# ST. STEPHEN'S NEWSLETTER

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We are delighted to announce that St Stephens is offering Messy Church on Line. On the last Sunday of each month .From July 26<sup>th</sup>.

The team, Kate, Jane, Anne, & Pam have made up activity packages to deliver to the children to match the theme of the month.

Kate Sharp and Jane Moloney are leading this ministry and are both well equipped and experienced with children & zoom would you please pray for this new exciting venture in ministry.

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#### WORSHIP



THIS WEEK WE ARE GOING TO TRY LIVE WORSHIP TIM IS GOING TO PLAY THE KEYBOARD AS WE SING ©





PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH AND ALL WHO ARE ILL AT THIS TIME. WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL OUR BLESSINGS.

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### Special Announcement



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HE who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,

Will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God my God in whom I will trust"

Surely he will save you from the fowlers snare, and from the deadly pestilence .

He will cover you with his feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness nor the plague that destroys at midday The psalm does not promise us unconditional security in any and every situation.

But ultimately, what ever the circumstances may be we are secure in God's Love

Bold imagery is used to illustrate the divine defense which is promised.

God will defend them as a mother bird hides her chicks under her wings: His faithfulness will be to them as a soldier's shield.

I find this to be one of my many favorite Psalms even though we cannot believe it literally; we do know that we can trust in our God. I find it a great comfort.



I just love this picture, it reminds me of the Psalm and that God's Love extends to all people. I had a silky hen once who had a dozen little chicks, she would defend them at great cost against a very aggressive rooster. She would just fluff up and scrape them under her wings it was beautiful to watch.

#### PSALM 91

Do you have a favorite Psalm.

There used to be a GP in Geelong who would give his patients whatever medication they needed but also gave them two or three Psalms to read and meditate on each day.

Great Medicine ©

The end of the Psalm says "Because he loves me I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him

Note

It does imply we will have troubles in this life but He will be with us and has provided a way for us to know His Comfort and Peace

