



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Sixth Sunday of Easter
6 May, 2018

Parish Link

Our Vicar Writes ...

Welcome to our worship today! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! As this joyous Easter season draws to a close with the celebration of the Ascension on Thursday we hear a wonderfully comforting Gospel passage from John 15 this morning. We are chosen by God! For a moment today just let that fact sink in. We are chosen by the creator of the entire cosmos to be in relationship – to be supported, enriched and loved! To be considered the *doulos* (slave or servant) of God was thought to be a high honour in the ancient world and here today our relationship extends beyond being *slaves* and *servants* of God to in Christ being *friends* of God!! No matter how lonely, isolated and alone we may *feel* from time to time – the reality is that we are *always* in relationship with God and this relationship is more than just a passing nodding acquaintance as if God is just someone we ride the train with each day or meet at the store each week. The real question to ponder today is how to develop our friendship with God – how to allow the Spirit of God, whom we celebrate soon at Pentecost, to fully transform us into the people God wants us to be.

Congratulations to Bishop George who celebrated 37 years a bishop last Wednesday. We pray for many more years to celebrate with him! Please consider being involved in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative this year. Information is available on the back table in the church.

Morning tea

Morning tea is served in the undercroft after the 9.30am service.
Please join us.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FIRST AID KIT – Located in the office and kitchen.

TOILETS – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

WHEELCHAIR – Located in the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

FIRE & EMERGENCY – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

OH&S – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.

Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News
Telling the story afresh
Expressing God's love
Nurturing and sharing faith
Equipping to serve
Serving the community

Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

Sentence

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.' John 15.16

Prayer of the Day

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: **Acts, Chapter 10, beginning at verse 44**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm: 98 in the *APBA* prayer book, p. 325

Second Reading: **The First Letter of John, Chapter 5 beginning at Verse 5**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 15, beginning at verse 9

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

For the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Welcome to the Lord's Table.
All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion
or to come forward for a blessing.

Years Mind

Bonnie Fowler, Frances Allen, Frank Groom
John Noble, Peter Reynolds
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Flowers today are in Loving Memory of Thomas Orange

Prayer Points

The Church: Anglican Church of Kenya (Abp Jackson Ole Sapit); Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens; Trinity Grammar School (Michael Davies, Principal; Matt Campbell, Peter Turnbull, Chaplains); St Peter's Bundoora (Jobby John); Parish visit to St Hilary & St Silas (Abp Philip Freier); Mount Eliza Parish – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St John's Epping – patronal festival (Bp Brad Billings); Altona-Laverton Parish – pastoral visit (Bp Philip Huggins).

The Parish: Give thanks for our organist and choir and for musical praise and worship in our parish.

The World: Pray for ongoing negotiations between North Korea and South Korea and for and end to nuclear weapons.

The Nation/Community: Pray for good communication and relations with those countries that surround Australia and for generosity to those in need.

Prayer of the Week

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant that we may walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 16.11-15	Ps 149	John 15.26-16.4
Tuesday	Acts 16.22-34	Ps 138	John 16.5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17.15-18.1	Ps 148.9-15	John 16.12-15
Thursday	Acts 1.1-11	Ps 93	John Ephesians
Friday	Acts 18.9-18	Ps 47	John 16.20-23
Saturday	Acts 18.23-28	Ps 47.5-10	John 16.23-28

ABM Pew Reflections

The Reading from Acts captures a moment when the circle of faith was widened. Yet almost in tension with this is the Epistle where we have a blunt dichotomy, those who have the Son have life, those who do not, don't have life. In the end it is apparently that simple. Pray for a widening of the circle of faith and for a widening of whom we love. Pray for the Church of North India, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices , please email the office anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com or let Cecilia know **before** Thursdays. Please keep notices succinct and to the point as space is limited.*



NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office hours have **changed**. Instead of Wednesday afternoon, the office is open for four hours on Tuesday mornings and on Thursdays it still open but for a shorter time.

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 8.30am – 12.30pm
Thursday 10am – 2.00pm

CARD-MAKING FOR FUNDRAISING WORKSHOP

Saturday 19th May (from 3pm to 5pm)

Bring along your creativity and many of your favourite art and craft resources to join together for this Card-Making for Fundraising Workshop, in the Undercroft. More information to follow.



Contact: Jude Westrup through the office email or judedesigns950@gmail.com



26 MAY 2018

“Journey to a Deacon”

Rev. Alasdair MacKinnon-Love will be the speaker at our next breakfast on above date. Rev. Alasdair will talk about his path from cradle to the diaconate. All men of the Parish are invited together with sons, sons-in-law, friends and neighbours. Contact Rob Kennedy, Len Manzie or Ken McDonald if you have any queries. Please register your interest on list at entrance to church today and each day until May 24th or RSVP to kjmcdonald1@optusnet.com.au

A Conversation about Creative Arts



at St Peter's Anglican Parish
Saturday **9 June** from 3pm – 4:30pm
in the Undercroft

There are many ways we pray, praise and serve God through our Creative Arts practices, both individually and communally.

