



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
12 August, 2018

Parish Link

Our Vicar Writes ...

Welcome to our worship today as we gather together as God's people to break open God's word and share at God's Holy table. We give thanks today for our Mothers' Union branch and all the faithful ministry carried out by members over many years. We give thanks to God for the life of Mary Sumner, the founder of Mothers' Union. We have been over the last month hearing as part of our Sunday Scripture texts Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus. It is clear that Paul wants the church to make the connections between the new relationship they have with Christ, with each other (including with Jews), on the one hand, and real living, concrete behaviour, on the other. It is important for us to see both aspects. Otherwise we run the risk of turning Paul's list of behaviours expected into a set of rules. But if we focus only on the new relationship and expect changes, we are being naïve. The focus always in Paul's writing's is allowing our new relationship with Christ to move beyond mere belief in Christ to actual *identity* in *Christ!* In last week's passage we were extolled by Paul to 'grow up in every way *into* him who is the head' – grow into Christ. So the first course of action for us, and this is the same for new Christians as it is for mature disciples of many decades standing, is to open our hearts to the transforming Spirit of God who is love. The behaviours then listed by Paul; behaviours of a grace-filled; Spirit-filled people, will then be the natural extension of this inner opening of our hearts. May our hearts be continually opened day-by-day to the work of God's Spirit so we become more fully the people of God.

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

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Ephesians 5.1–2

Prayer of the Day

Grant, O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on the true and living bread that you have given us in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: **2 Samuel 18.5-9, 14, 31-33**

The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. Joab said, 'I will not waste time like this with you.' He took three spears in his hand, and thrust them into the heart of Absalom, while he was still alive in the oak. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.' The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

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

Psalm: 130 in the *APBA* prayer book, p. 364

Second Reading: **Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2**

4 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give

grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **5** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 6 , beginning at verse 35.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

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

Robert Wallace, George Strachan, Ellen Toussaint, Werner Gronlund,
John Hobba, Ruby Beaumont, Douglas Cliff, Ruby Beaumont

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Church of the Province of South East Asia (Abp Ng Moon Hing); Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia; Hospital Chaplaincy (Stephen Delbridge, Co-ordinator & Chaplains); All Saints' Mitcham (Penny Charters); Holy Trinity, Port Melbourne – pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Margaret's Eltham – confirmation service (Bp Philip Huggins).

The Parish: Give thanks for all the fellowship and sharing that we have in our parish and pray that we may continue to grow as a loving Christian community.

The World: Pray for our farmers and for those in country towns who are suffering from the drought and pray for rain where it is needed.

The Nation/Community: Pray for all those who work in local government, both elected officials and those in administration that they may serve their communities well.

Prayer of the Week

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Ezekiel 1.2-5, 24-28c	Ps 148.1-6	Matthew 17.22-27
Tuesday	Ezekiel 2.8-3.4	Ps 119.97-104	Matthew 18.1-5, 1014
Wednesday	Ezekiel 9.1-7, 10.18-22	Ps 113	Matthew 18.15-20
Thursday	Ezekiel 12.1-12	Ps 78.55-60	Matthew 18.21-19.1
Friday	Ezekiel 16.59-63	A Song of Isaiah (APBA p.391)	Matthew 19.3-12
Saturday	Ezekiel 18.1-13, 30-32	Ps 51.10-14	Matthew 19.13-15



*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.*

CARD-MAKING FOR FUNDRAISING WORKSHOP

Saturday 25th August (from 2pm to 4pm) Undercroft
Following on from our first workshop, there have been requests for a second card-making session, So once again bring along your creativity and any of your favourite art and craft resources, or use our collective supplies here.
Contact: Jude Westrup via the Parish Office

TAIZÉ-STYLE LITURGY Sunday, August 19, 2018

A Taizé-style liturgy will be held honouring Mary, Mother of the Lord
7.30pm, Sunday August 19. All welcome to share in this reflection service of chants, prayers, readings and silences.

PARISH MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, August 25 2018 Undercroft, 8.00 – 9.30am

The speaker will be Ruth Judd, a retired missionary, who was in the mission field of Nepal for 35 years. On her return to Australia she was appointed President of Medical Mission Aid (MMA) until her retirement in 2017. MMA is a small not-for-profit organisation which was formed almost 100 years ago to support missionaries in the field with medical supplies where such supplies were not readily available. All parishioners are welcome to attend and hear about MMA and its future projects. An expression of interest list is available at entrance to church. Contact Ken McDonald, Rob Kennedy or Len Manzie.

