



**ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL**  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
17 June, 2018

# Parish Link

## Our Vicar Writes ...

**W**elcome to our worship today! A special welcome to those coming for our Family and Children's Service (FACS). The focus is on the 1 Samuel reading which reminds us that it is not the outer things that matter but truly what is happening on the inside that counts for we believe in a God who looks at the heart before all else! The Gospel passage is also a powerful reminder to us of the way God works through the small. The shrub that the mustard seed grows up into is a metaphor for the way God works in the world. God begins with weakness and impotence and insignificance, and God works through those things, and they become God's salvation, even though the world is likely to **continue to regard them as weak, impotent, and insignificant!** God's work in the world is the lives together of God's people and in Scripture God's people are seldom impressive by any standards except God's. Let us, as we were extolled to in last week's reading from 2 Corinthians, not lose heart, for as one of our current bishops puts it, we are a small tribe but with a big vision! Please don't forget that next Sunday is our Patronal Festival – a special service combining all congregations to worship, in honour of our patron saint, Peter. It begins at 10am.

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### 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

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 2 Corinthians 5.19

## Prayer of the Day

Lord of the misfit, whose prophets came like weeds to an ordered garden, shaking all that deadens your love: give us faith in your kingdom's growth, unruly and exuberant and let it be a shelter wide enough for all; through Jesus Christ, our teacher. Amen

## Readings

First Reading: **1 Samuel 15.34 - 16.13**

**15** Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. **16** The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

**Psalm: 20** in the *APBA* prayer book, **p. 240**

Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17**

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark, Chapter 4, beginning at verse 26

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

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

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## Years Mind

Norman Reynolds, Otilie Shepherd, Dorothy Beattie,  
Harry Hilas, Mae Williams

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



## Prayer Points

**The Church:** Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) (Abp Stephen Than Myint Oo); Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Regional Bps Jeremy Greaves, Cameron Venables, John Roundhill, Clergy & People); Anglican Boys' Soc - CEBS (Bruce Anderson, Secretary); Parish of St John the Evangelist Epping (Margaret Hartley, Carole LloydFlanders); Church of the Ascension Springvale – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Michael's Carlton North – pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Parish of Jika Jika – pastoral visit (Bp Philip Huggins).

**The Parish:** Pray for those preparing for our Patronal Festival and give thanks for the work of our parish ministry in Box Hill.

**The World:** Pray for those imprisoned for working for human rights. Pray for international relations and understanding between nations.

**The Nation/Community:** Pray for all those in the arts community who enrich our lives through their work.

## Prayer of the Week

Lord, we beseech you to keep your family, the Church, in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve you in good works, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Daily Readings

<b>Monday</b>	1 Kings 21.1-6	Ps 5.1-6	Matthew 5.38-42
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Kings 22.17-29	Ps 51.10-14	Matthew 5.43-48
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Kings 2.1, 6-14	Ps 31.21-27	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Sirach 48.1-14	Ps 97.1-9	Matthew 6.7-15
<b>Friday</b>	2 Kings 11.1-4, 9-20	Ps 132.10-18	Matthew 6.19-23
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Chronicles 24.17-25	Ps 89.1-4	Matthew 6.24-34

## ABM Pew Reflections

Samuel grieves for Saul, but even Samuel is surprised by who God might choose to be a King. With Jesus there are surprises too, for 'he did not speak to them except in parables', known for their surprising depths. Pray that we might hear anew God's word in our lives, for freshness of hearing and listening. Pray for the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, 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](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com) or let Cecilia know **before** Thursdays. Please keep notices succinct and to the point as space is limited.

### PATRONAL FESTIVAL Next Sunday, 24 June

We are having a parish lunch in the hall after the 10am service next week. Please bring a plate to share. We will be setting up the hall at 8.45am on Sunday morning – volunteers welcome! See Hilary or Cecilia.



M O S T  
wanted



Can you help? Margaret Dooley is wanting **oranges, lemons and limes** to make delicious jams and other goodies for the upcoming produce stalls. Please contact her if you can help.



