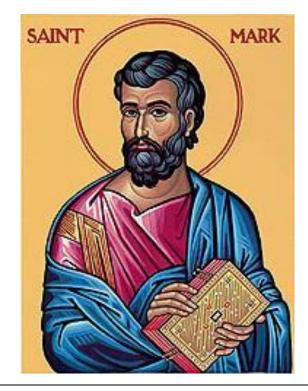


ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH WARNCLIFFE ROAD EAST IVANHOE



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 28th, 2018



SUNDAY 8:00 am Said Eucharist 10:00 am Sung Eucharist WEDNESDAY 10:00 am Said Eucharist FRIDAY

10:00 am Holy Communion – Dowell Court

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Locum letter 28th January 2018

The Parish Council appointed at the Annual meeting in December 2017 met for the first time last Sunday evening. New members were present as well as those who had served on Council previously. Alongside the many property and administrative items that Council deals with, a number of other important matters were discussed including: the task of the Incumbency committee and their responsibility to find a new vicar for the parish, the increasing professional Standards requirements and Working with Children's checks needed in light of the Royal Commission, the parish consultation and our worship pattern at St George's.

I indicated as your Locum that it was not my intention nor appropriate to change the existing Sunday morning worship pattern that is for the new Vicar, but to use Lent this year to introduce on four Sunday evenings a Taize style meditation. The dates for these evening meditations are the 18th and 25th February and the 2nd and 16th March. The service will begin at 7pm and be for 30 minutes. Members of Parish Council have committed to attend and I hope other members of the parish community will avail themselves of the opportunity for reflection and meditation during the season of Lent. Please encourage others to come and particularly those who may have dropped away over the past year. The evening meditations are not an alternative to the Sunday Eucharist.

Plans were also discussed for a possible Street and pancake party on Shrove Tuesday the 13th February at 6pm and on Ash Wednesday services will be at 7am, 10am and 8pm.

In last week's Gospel Mark's Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God has come and calls his disciples to be with him in this task. Today's Gospel follows on and Jesus' first public action in the synagogue is done with his disciples. The authority of Jesus is recognized by the man with the unclean spirit and he is healed. The crowd responds with amazement and the journey begins. The authority of Jesus as Lord becomes the talking point and his ministry begins, a ministry of peace, compassion and justice. Shalom

Ray

28th JANUARY – EPIPHANY 4 HYMNS

389 Your hand, O God, has guided

571 A new commandment I give unto you

158 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

92 God has spoken by his prophets

COLLECT

God of compassion,

you have shown us in Christ

that your love is never ending:

enable us both to love you with all our heart

and to love one another as Christ loved us.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and Amen

COLLECT AT THE TIME OF CHOOSING AN INCUMBENT

Bountiful God,

Give to this parish a faithful pastor

Who will faithfully speak your word

And minister your sacraments;

An encourager who will equip your people for ministry

And enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom

Discernment and patience,

And to us give warm and generous hearts,

For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

READING

Deuteronomy 18.15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

PSALM 111

O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart: in the company of the upright and among the congregation. The works of the Lord are great: and studied by all who take delight in them. His deeds are majestic and glorious: and his righteousness stands for ever. His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and merciful. He gives food to those that fear him: he remembers his covenant for ever. He showed his people the power of his acts: in giving them the heritage of the heathen. The works of his hands are faithful and just: and all his commandments are sure; They stand firm for ever and ever: they are done in faithfulness and in truth.

He sent redemption to his people, he ordained his covenant for ever: holy is his name and worthy to be feared. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and of good understanding are those that keep his commandments: his praise shall endure for ever.

GOSPEL

Mark 1.21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

POSTLUDE Allegro Marziale by Frank Bridge

Prayers for those in need: (list renewed monthly: Phillip Joubert, Brian Monteith, Leanne Barker, Lesley Tracey, Paul Finch, Dino Fernando, Alan Tracey and others known to you. We pray for those who love and care for them.

YEARS MIND

Norma Winfred SWAIN Ella BARNES Errol WHITECHURCH 28th January 1974 28th January 1969 28th January 1997

Jane Margaret (Peg) BOYALL	29 th January	1997
Lou BUTTERFIELD	29 th January	2015
Sylvia May DAVIES	30 th January	1974
Muriel ATKINS	30 th January	1981
Doris (Dolce) FERGUSON	30 th January	1994
Jean McLaren WEST	30 th January	2011
Emily DORNAN	31 st January	1970
Nellie Frances GRAVES	31 st January	1979

Flowers today are in memory of Ronald William Farquhar - 26th January 2005

NOTICES

A. Australian Church Union Annual meeting is to be held on the 6th February at Holy Trinity Port Melbourne. Fr. Noel Whale will be the speaker this year. Fr Ray will be attending, and he encourages others who are able to consider coming. Fr Noel as we know has reinvigorated the Parish since his time as Locum.

B. Robin Sharwood lecture in Church Law is to be held at Trinity College Theological School on Wednesday the 14th March at 7.30pm in the Craig Auditorium. The topic is 'Clergy Status in the Light of the Royal Commission''. Light refreshments to follow.

Can you assist please?

Next week is the last week before regular activities commence in Evans Hall and kitchen, not to mention our forthcoming evening dinner in mid-February. Fortunately next week also promises to be cooler temperatures!! I'm looking for 1-2 people clean the kitchen on the mornings of either Tuesday 30 January and/or Friday 2 February. Please see Rosemary after 10am service or phone 9497-3928 if you are able to assist. Thank you.

SPIT ROAST

Donations for the Silent Auction and the Raffle will be gratefully received. Proceeds to go to ABM.

COMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

5th Sunday after Epiphany 4th Feb. 4th February Sausage Sizzle after the 10.00am service 6th Sunday after Epiphany 11th Feb. 13th Feb Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day 6.00 pm 14th February Ash Wednesday Services: 7.00 am 10.00 am 8.00 pm 17th February 6.30pm "Spit roast" – Meron for ABM 1st Sunday in Lent - Meditation 7.00 pm 18th Feb 25th Feb 2nd Sunday in Lent - Meditation 7.00 pm 3rd Sunday in Lent - Meditation 7.00 pm 4th March 11th March 4th Sunday in Lent and Refreshment 18th March 5th Sunday in Lent - Meditation 7.00 pm Sunday of the Passion {Palm Sunday} 25th March 29th March Maundy Thursday 30th March Good Friday 1st April Easter Day

Shrove Tuesday

Mary and Denise will be looking for help to organise our celebration of Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day.

SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY 6.30 PM FOR 7.00 PM SPIT ROAST WITH DESSERTS AND DRINKS.

"WEWAK - A TOUCH OF PARADISE?"

Meron Pitcher will speak about her recent experiences in Papua New Guinea



FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE VERY WELCOME

PROCEEDS ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION \$40.00 PER HEAD RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION ST GEORGE'S HALL, WARNCLIFFE RD., EAST IVANHOE BOOKINGS AND PAYMENT BY 11th FEBRUARY CONTACT ROBERT STEVENS: 0412397546