionate and at times broken voices. I remember sitting in people's homes and listening and praying. I remember the day we finally closed the doors at St Mary's and all I could do was to listen because I was too emotional to speak and as we walked from there to the people's new home, I realised we had left a building behind and walked home with the church. I remember the people of St Stephen's waiting on the driveway to greet their new friends and realised in that moment, we were going to be alright. And we were. Thank you and bless you all these years later and for proving a bishop wrong and for becoming one of the few churches with a deserved double dedication.

Love Fr Jeff



The Carols in the Mt Waverley Village held in December has been successfully organised by the MtWaverleyChadstone InterChurch Council since 2012. After a break of two years due to Covid, a new approach is needed.

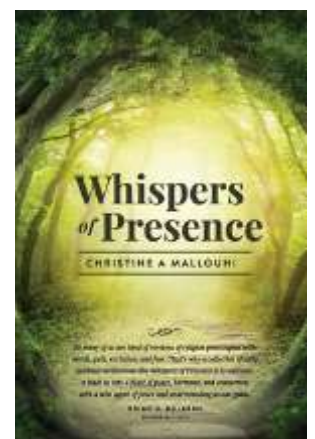
The Carols in the Village 2022 Sub Committee is looking for someone or persons to join them to help with organising the event, booking performers, liaising with the Monash City Council. The event at the moment can not be run without extra help, so we are appealing for volunteers.

Please respond to Margaret Taylor by February 11 if you are willing to help as the Monash Council requires applications to be lodged by March 4th.

Christine's book for sale.

Christine Mallouhi's book that was published in Covid is now available for sale near the office entrance.

WHISPERS OF PRESENCE \$20.



FIVE LEAF ECO AWARD



The Environment and caring for God's creation is among the criteria for our Social Justice and Mission Group.

A great place to begin is to get involved in the Five Leaf Eco Award, This is a non-competitive, ecumenical program to raise awareness and to act on environmental issues in our personal lives, in the Parish and in the wider community.

As we know Climate Action is needed NOW. These Eco Awards focus on inter-relationships of Faith and Nature, in the light of our global climate crisis and call us to act NOW! So often we hear the bad news stories – we would like to turn them around.

The Five Leaf Eco-Awards encourage holistic action for the environment covering five areas:

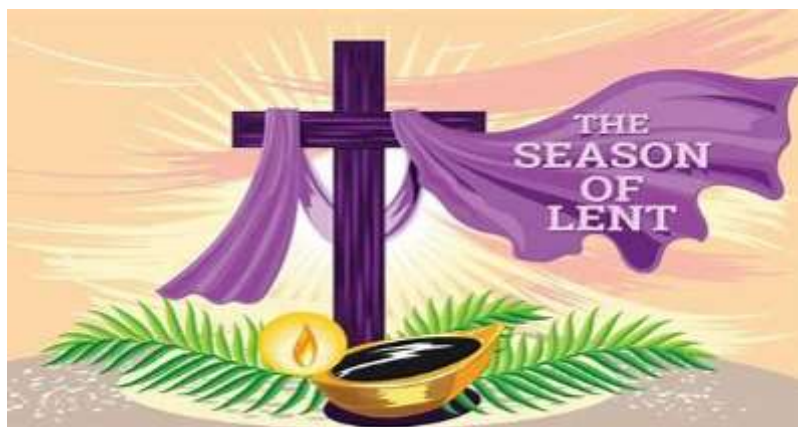
- Buildings
- Worship
- Congregation
- Outreach
- Community Leadership

You will be hearing more about this soon – watch the forthcoming pew notices and Facebook.



LENTEN QUIET DAY

Time out at the beginning of our Lenten Journey.
Discover your own Lenten path through meditations offered and reflection as we wait in the silence.



Saturday 5th MARCH

10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Morning/Afternoon Tea provided

BYO Lunch

Led by Val Dyke Th.A, Dip.Past.Min., B.Theol
Hon. Lay Pastoral Minister, Spiritual Director
and Retreat Conductor

BOOKINGS REQUIRED see below.

ENQUIRIES: Val Dyke

Greg's Induction

Greg's induction at All Saints - if you would like to attend please reply to

All Saints Mitcham by Wednesday 23rd February.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday - The Presentation of Christ

- February 6, 2022

10.00 am Parish Eucharist
4.00 - 7.00 pm TCCV Vestry (Old Church)

Monday 7

4.00 - 8.45 pm Karen Margaret Dance
(Parish Centre)

Tuesday 8

Wednesday 9

Thursday 10

10.00 am Thursday Eucharist
7.30 pm Meditation (zoom)

Friday 11

Saturday 12

Sunday 13 Epiphany 6

10.00 am Parish Eucharist
3.00 - 8.00 pm TCCV

Next Sunday - The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

- February 13, 2022

8.00 am

Server Joanne Burns

Welcomers Celia Gant
Shanti Lieversz

Reader John Foster
Jeremiah 17:5 -10

Gospel Luke 6: 17 - 26
(Clergy)

10.00 am (in person and zoom)

Welcomers Nima Flora
Tony Watts

Readers Elaine Fasken
Jeremiah 17:5 -10

Gospel Luke 6: 17 - 26
(Clergy)

Intercessor Rowena Ferguson

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 Thursday, February 10, followed by Thursday, February 24. Zoom links are emailed to members prior to the sessions. Enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley

Tamil Christian Church services
2nd and 4th Sunday from 3pm

February TMA
Copies available at the church
- on the table inside the orange doors.

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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 - 12.00 pm, Sun 9.30 am - 11.30 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:	Sugan Blanchard Graeme Dellora Sue Retschko
Parish Council:	Sugan Blanchard, David Bruce, Graeme Dellora, Judith Gibson, Sally Hibbert, John Leaver, Sue Retschko, Helen Warren, Joan West
Pastoral Care Ministry:	
<i>Hospital Visiting:</i>	Clergy
<i>Funeral Ministry:</i>	The Vicar
Spiritual Directors:	Cath Connelly Val Dyke
Prayer Chain contact	Margaret Syfret
SERVICES:	Sunday 8.00 & 10.00 am Thursday 10.00 am