



Bishop George Writes ...

Dear Friends,

Many modern readers are offended by Jesus initial conduct in this morning's gospel. They believe that he treats the Syro-Phoenician (non Jewish) mother with a severity that he has not shown to any of the others who have sought healing.

We are told that Jesus went to Tyre(modern day Lebanon) to be quiet. ***“He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there (Mark7:24).*** He was unsuccessful in this hope because a desperate mother finds him. Her daughter is possessed by a demon and she asks Jesus for help and he responds strangely. ***“First let the children eat, for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs”***

Jesus is saying “my mission is to Jews and you are a Gentile. It's the Jews who eat at my table and relative to them you and your child are merely Jewish family dogs.” Ouch! Here is this mother with a desperate need coming to Jesus for help and he insults her. Many say that she would have been entitled to walk away and report Jesus to the first century equivalent of the Professional Standards Board for Jewish Rabbis (just joking!). But because she is desperate she hangs in there and responds “but even the dogs eat the children's crumbs”. Jesus is impressed by her response and says, “You may go, for the demon has left your daughter”.

Many sermons this morning will seek to explain this "pastoral blip" by Jesus. Some by trying to discover a nice explanation and others by criticising the insensitivity of Jesus. Both these responses miss the point of this gospel that is not about Jesus rejecting the desperate need of a mother but rather focuses upon Jesus recognising her desperate belief which he identifies as faith. A faith which in this case produces an environment of healing. If the mother and daughter's lives were changed by mere crumbs falling off the table of Jesus' mission; how much more can our lives be hanged if we allow our desperate needs to become dynamic faith and come to Jesus with the confidence that he will carry us through with his love and power. May our worship this morning bring us to such faith. God bless. + George.

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

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. James 2.13

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love, and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: **Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Psalm: 125 in the APBA prayer book, p.361

Second Reading: **James 2.1-10, 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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 24.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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

Alice Gledhill, Don Walter, Bill Smith, Kathlyn Toussaint,
Ray Bell, Christopher Hill, John Hart, Lenore George,
Claude Haddrell, Helen Wilson, Ted Watson

whose anniversaries occur at this time.
Rest in Peace: Phil Molyneaux, former St Aidan's parishioner



Prayer Points

The Church: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Willochra (Bp John Stead, Clergy & People); Geelong Grammar School (Rebecca Cody, Principal); Gordon Lingard, Howard Parkinson, Chaplains); All Souls' Sandringham (Phillip Higgins); St John's Blackburn – confirmation service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Give thanks for the wisdom of the elderly of our parish and for their faithfulness.

The World: Pray for all countries in the Pacific region as they meet and pray that their leaders may pursue wise policies. Pray also for those affected by the typhoon in Japan.

The Nation/Community: Pray for all social workers, child care protection workers and for those who work in the Family Court.

Prayer of the Week

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and so great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

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| Monday | 1 Corinthians 5.1-8 | Ps 5.3-7 | Luke 6.6-11 |
| Tuesday | 1 Corinthians 6.1-11 | Ps 149 | Luke 6.12-19 |
| Wednesday | 1 Corinthians 7.25-31 | Ps 45.10-15 | Luke 6.20-26 |
| Thursday | 1 Corinthians 8.1-7, 10-13 | Ps 139.12-18 | Luke 6.27-38 |
| Friday | 1 Corinthians 9.16-19 | Ps 84.1-7 | Luke 6.39-42 |
| Saturday | 1 Corinthians 10.14-22 | Ps 116.11-18 | Luke 6.43-49 |



*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.

FUNDRAISING THANK YOU

Thank you for your very generous support of fund raising for Joseph's family trip, FACS and playgroup chairs, the informal fund raising with Jan's biscuits and Jen's shawl. Thanks also for the support for the Box Hill kiosk on Thursday where we served the local community with your marvellous homemade goods.

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Tuesday 11 September

LIFE IN THE POST-TRUTH WORLD

Are Lies, fake news and cover-up the new normal?

Tuesday 18 September

IS SOCIAL TRUST IN DECLINE?

What does this mean for Politics, Business, Banking, the Media, Religion?

Tuesday 25 September

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Can we summon the energy, resources and collective vision to reset the agenda?

How do we place truth at the centre of our civic engagement?

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SEE LEAFLETS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

MIDDLE EAST TRAVEL REPORT from the Vicar

Fr Shane has reported on his blog that the travellers have visited churches in Cairo as well as the Cairo Museum and the pyramids. One of the churches was apparently built over the site where the Holy Family stayed after fleeing Herod. See his blog and some terrific photos on the church website, under the heading "Events" on the top of the home page and click on "Follow" on the tour page.

ABAAR ORPHANAGE INFORMATION & FUNDRAISING DAY

Saturday 22 September. 4.00pm - 12.00am, St Peter's Hall

Since its establishment in 2012, the Abaar Orphanage Foundation has worked to successfully to establish an orphanage and school to look after the many orphans in the Bor area. All money raised has been used to support the orphaned children in Bor Town. Local organisers and fund-raisers are all volunteers, and the only local expenses have been administrative costs in registration of the Association and costs of international money transfers.

Please come on this day and find out more about the project as well as be entertained and see lots of goods for sale.

Spring fair

Saturday October 13

from 9 am to 2pm.

Now just over a month away!

- Help needed to set up on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Help with **servicing on a stall**, any time is very welcome.
- **Cleaning up** volunteers always most welcome.
- Craft stall urgently needs knitted, crocheted and sewn baby clothes.
- Plants. Does anyone still need pots?
- Lists for hamper donations is at the back of the church with a box for any donations you may make.



- We value your prayers as we prepare for our biggest informal welcoming event of the year.
- Please contact Hilary with any queries on 9899 7553.

What's in this Week

TODAY 9.9.18

Sixteenth 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 10.9.18

7.30pm *Narcotics Anonymous, St Aidan's*

TUES 11.9.18

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 12.9.18

10.30am **Eucharist**

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

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

THU 13.9.18

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

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

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

FRI 14.9.18

7.30am **Eucharist**

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 15.9.18

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

SUN 16.9.18

Seventeenth 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 *Al Anon, hall*

For the Diary

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

Shoebox Sunday

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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.

Morning tea

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

Please join us.

Roster 9.30am and FACS 10.00am Service

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| SIDESPEOPLE | Today 9/9/18 Rob K, Judy J, W | Next week 16/9/18 Michele M, Barbara P |
| SERVERS | Today 9/9/18 Sophia E, Kim C | Next week 16/9/18 <i>Not rostered</i> |
| READERS | Today 9/9/18 TBA, Lilian L | Next week 16/9/18 <i>Not rostered</i> |
| INTERCESSOR | Today 9/9/18 Keith W | Next week 16/9/18 <i>Not rostered</i> |
| MORNING TEA | Today 9/9/18 Gwen McD, Rosemary S, Peter W | Next week 16/9/18 Cecilia M, Margaret R, Jan G, Keith W |