



THE OPEN DOOR MAGAZINE



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Fr. Stephen and Angela's Tribute

Dear Friends, can I please have your attention for a few minutes whilst we collectively endeavor to humbly pay tribute to the benefits our Parish has experienced during Fr. Stephen and Angela's time with us. I doubt there are enough complimentary superlatives in the English language to adequately pay tribute to that very special time. I'm sure there are better qualified speakers amongst us to say thank you for Fr. Stephen and Angela's amazing time with us here at All Saints. However, it is a great privilege for me to be able to try. I have happily been part of the All-Saints congregation since the early 1960's, so have seen many Vicars leave their mark on the Parish of All Saints, but today we have the opportunity to give thanks for the wonderful time Stephen has spent with us as our incumbent, so ably assisted by Angela.

I want to start at the end, the end at least for the parishioners of Rosebud. It fell my lot to help serve drinks at the reception after Fr. Stephen's induction service. I won't say they were drowning their sorrows, but a number of Rosebud parishioners told of their great sorrow at losing Stephen and Angela for whom they had developed such a great affection. Well now regrettably it is our turn.

Stephen and Angela arrived during the awful period of Covid with the unfortunate lock-downs making the task of a new Vicar getting to know his new Parish almost impossible. As we recall, ever resourceful Stephen made the most of that difficult situation by enlisting a small number of volunteers to attend Church and record Sunday services on his phone to be broadcast online each Sunday for Parishioners to access at their convenience.

I understand that Stephen trained at the Monastic Community of the Resurrection Mirfield. This training, on top of Stephen's amazing natural attributes have given rise to the Vicar we have all so much appreciated, one who has made us feel a part of his and Angela's personal and spiritual family. Stephen continued the tradition of three Sunday services with a combined service on the first Sunday of the month. We

soon came to hear his wonderful voice chanting the service at least at the 10.30 am edition. Stephen soon became a much-valued member of a number of Geelong choirs.

Stephen's love of music was admirably reflected in his encouragement of various concerts and performances being held in our beautiful Church with Stephen working so hard to organise adequate seating and other requirements for the performances. Stephen created the wonderful Solstice services which did so much to allow newcomers to All Saints to experience the beautiful attributes on offer at All Saints Parish. We were all thrilled to see Stephen and Angela's fantastic decoration of the Church at Christmas and Easter. This also greatly enhanced Stephen's outreach to literally hundreds of children from local schools to come and experience the stories of Easter and Christmas. He was ably supported by Parish volunteers admirably enhanced in their efforts by the Church decorations.

Stephen provided much comfort to families mourning those who had died with such empathetic Funeral services, and his personal efforts to comfort those involved. I'm sure on the much happier occasion of Weddings Stephen provided a very special event to celebrate the marriage. Stephen generously mentored Wayne in his endeavor to gain approval to study for the ministry. We were all disappointed when this endeavor proved unsuccessful. I can personally vouch for the great comfort afforded by Stephen and Angela's visits to those of us from time to time languishing in hospital, and the offering of communion. This gratitude extends for those Parishioners afforded home visits during periods of reduced mobility. Many of us appreciated extra programs such as bible study offered by Stephen, and his spiritual dedication attending meditation gatherings each Thursday.

Parish Council members have recorded their appreciation of Stephen's ability to deal with difficult situations with a calm authority. Clearly the Diocese acknowledged Stephen's exceptional qualities with his appointment as Archdeacon to our great benefit locally.

In concluding can I observe how Stephen and Angela further endeared themselves to us with their great love of their dogs and cat, and how we all felt great sorrow for them at the time of Max's death. We have all felt much sympathy for Stephen as he has been struggling with a worn-out knee requiring replacement and we do all hope that this will be achieved as soon as possible. I am fully aware of the inadequacy of this tribute for Stephen and Angela's time with us. It is fair to say they are leaving the All Saints' Parish in a much better state, with a growing congregation and a local community knowing so much more of our wonderful Church. So, to re-coin a phrase "Knees up", in this case, "Father Stephen", you and Angela leave us with our prolific gratitude, and with our every best wish for your future lives, especially at your new Parish at St. Nicholas Floriat.

I would now ask you all to charge your glass as we propose a toast to Stephen and Angela, with our endless gratitude for all you have achieved for the Parish of All Saints during your time with us, and wishing you, from the bottom of our hearts, every happiness and safety for the rest of your lives, and especially at your new Parish at St. Nicholas Floriat.

Stephen and Angela.



Father Stephen and Angela's Farewell





SERVICE TIMES

June 2026

Sunday 7th June	10 am Combined Eucharist
Sunday 14th June	8am Said Eucharist 9am Contemporary Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 21st June	8am Said Eucharist 9am Contemporary Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 28th June	8am Said Eucharist 9am Contemporary Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 5th July	10 am Combined Eucharist

Meditation Thursday 8 – 8.45am

Mid-week Eucharist Wednesday 10am

During the parish vacancy, Bishop Philip Huggins has been appointed as acting vicar and will take services on Sunday and Wednesday and be available in the parish on Wednesdays.

