

TMA (The Melbourne Anglican) is our local church newspaper, with up-to-date information about the Anglican Church and world events. Now published in on-line form, you can [access it here](#)

Lent Lent Bible Studies - 7pm, every Thursday to 21 Mar, at church;
[‘Remembering the Poor’](#), a study
Passover Seder - 7pm, Thurs 28 Mar
Good Friday - **9am**, Fri 29 Mar - **note early service time**
Stations of Cross - 10am, Fri 29 Mar - Stiggant Reserve

Stations of the Cross Choir Warrandyte Community Church will organise a choir for this Good Friday event, to sing a bracket of songs. One rehearsal will take place: 12noon 24th Mar (Palm Sunday) at WCC.

ISCAST seminar AI x Christianity: Gospel Wisdom for an AI World.
An introduction to Artificial Intelligence and its implications for Christians. Sat 16 Mar, 7 to 9.15p.m., The Scots' Church, Melbourne. **ISCAST** (the Institute for the Study of Christianity in an Age of Science and Technology) is a local Melbourne think tank helping Christians engage in constructive conversations about the roles of science and faith. More details: iscast.org

Coming events

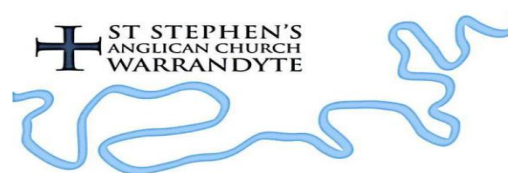
Sat 27th July Jumbunna Episcopate - Day of Prayer

Resources for ministry

Giving can be made directly to our Bendigo Bank Warrandyte account
BSB: 633-000 Acct Number: 140334277.

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*A welcoming Christ-centred community
seeking and working together
through the power of the Holy Spirit
to worship God, share His good news
and grow as disciples of Jesus*

Sunday 25th February 2024

Saturday Morning Coffees

Sue writes

Last Saturday there were 12 for coffee/brunch at the Stonehouse café. I so enjoyed catching up with everyone after the Summer break and I have had very positive feedback. To me there doesn't need to be an excuse to chat over a coffee, but it is a wonderful opportunity to share good news and/or prayer requests.

In 2024 the plan is to schedule these "coffee/brunch" mornings on:-

March 16th
April 20th
May 18th
June 15th
September 21st
October 19th
November 16th

Regards
Sue

Genesis 17:1-7 and 15-16 and 22:18 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am El-Shaddai—‘God Almighty.’ Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life. ²I will make a covenant with you, by which I will guarantee to give you countless descendants.” ³At this, Abram fell face down on the ground.

Then God said to him, ⁴“This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! ⁵What’s more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations. ⁶I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them! ⁷“I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation. This is the everlasting covenant: I will always be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”

¹⁵Then God said to Abraham, “Regarding Sarai, your wife—her name will no longer be Sarai. From now on her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶And I will bless her and give you a son from her! Yes, I will bless her richly, and she will become the mother of many nations. Kings of nations will be among her descendants. ¹⁸“And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me.”

Romans 4:16-25 ¹⁶So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham’s. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. ¹⁷That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, “I have made you the father of many nations.” This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

¹⁸Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, “That’s how many descendants you will have!” ¹⁹And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb.

²⁰Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. ²¹He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. ²²And because of Abraham’s faith, God counted him as righteous. ²³And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn’t just for Abraham’s benefit. It was recorded ²⁴for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

Mark 8:27-38 ²⁷Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” ²⁸“Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets.” ²⁹Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. ³²As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.

³³Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. “Get away from me, Satan!” he said. “You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.”

³⁴Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ³⁵If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. ³⁶And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? ³⁷Is anything worth more than your soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”