



Our Vicar Writes ...

Spring is here. Despite the freezing nights there are signs of Spring everywhere. Our streets and gardens are a picture with blossoms and buds are bursting open everywhere. Spring of course is connected with love and romance and the new beginnings it brings. It is appropriate then that our first reading on this first Sunday of Spring is from the Song of Songs, which brings Spring and romance together: *'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come...* The Song of Songs is a series of very beautiful love poems, some of them probably "M rated for mature adults only." It is part of what we call the Wisdom Literature. The earlier books of the Old Testament focus on the Mighty Acts of God, the Turning Points in History, Leaders, Kings and Prophets, Big Picture stuff. The Wisdom books, Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs and Job, focus on Gods' presence in the ups and downs of everyday life. The Song of Songs offers us a picture of God and humanity as young lovers, captivated by each other's beauty, rejoicing in being together with the world at their feet. The church has always been shy of this image of God. We only read from the Song once in the whole three year cycle. Instead we focus on God the judge, God the schoolmaster, God the policeman, quick to catch us out when we break the rules. This is what makes Jesus so angry at the Pharisees in to-day's gospel. They impose all manner of rules and regulations on people which are supposed to bring them closer to God when they do no such thing. So Christianity is seen as judgemental and exclusive particularly towards those who enjoy life. The Song invites us back into the arms of God our lover into the "glorious freedom of God's children."

Happy Springtime, Happy Father's Day.

Love & Peace, Harry

Morning tea

Morning tea is served in the undercroft after the 9.30am

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

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
James 1.17

Prayer of the Day

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord, and enlighten our hearts through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ, that when he comes in glory to be our judge we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: **Song of Songs 2.8-13**

I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. Like a lily among thorns is my darling among the young women. Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my beloved among the young men. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste. Let him lead me to the banquet hall, and let his banner over me be love. Strengthen me with raisins, refresh me with apples, for I am faint with love. His left arm is under my head, and his right arm embraces me. Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and by the does of the field: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires. Listen! My beloved! Look! Here he comes, leaping across the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look! There he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattice. My beloved spoke and said to me, 'Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig-tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me. My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding-places on the mountainside, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely. Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom. My beloved is mine and I am his; he browses among the lilies. Until the day breaks and the shadows flee, turn, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or like a young stag on the rugged hills.

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

Psalm: 45.1-2, 6-9 in the *APBA* prayer book, **p.268**

Second Reading: **James 1.17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so

that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark, Chapter 7, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, 'Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?' (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, 'It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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

William O'Brien, Heather Woods, Spencer Mack
Anne Bindon, Jean Poulter, Stanley Thompson, John Murray
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Anglican Church of South America (Abp Gregory James Venables); Diocese of Riverina (Bp Rob Gillion, Clergy & People); Christ Church Grammar School (Chrissy Gamble, Principal); St Matthew's Anglican Church Prahran (Shane Rogerson); Anglican Church, Beirut – Preaching (Bp Paul Barker); Christ Church Hawthorn – pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Paul's Geelong – pastoral visit (Bp Philip Huggins); St Stephen's Karen Congregation - Confirmation Service (Bp Philip Huggins).

The Parish: Pray for Fr Shane, Janet and all those with them on the trip to Egypt and the Holy Land.

The World: Pray for the United Nations and for international cooperation and good will.

The Nation/Community: Pray for our new prime minister and those who govern our country that they might serve the people of Australia well.

Prayer of the Week

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with
all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	1 Corinthians 2.1-5	Ps 119.97-104	Luke 4.16-30
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2.10b-16	Ps 145.8-14	Luke 4.31-37
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 3.1-9	Ps 33.13-21	Luke 4.38-44
Thursday	1 Corinthians 3.18-23	Ps 24.1-6	Luke 5.1-11
Friday	1 Corinthians 4.1-5	Ps 37.3-7	Luke 5.33-39
Saturday	1 Corinthians 4.6-15	Ps 145.13-21	Luke 6.1-5

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.



GARDEN PARTY AT BISHOPCOURT

Saturday, October 27. 1.30 – 4.00pm

This event is to support Dream Stitches. Entry by prepaid ticket only. Tickets can be obtained from Barbara Plumridge at a cost of \$35.



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SEE LEAFLETS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORIO CD

The wonderful CD featuring Lewis Plumridge on the St Peter's organ is available for only \$15. Copies will be available after the 9.30am service today and, from then on, at the office.

SHAWL RAFFLE DRAWN TODAY!

Last chance to buy tickets today. We will draw out the winner's name after the 9.30am service. All proceeds to support the family reunion and orphanage South Sudan visit by Joseph and Alisa. Thank you to Jen Walker for the terrific donation of your superb hand woven shawl.

**Volunteers
needed!**

Box Hill Kiosk Stall this week!

Thursday September 6, is the Box Hill Kiosk stall from 8am to 2pm. This kiosk sale is to advertise our parish activities and our Spring Fair. Sales people welcomed to help on the day! No experience needed.

We will be selling: baked goods, cakes, confectionery, home-made crafts, small plants, jams and relishes.

Spring fair

Saturday October 13

from 9 am to 2pm.

Only 41 sleeps away!

What you can contribute:

- Baked goods, Confectionery, Home Produce
- New home made crafts (Spare wool and sewing material are always welcome)
- Crafted cards and similar items
- Quality second hand books CDs and DVDs
- Quality second hand clothing and accessories
- Steptoe or second hand household goods
- Hardy plants (any pots for seedlings especially 4 to 6 inches)

Parish Raffle tickets are **now available** and still only \$2 a ticket.

- 1st prize - Bunnings vouchers \$500
- 2nd prize - Jen Walker's hand woven blue shawl \$250
- 3rd prize - Gourmet Hamper \$200
- 4th prize - Wine Hamper \$150
- 5th prize - Myers vouchers \$100
- 6th prize - Chocolate hamper \$80

Hamper prizes. Are you able to help with a donation? Lists and a box are at the church entry area for donations.

Any queries please contact Hilary 9899 7553

What's in this Week

TODAY 2.9.18

Fifteenth 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 *Al Anon, hall*

MON 3.9.18

7.30pm *Narcotics Anonymous, St Aidan's*

TUES 4.9.18

8.30-11.30pm **Men at Work**

10.00-1.00 **Joyful Chinese, hall**

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**

WED 5.9.18

10.30am **Eucharist**

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

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

THU 6.9.18

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

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

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

FRI 7.9.18

7.30am **Eucharist**

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 8.9.18

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

SUN 9.9.18

Sixteenth 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 *Al Anon, hall*

For the Diary

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

17-20 October

Synod

21 October

Blessing of the Pets

28 October

Shoobox Sunday

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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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Clergy are available for confession / counselling by appointment.

Roster 9.30am Service

SIDESPEOPLE	Today 2/9/18 Ted G, Dianne A. Eric S W	Next week 9/9/18 Rob K, Judy J, Gwen F W
SERVERS	Today 2/9/18 Sophia E, Michele M	Next week 9/9/18 Sophia E, Kim C
READERS	Today 2/9/18 Sophia E, Kim C	Next week 9/9/18 Don W, Lilian L
INTERCESSOR	Today 2/9/18 Sophia E	Next week 9/9/18 Keith W
MORNING TEA	Today 2/9/18 Elizabeth B M , Lilian L, Lyn B, Gwen F	Next week 9/9/18 Gwen McD, Rosemary S, Peter W