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Rev Sheridan Hannah has been appointed regarding pastoral care to assist during the parish vacancy for one day a week

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OPEN CHURCH ROSTER

In keeping with our Open-Door policy, we are looking for more people to volunteer for the roster to open and close the Church doors in daylight hours. There is no need to remain in the church.

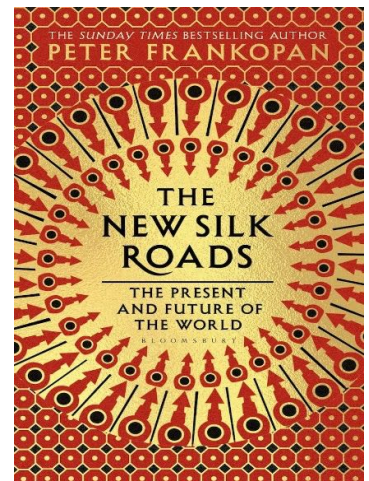
Throughout Fr Stephen's time it has been mostly unattended while open but has been much appreciated by many as a space for quiet contemplation and inspiration. Thank you very much to those who have already volunteered, but we still need someone to close on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays.

If you can help, please see Cathy 0414 885 620 (for the Wardens), and put your name on the roster

NOTICES

ALL SAINTS' BOOK GROUP: Our next book to read is "The New Silk Roads" by Peter Frankopan.

Meeting date: Tuesday 4th August



Winter Blessing

Winter, humble servant
of creation,
with brisk determination
you encompass our land.
You clothe us in warm
wraps,
sending us out into the
weather to gather the
lessons you scatter.



You call us to sit by the fireplace and feed each other stories.
You invite us to listen to that which is invisible.
You are the contemplative season.
In unseen and unknown places you faithfully do your work.
In the winter storms of our lives, teach us patience.
May we learn to trust the goodness of what we cannot see.
As the ground becomes frozen,
may we have the courage to visit the frozen ground of our own lives,
believing in the life that is hidden.
You clear the air. You protect the seed. You embrace reality.
You, O Winter, hold our fears until they can be transformed into trust.
You are the beautiful season that we sometimes overlook.
Share with us your virtues of solitude, contemplation and faith.
Surround us with your fresh, crisp breath
and protect the seed that is sleeping in the depths of our being.

The Circle of Life

Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr

WINTER COMMUNITY LUNCH - Sunday 5 July 12 noon

After our very successful Summer Lunch our next proposed date is for a Winter Roast lunch on Sunday 5 July at 12 Noon, after the combined service. The date is confirmed with our chef Jeremy.

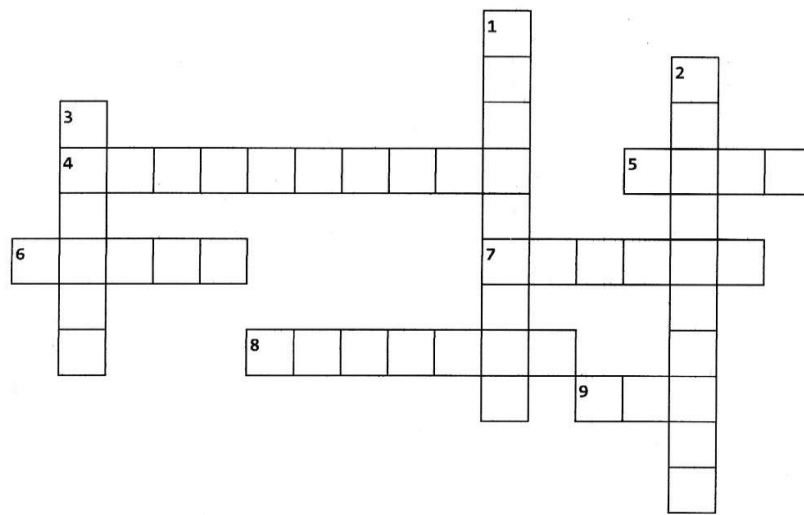
Our charity focus will be Guide Dogs Victoria. We will have two speakers: Liz Pepper who will come with an ambassador dog who will be free to socialize; and Pam Haigh who now has her fourth dog Moby, who will be working. Parishioner Judy Goy has worked for years with this organization and has arranged our speakers. It was felt also that this is particularly appropriate for us as we are an exceptional parish in our welcome to canine family members.

Cathy Cameron (on behalf of the Lunch Committee)





Pentecost Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 4. This is who came with fire and gave the disciples power to speak to people about Jesus.
- 5. On the day of Pentecost, the disciples heard a sound like a rushing _____.
- 6. The colour of the Season after Pentecost.
- 7. People chose the day of Pentecost to be baptised to celebrate their new life in _____.
- 8. The season after Pentecost is the _____ Season in our liturgical (church) year.
- 9. In the Anglican church, this colour represents the fire of the Holy Spirit and blood that was shed for the gospel.

Down

- 1. In the Anglican church, we celebrate this 50 days after Easter
- 2. This is another name for the day of Pentecost.
- 3. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the _____.



All Saints'

Flower & Plant Show

All Saints' Church, Newtown
7 & 8 November 2026

Categories for all ages with
prizes

Raffle and Door Prize

Sausage Sizzle

Sparrow Park Band

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