



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
30 September, 2018

# Parish Link

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## Bishop George Writes ...

Dear Friends,

Welcome to St Peters. If you are visiting us today we especially invite you to Morning Tea in the Undercroft after the Service.

The ABC TV program on Aged Care this week has challenged our values and community standards. The way a family, church, community, or nation care for vulnerable people whether children, the poor, refugees, the aged or the dying express the actual values of our society as distinct from what young people call the “weasel” words of our political leaders and bureaucrats.

The reading from James this morning was counter cultural to prevailing values of the first century as it is in 2018. Sickness was regarded as a threat to society and those who were ill were isolated from others and the aged often neglected in order to shorten their life. The natural reflex of avoiding infection becomes a communal sin when it reflects exclusion, neglect, spiritual alienation or rejection of the weak from community-whether that be family, church or society.

By contrast the Letter of James reflects a community of grace, healing and love where the weak, poor, children and those who are ill are honoured, respected and loved.

Indeed the sick are empowered to summon the community’s Leaders. Not those who are well but those who are sick are to define the situation and claim the treasures of Christian grace. In this case the treasures include the prayers of the church - confession of our sins, intercession, - laying on of hands and anointing with oil. All too often we bury or lock or blur these spiritual treasures by tight controls to protect them and in the process create idols or spiritual death out of that which is intended to give life.

From its opening words James witnesses to a way of life that is radically different to our prevailing focus upon institutional survival.. Instead we are encouraged and challenged to pray fervently “the prayer of faith” which is the way of true salvation and resurrection. “**Indeed the prayer of faith will save the sick and raise them up.** How can this written word become the living word of God? Some ways are offered if we will take the risk of listening with our ears and hearts to this morning’s scriptures and sermon and responding to the challenge and renewal of the Spirit.

God bless,

+ George.

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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.

### Morning tea

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

## Sentence

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective

## Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our eyes to see those who are in need, and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards, so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children, we may labour for the treasure that endures; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Readings

(A short introduction will be read by the celebrant prior to the first reading.)

First Reading: **Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22**

**7** So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. **9** Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

**Psalm: 124** in the *APBA* prayer book, **p.361**

## Second Reading: **James 5.12-20**

Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'Yes' be yes and your 'No' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark, Chapter 9, beginning at verse 38.

## **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. 'And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

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

*The Prayers for the Church and World  
will follow a time of reflection after the sermon.*

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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

Bernard Pettman, Ernest de Bruin, Bill Wright, Brian Coulter,  
George Addison, Monique Winning

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*This morning we pray the Confession 1 on page 198 of the prayer book.*

## Prayer Points

**The Church:** Church of the Province of Uganda (Abp Stanley Ntagali); Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Clergy & People); Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School (Elisabeth Rhodes, Principal, Emily Fraser, Chaplain); Upper Yarra Parish (Gail Pinchbeck); Visit to Oakleigh Anglican Church (Abp Philip Freier); Christ Church Berwick – pastoral visits (Bp Paul Barker); St James' Glen Iris – pastoral visit (Bp Brad Billings); St George's Malvern – pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Christ Church Melton – pastoral visit (Bp Philip Huggins).

**The Parish:** Pray for God's blessing on our Spring Fair preparations.

**The World:** Pray for all Christians around the world, especially those suffering persecution for their faith and for those who have lost their way.

**The Nation/Community:** Pray for those travelling during this school holiday period that they might travel safely and return refreshed.

## Prayer of the Week

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Daily Readings

<b>Monday</b>	Job 1.6-22	Ps 17.1-7	Luke 9.46-50
<b>Tuesday</b>	Job 3.1-3, 11-17, 20-23	Ps 88.1-7	Luke 9.51-56
<b>Wednesday</b>	Job 9.1-12, 14-16	Ps 88.8-16	Luke 9.57-62
<b>Thursday</b>	Job 19.21-27	Ps 27.9-17	Luke 10.1-12
<b>Friday</b>	Job 38.1, 12-21, 40.3-5	Ps 139.6-11	Luke 10.13-16
<b>Saturday</b>	Job 42.1-17	Ps 119.65-72	Luke 10.17-24

## **MINISTRY OF HEALING & WHOLENESS**

From the days of the New Testament the laying on of hands has been a sign of the conveying of GOD's power. Among the gifts received from GOD is that of healing and wholeness and strengthening for our vocation as Christians.

Anointing with OIL provides a vivid, sacramental expression of God's love in times of sickness or need. The New Testament makes it clear that the anointing of the sick accompanied by prayer was used for healing.

Members of the congregation will be offered the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands with prayer by kneeling or standing at the altar rails. If you would like to receive anointing after Laying on of Hands either for yourself or on behalf of another who is not at the service just say quietly to the clergy when they comes to you "anointing for me or nn".

When this ministry is completed the celebrant continues.

God our healer,  
keep us aware of your presence,  
support us with your power,  
comfort us with your protection,  
give us strength,  
and establish us in your peace.  
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

## **THE BLESSING** (APBA p. 688)

The Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in him, and to whom all things in heaven and earth do bow and obey; be now and always your defence, and make you know and feel that there is no other name in whom you may receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## ABM Pew Reflections

There is a great danger in claiming that God is on your own side, but the Psalmist is claiming it in retrospect, having seen the hand of God in the events of Israelite history. Pray for a spirit of wariness and suspicion when anyone claims that God is on their side, lest you should be led astray. Pray for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, as he leads the worldwide Anglican Communion.



*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.*

## GIVING ENVELOPES

Giving envelopes are now available for collection and they are at the back of the church. If your name isn't there and you want envelopes, please see Michele to arrange this.

## DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP

In recess until **21 October** - save the date!

