



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
26 August, 2018
Thanksgiving Sunday

Parish Link

Our Vicar Writes ...

Welcome to our worship today. We celebrate our *Thanksgiving Sunday* today as we ask God to bless our offerings for the ongoing ministry and mission of the Anglican Parish of Box Hill. There is much to be thankful for and yet there is much that we are asked to do! On behalf of the Wardens and Parish Council I thank all of you for your support. As we give thanks for all that we have received from God we are encouraged by the Scriptures. Today in our Gospel reading we are reminded that we abide in Jesus and Jesus in us as we partake in the Holy Communion. We are reminded that there really is nowhere else for us to go as we hear once more Peter say to Jesus, *“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”*

A couple of reminders:

(1) While today we offer our commitment forms for our financial commitment to God’s church here in Box Hill, there will be another form very shortly that outlines where we can offer our gifts of talent and skill. An apology for any confusion caused by the insert in the LINK a couple of weeks ago which stated that this form would also be included in the stewardship pack. That was not correct and this form will be handed out soon.

(2) I am on leave as of next Thursday (30 August) and I will not be back on deck until Wednesday 17 October. I will be leading a group of parishioners and friends to Egypt, Jordan, and Israel for three weeks then heading to England to be part of the Australian Welsh Male Choir tour of Scotland, York, and Wales. In my absence the Reverend Alasdair MacKinnon-Love will be acting locum in charge, ably supported by Bishop George Hearn and the Reverend Harry Kerr. If you would like to follow the grand adventure I have set up a blog at www.fathershane.org.

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, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' John 6.63

Prayer of the Day

Everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called them each may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: **1 Kings 8.22-30, 41-43**

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive. 'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

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

Psalm: 84.1-7 in the *APBA* prayer book, p.310

Second Reading: **Ephesians 6.10-20**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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 56.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

Jeanne Stockdale, Derek Bennett, Winifred Jackson,
Constance Cox, Ron Bracken

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Anglican Church of Southern Africa (Abp Thabo Makgoba); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Aboriginal Clergy & People); St Aidan's Noble Park (Gerald Loos); St Luke's Sydenham – pastoral visit (Abp Philip Freier); Mullum Mullum Parish, Ringwood – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Matthias Richmond North – pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Peter's Bundoora – pastoral visit (Bp Philip Huggins); Trinity College Chapel Service (Bp Philip Huggins).

The Parish: Pray for safe journey for Shane, Janet and other parishioners as they begin their travels in the Holy Land and Egypt later this week.

The World: Pray for those affected by earthquakes in Indonesia, floods in India and droughts in other parts of the world. Grant safe housing and enough food for all.

The Nation/Community: Pray for our political leaders that they may work to provide good government for our country.

Prayer of the Week

Creator God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	2 Thessalonians 1.1-5	Ps 96.1-6	Matthew 23.13-22
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a	Ps 96.7-13	Matthew 23.23-26
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 3.1-18	Ps 128	Matthew 23.27-32
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1.1-9	Ps 145.1-9	Matthew 24.42-51
Friday	1 Corinthians 1.17-25	Ps 33.1-8	Matthew 25.1-13
Saturday	1 Corinthians 1.26-31	Ps 33.13-21	Matthew 25.14-30



*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.*

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 be seen 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).

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



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHILD SAFETY

Please note that all church workers (anyone who performs one or more roles in the parish) will need to have read the Diocesan Code of Conduct for Child Safety to enable a witnessed signed declaration to that effect. There is a copy of the document on the parish website or a hard copy can be made available for those who need it. For further information see Churchwardens: Garry Plumridge or Rob Kennedy, or Parish Secretary Keith Wilkins.



GARDEN PARTY AT BISHOPCOURT

There is going to be a garden party at Bishopscourt to support Dream Stitches. **Saturday, October 27. 1.30 – 4.00pm**

Entry by prepaid ticket only.

Tickets can be obtained from Barbara Plumridge at a cost of \$35.

What's in this Week

TODAY 26.8.18

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am **Holy Communion**

9.30am **Holy Communion**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

2.30pm **Discipleship, hall**

7.30pm **AI Anon, hall**

MON 27.8.18

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

TUES 28.8.18

8.30-11.30pm **Men at Work**

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**

WED 29.8.18

10.30am **Eucharist**

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

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

THU 30.8.18

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

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

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

FRI 31.8.18

7.30am **Eucharist**

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 1.9.18

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

SUN 2.9.18

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am **Holy Communion**

9.30am **Holy Communion**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

2.30-3.30pm **Discipleship**

7.30pm **AI Anon, hall**

For the Diary

28 August

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

2 September

Shawl raffle drawn after

9.30am service

6 September

Box Hill Kiosk

St Peter's stall

16 September

Family & Children's Service

10.00am

30 September

Taizé-style for Michaelmas, 6.00pm

13 October

Spring Fair

28 October

Shoebox Sunday

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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.



MORNING TEA

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

Roster 9.30am Service

SIDESPEOPLE	Today 26/8/18 Noel W, Elizabeth W, Ted G W	Next week 2/9/18 Ted G, Dianne A. Eric S W
SERVERS	Today 26/8/18 Sophia E, Keith W	Next week 2/9/18 Sophia E, Michele M
READERS	Today 26/8/18 Barbara P, Hilary B	Next week 2/9/18 Sophia E, Kim C
INTERCESSOR	Today 26/8/18 Janet H	Next week 2/9/18 Sophia E
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Clergy are available for confession / counselling by appointment.