### MOTHERS' UNION

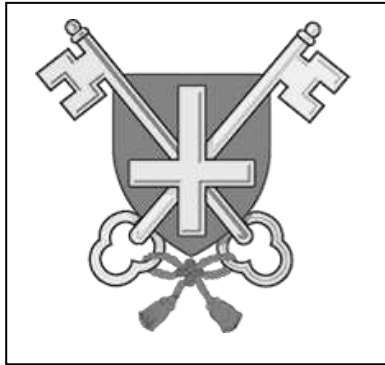
St Peter's Mothers' Union is having a special church service  
**Sunday, 12 August, 9.30am**

This service will highlight our project for 2018  
and the **Reverend Anne Kennedy** will be the preacher.

A special morning tea will follow  
and there will be cakes, biscuits and produce for sale.  
We hope parishioners and visitors will make a donation.  
(This event will replace our annual luncheon.)



St Peter's Day  
10.00am 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2018



There will be a combined service on this day  
celebrating with all three congregations  
Dinka, English & Mandarin.

You're invited...  
to join us in celebrating the faith, life and  
community  
of the Anglican Parish of Box Hill.  
**welcome! 欢迎! wek cuke loor!**

**Lunch will be available in the hall after the service.**

# What's on this Week

**TODAY 17.6.18**

## **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

8.00am **Holy Communion**

10.00am **Family&Children's Service**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

2.30pm **Discipleship Workshop, hall**

7.30pm *Al Anon, hall*

**MON 18.6.18**

7.30pm *Narcotics Anonymous, St Aidan's*

**TUES 19.6.18**

8.30-12.00pm **Men at Work**

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**

**WED 20.6.18**

10.30am **Eucharist**

2.00pm **Play Group** *Set up, hall*

6.00-7.00pm **Chinese Dancing, hall**

**THU 21.6.18**

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

9.30-11.30am **Play Group, hall**

600-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer, u/croft**

**FRI 22.6.18**

7.30am **Eucharist**

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

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

**SAT 23.6.18**

9am-12pm **Homework Club, hall**

9am-1.00pm **Compliance Session, u/croft**

3-4pm **Conversation about Creative Arts, u/croft**

**SUN 24.6.18**

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### **St Peter's Day, Patronal Festival**

10.00am **Holy Communion**

2.30pm **Discipleship Workshop, hall**

7.30pm *Alcoholics Anonymous, hall*

## For the Diary

**23 June**

A Conversation about Creative Arts

3.00-4.30pm, u'croft

**24 June**

St Peter's Patronal Festival

10.00am Combined Service

**26 June**

Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm

**30 June**

Book Sale 9.00am-3.00pm

**4 August**

Friends of Anglican Music  
at St Peter's

Evensong 4pm, supper afterwards

**5 August**

Aust Welsh Male Choir

2.30pm

**12 August**

Mothers' Union Service  
& morning tea

**13 October**

Spring Fair

*Please note change of date*

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### Office Hours:

Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

Thu 10.00am – 2.00pm

*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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*Clergy are available for confession / counselling by appointment.*

## Roster FACS & 10am Patronal Festival

<b>SIDESPEOPLE</b>	<b>Today 17/6/18 FACS</b> Michele M, Barbara P	<b>Next week 24/6/18</b> Don W, Gwen F, Margaret P W
<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>Today 17/6/18 FACS</b> <i>Not rostered</i>	<b>Next week 24/6/18</b> Sophia E, Kim C
<b>READERS</b>	<b>Today 17/6/18 FACS</b> <i>Not rostered</i>	<b>Next week 24/6/18</b> Linda B, Keith W
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	<b>Today 17/6/18 FACS</b> <i>Not rostered</i>	<b>Next week 24/6/18</b> Betty B
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	<b>Today 17/6/18 FACS</b> Cecilia M, Margaret R, Jan G, Keith W	<b>Next week 24/6/18</b> Michele M M, Barbara P, Dianne A