

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5 May 2024



Day of Pentecost

Sunday 19th May

Joint service at 9.30 am

followed by brunch

(please bring a plate of food to share)

If possible please wear red.

Pentecost Sunday – Multilingual Intercessions:

Do you speak a language other than English?

As we have done for many years, on Pentecost Sunday on 19 May we will be having our Intercessions in multiple languages.

If you speak a second language (it doesn't need to be fluent, it can be a bit rusty...) and would be willing to take part, Fran would love to hear from you.

Note: you will be required to translate a short prayer into your chosen language, but assistance (Google Translate) can be provided! Please email or call Fran.

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.

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).

Congregational Giving Report – Q1 (October 2023 – December 2023)

Giving Category	Amount Given	Budget Amount	Variation from Budget
Open Plate	\$4,487	\$5,500	-\$1,013
Pledge Envelopes	\$9,350	\$9,000	\$350
Direct to Bank Account	\$12,893	\$15,900	-\$3,007
ADF Planned Giving	\$20,775	\$21,300	-\$525
TOTALS	\$47,506	\$51,700	-\$4,194

Congregational Giving Report – Q2 (January 2024 – March 2024)

Giving Category	Amount Given	Budget Amount	Variation from Budget
Open Plate	\$3,900	\$3,500	\$400
Pledge Envelopes	\$8,690	\$9,000	-\$310
Direct to Bank Account	\$12,645	\$15,900	-\$3,255
ADF Planned Giving	\$19,117	\$21,300	-\$2,183
TOTALS	\$44,352	\$49,700	-\$5,348

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.

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.

What's on this week ...

Sunday May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

Monday 6

4.00 - 8.45 pm Karen Margaret Dance

Tuesday 7

9.15 - 10.45 am Yoga (Old Church)

10.00 am Morning Prayer (zoom)

Wednesday 8

Thursday 9

10.00 am Eucharist

7.30 pm Choir

Friday 10

Saturday 11

8.00 - 9.30 am Yoga (Old Church)

9.00 am The Net

Sunday 12

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

Next Sunday - Ascension - May 12, 2024

8.30 am Holy Communion

Server Revd Candice

Welcomers Celia Gant
Katherine Rushby

Reader Adam Thevapalan

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Lay Reader Jenny Bowers

Welcomers Tony Watts
Larelle Skingsley

Readers **Eleanor U'Ren**
Riley Johnston

Intercessions Judith Gibson

Chalice Assistants Dennis Mills
Rowena Ferguson

Morning Tea Jenny Brown
Howard Brown

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 1.1 - 11

Psalm 93

Ephesians 1.15 - 23

Mark 16.15 - 20

The Net

The Net will gather for our men's breakfast at 9am this coming Saturday, May 11 at Café 57, 57 Centreway, Pinewood Shopping Centre, Mount Waverley. All men of the parish are welcome. Additional information is available from Michael Mosley.

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 15 followed by Wednesday May 29. 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 Copple

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