

**Interment of Ashes - late Pat Blackman**                      **today, 24 March 2024**  
at St Stephen's church, after morning worship (i.e. approx. 11:30am)

**Lent**    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 Readings**    Three volunteers sought.

**Stations of the Cross Choir**            One rehearsal will take place: 12noon  
24<sup>th</sup> Mar (Palm Sunday) at WCC.

**Safe Ministry**                      Anglican Diocese of Melbourne requires all  
volunteers in church pastoral and service roles to obtain Clearance for  
Service accreditation: Level 1 for roles which involve personal encounter  
(e.g. musicians, rostered readers and intercessors, etc). Level 2 for  
leaders of ministries to children (e.g. Sunday School leader). Level 3 for  
Governance Roles (e.g. members of Parish Council). A Clearance for  
Service has a validity of 3 years, after which training must be refreshed. As  
this program began in 2022 (and our parish made a big effort to organise  
compliance at that time - thank you to everyone who participated), a  
refresher program will be offered in early 2025, as clearances near expiry.

**Working Bee**                            Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April - rear block and planting

**Winter Festival**                        Sun 30<sup>th</sup> June - bonfire and music

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## **Palm Sunday**

The Social Responsibilities Committee (SRC) was established by the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne to enable its people to discern and fulfil their responsibilities as Christians to society, for example:

**Refugees** Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees: meet from 10am Sun 24 Mar at Parliament Gardens East Melbourne. At 11:00am, the Walk will loop down to Swanston Street and return. All are welcome to join at any stage of the event. Let SRC know if you plan to attend.

**Environment** Anglicans in Melbourne are committed to creation care but their work often takes place in isolation from people doing the same in other parishes. SRC can connect people to share stories of their activities and to encourage each other.

**Disability** the UN International Day of People with Disability is observed on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. However, every day counts as a special day for those living with Disability, seen or unseen. SRC can arrange a speaker to come to your parish to present or preach on this topic.

**Workplace** The diocesan vision and direction includes strategy to enable, form and support laypeople in their everyday workplace ministry. A conference will be held in September as we together seek to understand the workplace experience in the light of Scripture and to shape this strategy. Please contact the SRC to share your experiences of workplace ministry and mission

### **Mark 11:1-10 (NLT)**

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. 2 “Go into that village over there,” he told them. “As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks, ‘What are you doing?’ just say, ‘The Lord needs it and will return it soon.’”

4 The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door. 5 As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” 6 They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it.

8 Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. 9 Jesus was in the centre of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, “Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David! Praise God in highest heaven!”

### **Isaiah 50:4-10 (NLT)**

This is what the Lord says:

4 The Sovereign Lord has given me his words of wisdom,  
so that I know how to comfort the weary.  
Morning by morning he wakens me  
and opens my understanding to his will.  
5 The Sovereign Lord has spoken to me,  
and I have listened.  
I have not rebelled or turned away.  
6 I offered my back to those who beat me  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard.

I did not hide my face  
from mockery and spitting.  
7 Because the Sovereign Lord helps me,  
I will not be disgraced.  
Therefore, I have set my face like a stone,  
determined to do his will.  
And I know that I will not be put to shame.  
8 He who gives me justice is near.  
Who will dare to bring charges against me now?  
Where are my accusers?  
Let them appear!  
9 See, the Sovereign Lord is on my side!  
Who will declare me guilty?  
All my enemies will be destroyed  
like old clothes that have been eaten by moths!  
10 Who among you fears the Lord  
and obeys his servant?  
If you are walking in darkness,  
without a ray of light,  
trust in the Lord  
and rely on your God.

### **Philippians 2:5-11 (NLT)**

5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. 9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honour and gave him the name above all other names, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.