What will the next topic be? Come along and find out or...  
tell Esther or Sophia your best guess, and if you are correct  
there is a reward for you!

## MEMORIAL GARDEN

Bluestone blocks from St Philip's have been brought to St Peter's in preparation for laying as edging around the Memorial Garden. Landscaping is being done around the fountain (built in memory of Mark Dymond) and the Dymond family are generously funding further professional landscaping. As part of this work the Memorial Garden at St Philip's has been carefully transferred to St Peter's and the soil put into the Memorial Garden here. Many thanks to the Men at Work group who have worked very hard to carry out this work. We look forward to seeing these improvements being finished in this beautiful area.

Don't forget that you can reserve a place on the wall if you are thinking of having ashes buried in the garden. Please see Cecilia in the office if you want to arrange this.



# Spring Fair

**Saturday October 13** 9 am to 2pm Only **15** days away!

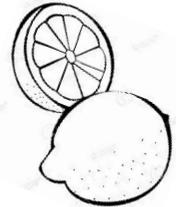
## How can you help?

- Walkers wanted to deliver **flyers**.
- Help needed to **set up** on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please talk to Hilary.
- **Serving on a stall** or **cleaning up**.
- **Parish Raffle donations**. The box for these donations and lists for what is wanted are at near the church door.
- **Buy Raffle tickets**. \$2.00 each.
- **Make cakes and handicrafts & donate plants**

Please contact Hilary if you can help or with any queries on 9899 7553.



**Lemons and  
limes  
Handicrafts  
Plants**



## Live music at the Spring Fair!

Katerina Myskova and the Captain Chaos Quartet will be performing at the Spring Fair again this year.

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## TAIZÉ-STYLE SERVICE FOR MICHAELMAS, 6.00pm

This service of prayers and chants will take place in St Peter's this evening. Please note the earlier time for the start of the service which means it will start in the daylight. All welcome.



# Invitation to a Garden Party at *Bishopscourt*

**27 October, 1.30 – 4.00pm**

This is wonderful chance to see Bishopscourt gardens and attend this worthwhile event for a highly enjoyable afternoon. Tickets available from Barbara Plumridge for \$35

In support of Dream Stitches Sewing Program  
for Refugee & Migrant Women.

In Partnership with:



## **PROGRAM**

- \* *Fashion Parade*
- \* *Student Quilt Show*
- \* *Gorgeous Gifts for sale made by our students and volunteers*
- \* *Garden stall to benefit Bishopscourt Garden*
- \* *Devonshire afternoon tea*

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## **ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2019**

Orders are now being taken for the 2019 edition of the Anglican Church Calendar – still a bargain at \$12 each – ideal for gifts. Please see/contact Michele Mitchell on 9890 4387/themitchells01@bigpond.com



**Important Notice**

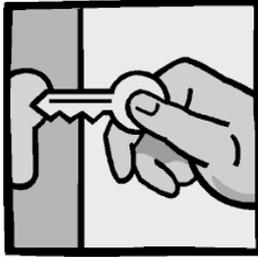
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
25 November 2018**

The service on this Sunday will start at **9.00am**  
and will be the only service for this day.

The AGM will begin directly the service at 10.30am and it  
is hoped that all parishioners will be able to attend this  
important meeting.

## LOCKING DOORS AND SECURITY AT ST PETER'S

Please be vigilant about locking doors when you leave the church, undercroft or hall. It is very important that doors should be checked and that locks have engaged when doors are closed.



### 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.

### 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.

## What's in this Week

### TODAY 30.9.18

#### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am **Holy Communion**

9.30am **Holy Communion**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

**Discipleship** resumes 21/10

6.00pm **Taizé-style for Michaelmas**

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

### MON 1.10.18

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, *St Aidan's*

### TUES 2.10.18

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 3.10.18

10.30am **Eucharist**

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

### THU 4.10.18

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

**Play Group** on holidays

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

### FRI 5.10.18

7.30am **Eucharist**

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

### SAT 6.10.18

**Homework Club** on holidays

### SUN 7.10.18

#### Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am **Holy Communion**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

**Discipleship** resumes 21/10

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

## For the Diary

### 30 September

Taizé-style for Michaelmas, 6.00pm

### 7 October

Baptism at 9.30am service

### 10 October

Cake making activity for Fair, u/croft  
9.00am onwards

### 13 October

**Spring fair**

### 17-20 October

Synod

### 20 October

VMTA Concert, 2.00-6.00pm

### 21 October

Blessing of the Pets



### 28 October

Shoebox Sunday

### 4 November

Bishop Genieve visits the parish  
Combined service at 11.00am  
Baptism and Confirmation

### 25 November

Annual General Meeting  
(directly after service)  
Service this day starts **9.00am**

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*Baptism, marriage & funeral by arrangement.*

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

## Roster 9.30am Service

<b>SIDESPEOPLE</b>	<b>Today 30/9/18</b> Noel W, Rosemary S, Barbara P <b>W</b>	<b>Next week 7/10/18</b> Rob K, Phil D, Dianne A <b>W</b>
<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>Today 30/9/18</b> Elizabeth B, Sophia E	<b>Next week 7/10/18</b> Sophia E, Michele M
<b>READERS</b>	<b>Today 30/9/18</b> Janet H, Rosemary S	<b>Next week 7/10/18</b> Gwen McD, Edwin C
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	<b>Today 30/9/18</b> Betty B	<b>Next week 7/10/18</b> Keith W
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	<b>Today 30/9/18</b> Cecilia <b>M</b> , Jan G, Lyn B, Helen J	<b>Next week 7/10/18</b> Elizabeth B <b>M</b> , Lilian L, Lyn B, Gwen F