



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

23 February 2025

Upcoming Events

Sunday 2nd March - Darren Sterling from Anglican Overseas Aid coming to preach at both services and give us an update on Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza

Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday 10am & 7.30pm

Sunday 16th March - Jumbunna Call to Prayer 3-6pm

Sunday 20th July - 160th Anniversary of the church of St Stephen. Bp Paul Barker preaching at 9.30am.

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.

Lenten Study - Hope25

This year for Lent, we have a book called Hope25 – Lenten Studies. Every Bishop in Australia has contributed to the reflections and discussions in the book. It has daily reflections and also weekly ones for a discussion group. It costs \$10 and copies are available in the parish centre. Please put your money in the **box provided**. If you want to pay via direct bank transfer please mark it as “Lenten Study Book”.

Lenten Study Groups will be offered on a Tuesday afternoon at 1.30 p.m. in the Old Church commencing on Tuesday 11th March and Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. via zoom, commencing on Thursday 13th March. Please put your names down on the sign up sheet to register.

Three Birds Monastery (GalahKookEmu) Weds 26 Feb 7pm

We are a small group of people exploring Benedictine faith practices in a 21st century environment, based on Sister Joan Chittister’s ‘Monasteries of the Heart’. We have a shared meal, discussion, meditative prayer and plenty of chat.

You are welcome to come along and give it a try – please email me on fran.ludgate@gmail.com to let me know for catering purposes, or if you’d like to find out more. Fran.

Pilgrimage to Central Australia

Cath Connelly and John Stewart from the Living Well Centre are hosting a pilgrimage to Central Australia from July 26 to August 3, 2025.

This is an invitation to be on Country amidst the silence of stunning landscape and to be immersed in the ancient wisdom of our First Nation peoples. They will spend time at Alice Springs, Kings Canyon, Simpsons Gap, Hermannsburg and Stanley Chasm as well as Uluru, heartbeat of Australia. Whilst travelling as a group, each person is invited to consider this as their own personal encounter. This is the invitation for deep engagement rather than being on tour. They will be offering daily opportunities for meditation, sharing and ritual. The itinerary is pinned to the notice board.

The World Day of Prayer Service for 2025

This will be held at St Luke's Uniting Church, 94 Essex Road, Mount Waverley on Friday March 7th. The service will start at 10.30am after morning tea at 10.00am.

The Theme of the Service will be: The Cook Islands. ‘I made you wonderful’.

For more information contact Rosalind Faichney

Jumbunna Call to Prayer

This year our Call to Prayer is in March with two things to focus on:

Praying for Hope25 which is Easter to Pentecost and praying for a new Archbishop.

Sunday 16 March, 3pm – 6pm, at St Stephen’s & St Mary’s Mount Waverley.

What's on this week ...

Sunday February 23, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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 24

1.30 - 4.00 pm MU (Parish Centre)

4.00 - 8.45 pm Karen Margaret Dance

Tuesday 25

9.00 am - 5.00 pm Living Well

10.00 am Morning Prayer (zoom)

4.30 pm HOPE CLUB (Old Church)

7.30 pm Mid-Week Church (Church)

Wednesday 26

9.00 am - 5.00 pm Living Well

Thursday 27

9.00 am - 5.00 pm Living Well

10.00 am Eucharist

7.30 pm Choir (church)

7.30 pm MICC (Parish Centre)

Friday 28

Saturday 1

8.00 - 9.30 am Yoga (Old Church)

Sunday 23

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

Next Sunday - March 2, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

8.30 am Holy Communion

Server Brett Gaffney

Welcomers Celia Gant
Katherine Rushby

Reader Joanne Burns

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Lay Reader Jenny Bowers

Welcomers Tony Watts
Larelle Skingsley

Readers Howard Brown
Jenny Bowers

Intercessions Sue Retschko

Chalice Assistants Jenny Brown
Judith Gibson

Morning Tea Judy Duncan
David Duncan

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 34.29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Luke 9.28-36

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

The Anglican Parish of St Stephen & St Mary Mount Waverley

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Priest

The Venerable Dianne Sharrock

(Day off - Monday)

Associate Priest

Fr Derek Jones

(Alternate Thursdays and Sundays)

Assistant Curate

The Revd Candice Mitrousis

(Tuesdays 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

REGULAR SERVICES:

Sunday 8.30 & 10.00 am, Thursday 10.00 am