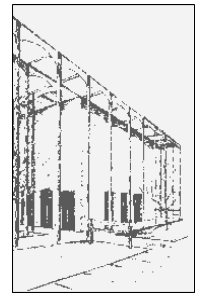
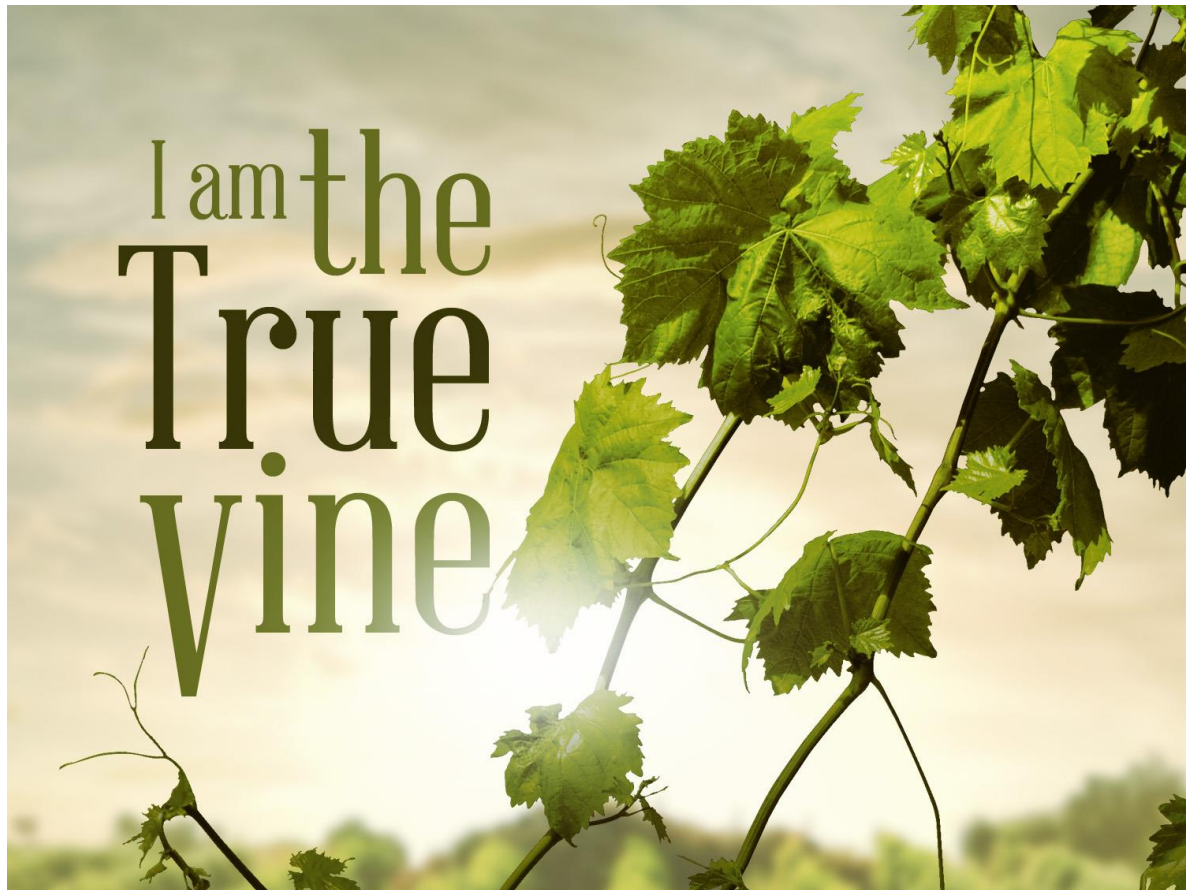


ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
WARNCLIFFE ROAD, EAST IVANHOE



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
29th April 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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SERVICE ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 29th April

Celebrant:	The Reverend Canon Ray Cleary
Organist:	Cyril Thomas
Servers:	Neil Appleby, Joan Skene, Sandra O'Grady
Eucharistic Assistants:	Alan Tracey
Readers:	Alison Smart
Sides person:	Bob Hill
Morning Tea:	Pat Oswald, Leanne
Flowers	Isobel Bond
Church Cleaning	Elizabeth and Neil Appleby

SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 6th May

Celebrant:	The Reverend Canon Ray Cleary
Organist:	Roger Brown
Servers:	Neil Appleby, Joan Skene, Chris Hayward
Eucharistic Assistants:	Server
Readers:	David Morgan
Sides person:	Bob Hill
Morning Tea:	Alison Smart
Flowers	Ann Farquhar

Locum Letter 29th April 2018

Last Sunday afternoon a number of us from the parish attended the screening of Mary Magdalene at the Palace Theatre in Balwyn. There were mixed reactions to the film with comments that it was totally wrong in its portrayal of Mary Magdalene, others expressed views that it challenged their understanding of Mary, others that it was an attempt to rewrite his history, others that the film was disappointing along with poor sound quality and would do little to enhance Christian faith. A number believed that the actor who played Jesus was too old for the part, or the Jesus portrayed was too old. For my own part I found the film asking a number of questions including the accuracy of the story of Mary as told by the Church, the place of miracles in the Gospels, the mob reaction to Jesus at the crucifixion, and the role of women as the first witnesses to the resurrection. The short discussion following the film raised a number of other issues around the purpose of the film and the Directors interpretation. Thank you to all who attended and to Robert for organizing the afternoon. All who were able to stay for the meal at Colombo's restaurant had a delightful dinner.