SHAWL RAFFLE

A superb hand-woven woollen shawl has been donated to be raffled to raise funds for the trip by Fr Joseph and his wife and daughter to South Sudan. The shawl would make a wonderful gift or keep its lucky winner warm and looking gorgeous! It will be available to see both in the office during the week and in the undercroft after services on Sunday. Raffle tickets can be purchased from Hilary or Cecilia (in the office).

CAN YOU HELP?

Many thanks to those who have donated to help Fr Joseph Arou and his wife Aliza visit South Sudan later this year. Undertaking such a trip is inevitably expensive and Fr Shane and the Parish Council are keen to give some financial assistance. Cheques can be made payable to the Anglican Parish of Box Hill or cash may be placed in an envelope marked "Travel to South Sudan" and put on the plate. All donations will be much appreciated and put to good use.



Family & Children's Service

Next Sunday 19 August, 10am

NEW CHILDREN'S CHAIRS

We are planning to purchase new child size plastic, stack-able chairs for the hall, to be used by Playgroup, Chinese Sunday School and Saturday Homework Club. We have been given a donation which will purchase 12 chairs but could use 20 chairs. \$25 will buy a chair. Any donations toward this purchase would be appreciated. Please place donations in an envelope in the collection plate marked "Children's Chairs." Barbara Plumridge



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to our musical weekend on Saturday August 4th and Sunday the 5th. The setting up, cleaning up and wonderful mountains of varied and tasty foods provided by you was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all who came. 60 people came to the Evensong service on Saturday which was led by the 50 strong FOAM choir guided by Derek Jones.

The Australian Welsh male choir concert on Sunday had 42 choristers ably conducted by Tom Buchanan and their accompanist Michelle Nguyen. Organ interludes by Lewis Plumridge, the Box Hill Parish organist of renown, added to a very entertaining performance for the audience of 117.

Our grateful thanks to Shane who conducted Evensong so well and, as a choir member, was able to organise the visit from Australian Welsh Male Choir. Thank you everyone. Our Sunday concert profit was \$805.00.

MONASH CHORALE CONCERT

It's Showtime with Monash Chorale. Songs from Camelot, My Fair Lady, The King and I, The sound of Music, Oklahoma and South Pacific. Sunday, 26 August 2.30 pm at Holy Saviour Catholic Church, Highbury Road, Vermont South. For tickets go to <https://www.trybooking.com/XAGZ> or buy tickets at the door. Adult \$30, Concession \$25, School Students \$10. Ticket enquiries 8838-2486.



SPRING FAIR PLANNING 2018

The fair is on Saturday October 13
Here at St Peters. 9am - 2pm

Just two months away! I want to thank all who have already started preparations. We have already had so much support from you in other fundraising events. Please pray for all those who plan and create for our major fund raiser for the year.

Contact Hilary for any questions or comments. 9899 7553.

What's in this Week

TODAY 12.8.18

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am **Holy Communion**

9.30am **Mothers' Union Special Service**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

2.30pm **Discipleship, hall**

7.30pm **Al Anon, hall**

MON 13.8.18

11am-3.00pm **Chinese Nurse Assoc, hall**

7.30pm **Narcotics Anonymous, St Aidan's**

TUES 14.8.18

8.30-11.30pm **Men at Work**

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**

WED 15.8.18

10.30am **Eucharist**

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

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

THU 16.8.18

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

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

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

FRI 17.8.18

7.30am **Eucharist**

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

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 18.8.18

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

7.30pm **ANATS Singing Concert/ Comp**

SUN 19.8.18

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am **Holy Communion**

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

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

2.30-3.30pm **Discipleship**

7.30pm, **Taizé-style liturgy**

7.30pm **Al Anon, hall**

For the Diary

18 August

Family & Children's Service, 10am

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ANATS Singing Concert Competition

7.30pm, St Peter's

19 August

Taizé-style liturgy, 7.30pm

25 August

Men's Breakfast, 8.00am, *u'croft*

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Card Making Workshop, 2-4pm,

u'croft

28 August

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

13 October

Spring Fair

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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 9.30am Service and 10.00am FACS

SIDESPEOPLE	Today 12/8/18 Ken McD, Judy J, Margaret P W	Next week 19/8/18 Barbara M, Michele P
SERVERS	Today 12/8/18 Elizabeth, B, Sophia E	Next week 19/8/18 <i>Not required</i>
READERS	Today 12/8/18 Jan G, Gwen F	Next week 19/8/18 <i>Not required</i>
INTERCESSOR	Today 12/8/18 Michele M	Next week 19/8/18 <i>Not required</i>
MORNING TEA	Today 12/8/18 Gwen McD M , Janet H, Rosemary S, Peter W	Next week 19/8/18 Cecilia M , Margaret R, Jan G, Keith W