

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Fifth Sunday of Easter

28 April 2024



JOY

Joy and woe are woven fine,
A clothing for the soul divine;
Under every grief and pine
Runs a joy with silken twine.

It is right it should be so;
Man was made for joy and woe;
And when this we rightly know;
Safely through the world we go.

- William Blake -

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.

Al Ahli Hospital Fundraiser

Thank you to all the people who facilitated our Al Ahli Hospital Fund Raising Dinner, especially those who cooked, served, sold tickets, set up and cleaned up. Special thanks to Phoebe and her magnificent kitchen team and Ros Sahar and her family. We seem to have raised over \$7000 due to ticket sales and generous donations. This will be a very useful amount to assist in the restoring of the ***Children's nutritional program*** and support for women with cancer. This is a great team effort and shows how our parish demonstrates its faith through action. Thank you one and all. Irene Donohoue Clyne.

Wardens Quarterly Finance Report

We have observed a sharp decline in congregational giving last two quarters of this financial year and wish to make the Parish aware of the situation. The parish has come together to raise funds for special needs (curates) in the last two years. However, we have not done any stewardship programs for the last 6 years towards general parish income.

We all are going through an exorbitant rise in cost of living, and we are seeing that in the Church expenses as well. We are appealing to the parishioners to prayerfully consider a 10% increase to your current giving to support the parish in managing the budget (i.e. if you give \$10 consider an extra \$1 or if you give \$20 consider an extra \$2 or if you give \$50 consider an extra \$5 etc).

New Services

As announced by Revds Candice and Cara last Sunday we will be trialling two new services in June, July and August.

Faith Film and Food at Five on 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 5pm which will include watching episodes of *The Chosen* and a shared 'potluck' dinner.

Winter Warmers on 1st and 3rd Sundays at 4.30pm which will be an all-age interactive service and include a communal meal of warm soup and bread.

Winter Woollies Collection

The Social Justice Committee is running a collection of winter woollies for people in need during May.

Goods to be collected include:

- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Knitted goods including hats, scarves, gloves, mittens
- **Jumpers, jackets, coats, tracksuits (both men's and women's)**
- Woolen socks – we suggest Explorer socks.



Please place goods in the Narthex.

Thank You.

What's on this week ...

Sunday April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

4.00 - 8.00 pm Tamil Service

Monday 29

4.00 - 8.45 pm Karen Margaret Dance

Tuesday 30

9.15 - 10.45 am Yoga (Old Church)

10.00 am Morning Prayer (zoom)

Wednesday 1

7.30 pm Meditation (zoom)

Thursday 2

10.00 am Eucharist

7.30 pm Choir

Friday 3

Saturday 4

8.00 - 9.30 am Yoga (Old Church)

Sunday 5

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

Next Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter

- May 5, 2024

8.30 am Holy Communion

Server Brett Gaffney

Welcomers Adam Thevapalan
Nirmala Thevapalan

Reader Janice Miller

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Lay Reader Sue Retschko

Welcomers Natalie Stroud
Glenda Biddle

Readers Howard Brown
Jenny Brown

Intercessions Rowena Ferguson

Chalice Assistants Jenny Brown
Howard Brown

Morning Tea Elaine Fasken
Glenda Biddle

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 10.44 - 48

Psalm 98

1 John 5.1 - 12

John 15.19 - 17

Recycling Blister Packs

If you use the parish re-cycling system please do not deposit your packs in plastic bags!
Plastic bags require a trip to another facility.

The Wednesday Evening Meditation Group

The Meditation group will meet on Zoom on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month at 7.30pm. The first session will be on Wednesday May 1 followed by Wednesday May 15. Zoom links are emailed to members prior to the sessions. Enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley.

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

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Priest

(Day off - Monday)

The Venerable Dianne Sharrock

Assistant Curate

(Day off - Monday)

The Revd Cara Greenham Hancock

Assistant Curate

(Sundays only)

The Revd Candice Mitrousis

Safe Ministry Compliance Officer

Elaine Fasken

Child Safety Officer

Rowena Ferguson

Music Director

Brian Cople

Treasurer

Helen Warren

Office Administrator

Katherine Rushby

Churchwardens:

Sugan Blanchard

Sally Hibbert

Sue Retschko

Parish Council:

John Leaver, Fiona Sawyer, David Stanley,
Helen Warren, Joan West

Pastoral Care Ministry:

Hospital Visiting:

Clergy

Funeral Ministry:

The Vicar

Spiritual Directors:

Val Dyke

Prayer Chain contact Margaret Syfret

SERVICES: Sunday 8.30 & 10.00 am Thursday 10.00 am