The image of the vine in today's Gospel points to one of the fundamentals of the good news. We are not called to live a good life in order to please God but rather he loves us first and from his love we are called to love one another. Living as Christ's risen body we empowered to bear much fruit.

What fruit may we be called to bear in our life in this community at this time?

Shalom

Ray

Appointment of new Locum.

The Bishop has announced the appointment of the Reverend Barry Fernley to follow on from Fr. Ray when he completes his locum time with us on the 13th May. Fr. Barry will commence on Wednesday the 16th May. His most recent full-time ministry was as Chaplain to the Alfred Hospital from 2008-2014.

Anglicare and St Mark's Fitzroy food basket is another way to share with others the bounty of our community.

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BUILDING MAINTENANCE EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Steve Howard 9499 6410 or 0400 890020, Alison Smart, Vince Cristiano, George Hall. Any person welcome to join, just ask anyone on the BMC. Please write NON-urgent maintenance items on the Building Maintenance List found on the table in the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are welcome to follow the Way of the Cross at any time that the Church is open. A booklet is available as a guide to your meditation.

A copy of the Locum's Sermon is posted on the Church Website
stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org

Readings for Sunday May 6th

Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-12; John 15.9-17

The Order of Service for the Eucharist commences at Page 119 of the green 'A Prayer Book for Australia.' The readings and hymn numbers for today are below.

Introit: God so loved the world – Goss

Hymns:

Processional 278 Come you faithful raise the strain

Gradual 93 God is love, let heaven adore Him

Offertory 568 What does the Lord require

Final 271 Lift high the cross

Communion Motet: If we believe that Jesus died and rose again – Goss

Postlude: Chorale "Christ lag in Todesbanden" (In death's strong grasp the Saviour lay) and Prelude by J S Bach

Recordings of postludes played at St George's are posted in the Music section of the

Sentence

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4.10–11

Collect

O God,
form the minds of your faithful people,
that we may love what you command
and desire what you promise,
so that, amid the many changes of this world,
our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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**

A reading from the book of Acts

Acts 8.26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)
So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship
and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.
Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'
So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'
He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.’

The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’

Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’

He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 22 V.26-32



26 From you springs my praise in the | great • congre|gation:

I will pay my vows in the | sight of | all that | fear you

27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice | and be | satisfied:

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him..

may their | hearts rejoice for | ever!

28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and | turn • to the | Lord:

and let all the families of the | nations | worship • be|fore him

29 For the kingdom | is the | Lord's:

and he shall be | ruler | over • the | nations.

30 How can those who sleep in the earth | do him | homage:

or those that descend to the | dust bow | down be|fore him?

31 But he has saved my | life • for him|self:

and | my pos|terity shall | serve him.

32+ This shall be told of my Lord to a future |gener|ation:

and his righteousness declared to a people yet un|born that| he has| done it.

A Reading from the first book of John

1 John 4.7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep and mine know me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John 15.1-8

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to

make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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

Year's Mind

Edward Phillip OVERS	29th April	1973
Esther ELLIS	29th April	1983
George Arnold JEFFRIES	29th April	1990
Sydney Charles SNELL	30th April	1988
Joyce WEBB	30th April	1997
Alice Edna PORTER	30th April	2002
Fay FRASER	1st May	2008
Joseph Lewin BRUCE	1st May	1980
Wendy Ellen BEEVERS	1st May	2007
Joyce Margaret BRUCE	2nd May	1980
Ian Malcolm SYLE	2nd May	1991
Florence May TIDSWELL	3rd May	1993
Kenneth William BALLANTYNE	3rd May	1993
Francis William Wilson BANNISTER	4th May	1948
Herbert John FROST	6th May	1980

Have you seen the lovely cards on the Cards Stall featuring Rosemary Cotter's photos of various features of our church? Price \$3.00 each – see Nan McCulloch or use the money slot in the display unit.

COMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

22 nd April	Fourth Sunday of Easter Film: Mary Magdalene
29 th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter
5 th May	BBQ Breakfast 8.30 am

BBQ BREAKFAST - Saturday 5th May

8.30 am in the Meeting Room at St George's

Ray Cleary will give a talk about his work in Welfare.

All are welcome to this opportunity to farewell and thank Ray for his wonderful ministry with us.

BIBLICAL VALUES

WHAT ARE THEY? WHO DECIDES? ARE THEY STILL RELEVANT IN THE MODERN WORLD?

TUESDAY 15 MAY 2018 | 7.30–9.00PM

Trinity College, Old Warden's Lodge, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville
Free lecture (booking essential) – www.trybooking.com/342512

We often hear terms like “the Bible says” or “the Bible teaches”; most recently in regard to the issue of same-sex marriage. In this highly relevant seminar, Professor John Collins, will explore the basic questions in regard to, what we call, biblical values.

THE LECTURER

Professor John J Collins is one of the leading Old Testament scholars in the United States, where he is the Holmes Professor of Old Testament Criticism and Interpretation at Yale Divinity School.

For more information email theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or call 03 9348 7127.