

Fourth Sunday in Advent

22nd December 2024



Christmas services and beyond

Tuesday 24th December - Children's & Families' service at 5.00pm
- Christmas Eve service at 11.00pm
with Bp Kate Prowd preaching and presiding

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day service at 9.30am

Sunday 29th December - Joint service at 9.30am

Sunday 5th January - Joint service at 9.30am

Sunday 12th January - Joint service at 9.30am with baptism

Sunday 19th January - Back to normal services - 8.30am and 10.00am

Sunday 26th January - Revd Cara's last service - 8.30am and 10.00am

Sunday 2nd February - Commissioning of Revd Derek Jones as associate priest



In our Parish all are welcome, all are accepted, all are valued and all are respected.

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.

Christmas Flowers

The Christmas Flowers have been given by Hugh & Avril Foenander in memory of their daughter, Jennie.

Count Your Blessings in Advent

I hope that the MU Count Your Blessings theme is giving you a focus for Advent. As I write this, I am conscious of the many blessings I have thought about during the past 3 weeks, often simple things that we **don't always think about as blessings** - how many cups of coffee you drink each day, how many blankets you have in your home, how many years you have been married. If you haven't been involved in this so far there are sheets available in the Paris Centre, you can always catch up. Money raised will go to MU Projects in the South Pacific. Joan West, MU President



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



What's on this week ...

Sunday December 22, 2024

Advent 4

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

4.00 - 8.00 pm Tamil Church

Monday 23

Tuesday 24 - office closed

5.00 pm Children's & Families service

6.30 - 8.30 pm Tamil Church

11.00 pm Christmas Eve service

Wednesday 25

9.30 am Christmas Day service

6.00 - 9.00 pm Cedar Church

Thursday 26 - Public Holiday

Friday 27 - office closed

Saturday 28

Sunday 29

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

Next Sunday December 29, 2024

Christmas 1

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Lay Reader Jenny Bowers

Welcomers David Stanley

David Sharrock

Readers Irene Donohoue Clyne

Jenny Bowers

Intercessions Dennis Mills

Chalice Assistants Sugan Blanchard

Arunthy Blanchard

Morning Tea Marg Taylor

Geoff Taylor

Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3.12-17

Luke 2.41-52

The Wednesday Evening Meditation Group

The Wednesday Evening Meditation group is now in recess until early February 2025. The group will continue to meet on Zoom on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month. The next session will be on Wednesday 5 February 2025. Enquiries to Michael Mosley

Christmas Bowl

Christmas Bowl envelopes are in your pews. If you would prefer to give online

please go to the following donation page is

<https://mycb.link/47554>

Parish Bank Account Details

If you wish to give electronically to support the work of this parish account details follow:

Westpac BSB 033-038 Account no. 211 656

Account name: Parish of St Stephen & St Mary Mt

Waverley General Account

Thanks

The Anglican Parish of St Stephen & St Mary Mount Waverley

383-385 High Street Road, Mt Waverley, 3149. Phone: 9807 3168

Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9.30am - 2.30pm

Email: parishoffice@stephenandmary.org.au Website: www.stephenandmary.org.au

'Like' us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stephenandmary.mtwaverley

Priest

The Venerable Dianne Sharrock

(Day off - Monday)

Assistant Curate

The Revd Cara Greenham Hancock

(Day off - Monday)

Assistant Curate

The Revd Candice Mitrousis

(Sundays only)

Safe Ministry Compliance Officer

Elaine Fasken

Music Director

Brian Cople

Treasurer

Helen Warren

Office Administrator

Katherine Rushby

Churchwardens:

Graeme Dellora

Judith Gibson

Helen Warren

Parish Council:

Kathy Dodgshun, Rowena Ferguson,
Riley Johnston, Dennis Mills, Rebecca Sims,
Sue Retschko, David Stanley, Joan West

Pastoral Care Ministry:

Hospital Visiting:

Clergy

Funeral Ministry:

The Vicar

Spiritual Director:

Val Dyke

Prayer Chain contact Margaret Syfret

SERVICES: Sunday 8.30 & 10.00 am

Thursday 10.00 am