Come along and let's begin (continue) a conversation about how we can enhance, innovate and create together in our service of God, as a Community of Faith. More details to follow.

Contact: Jude Westrup or Shane Hübner



TAIZÉ-STYLE SERVICE FOR PENTECOST-TRINITY SUNDAY

Continue celebrating on Sunday May 27, 7.30pm

We continue celebrating Pentecost with a liturgy of chants, readings, prayers and silence in the style of Taizé. All welcome.

Family & Children's Service

"All Together Now"

10.0am **Sunday 20 May**

Please wear red for Pentecost!

This service will include communion.



CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS WORKSHOP

Diocesan Services has notified parishes of updates to the Diocesan Child Safety Code and policies. The parish is planning a Saturday workshop in late June (TBC) for **members of Parish Council and others in the parish** needing to comply with these standards.

Further information: Parish Secretary, Keith Wilkins.



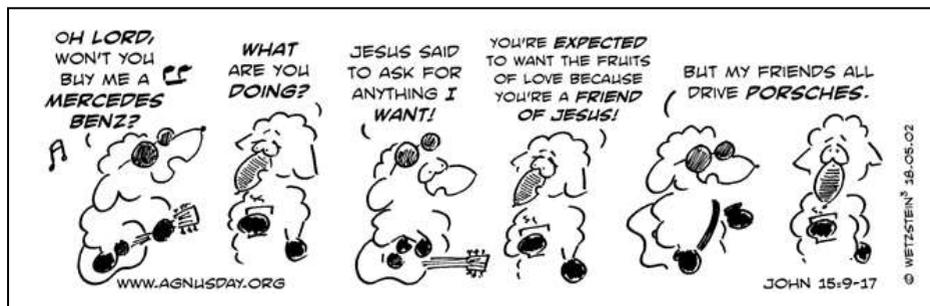
June 1, 2018

Yes! There another fantastic quiz night is coming! Saturday night, 1 June, beginning at 7.30pm in our parish hall. Fr Shane will again host the evening with questions on all sorts of topics.

Bring your friends and make up a table or come and join a table and make friends!

Bring your own nibblies. Tea and coffee provided.

Tickets \$15 a head. Pick up tickets from the office or see Cecilia.



What's on this Week

TODAY 6.5.18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

11.30 Mandarin Service

2.00pm Dinka Service

2.30pm Discipleship Workshop, *hall*

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

MON 7.5.18

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, *St Aidan's*

TUES 8.5.18

Julian of Norwich, holy woman and mystic

8.30-12.00pm Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00am-1.00pm Joyful Chinese, *hall*

6.00-8.00pm Sudanese Prayer

WED 9.5.18

10.30am Eucharist

2.00pm Play Group Set up, *hall*

6.00-7.00pm Chinese Dancing, *hall*

THURS 10.5.18

Ascension Day

10.00-2.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30am Play Group, *hall*

6.00-8.00pm Sudanese Prayer, *u/croft*

FRI 11.5.18

7.30am Eucharist

10am-1.00pm Chinese Nurse Assoc, *hall*

5.00-9.00pm Chinese Prayer Group

SAT 12.5.18

9am-12pm Homework Club, *hall*

SUN 13.5.18

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

11.30am Mandarin Service

2.00pm Dinka Service

2.30pm Discipleship Workshop, *hall*

7.30pm Alcoholics Anonymous, *hall*

For the Diary

19 May

Card-making Workshop

3.00-5.00pm, undercroft

20 May

Pentecost

Family & Children's Service

10.0am. Please wear red!

26 May

Men's Breakfast

8.00-10.00am, Undercroft

27 May

Taizé-style service for

Pentecost, 7.30pm

29 May

Piano being installed in St Peter's

1 June

Quiz Night, 7.30pm, hall

2 June

St Peter's Prayer Group

9.30am

9 June

Creative Arts Conversation, u'croft

24 June

St Peter's Patronal Festival

10.00am Combined Service

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Before the service, speak to God.
During the service,
 let God speak to you.
After the service,
 speak to one another.

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*Baptism, marriage & funeral by arrangement.
 Clergy are available for confession / counselling
 by appointment.*

Roster 9.30am Services

SIDESPEOPLE	Today 6/5/18 Don W, Dianne A, Michele M W	Next week 13/5/18 Ted G, Elizabeth B, Dianne A W
SERVERS	Today 6/5/18 Keith W, Sophia E	Next week 13/5/18 Sophia E, Kim C
READERS	Today 6/5/18 Ken McD, Elizabeth B	Next week 13/5/18 Hilary B, Barbara P
INTERCESSOR	Today 6/5/18 Keith W	Next week 13/5/18 Michele M
MORNING TEA	Today 6/5/18 Elizabeth B M , Lilian Law, Lyn Bryant, Gwen Frost	Next week 13/5/18 Gwen Mc, Janet Hübner, Rosemary S, Peter W