



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

17 June, 2018

Parish Link

Our Vicar Writes ...

Welcome 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.

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 Gibeath 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**

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

Norman Reynolds, Ottolie 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

Monday	1 Kings 21.1-6	Ps 5.1-6	Matthew 5.38-42
Tuesday	1 Kings 22.17-29	Ps 51.10-14	Matthew 5.43-48
Wednesday	2 Kings 2.1, 6-14	Ps 31.21-27	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Sirach 48.1-14	Ps 97.1-9	Matthew 6.7-15
Friday	2 Kings 11.1-4, 9-20	Ps 132.10-18	Matthew 6.19-23
Saturday	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.

notice board

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.

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.



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 24th 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*

6.00-8.00pm 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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Roster FACS & 10am Patronal Festival

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