



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Third Sunday after Epiphany
27 January, 2019

Parish Link

Our Vicar Writes...

Welcome to worship today. A special welcome to Father Alasdair who is both preaching and celebrating at our 8 and 9.30am services.

It is appropriate near the start of the year to hear Luke's version of Jesus words in the synagogue. (Luke 4) To use modern language, Jesus sets out his 'Vision statement' for his ministry, and if we are faithful, for us as well! What's a church, what's a follower of Jesus, to do? Have we lost our way from the course Jesus set in this inaugural address? As Christians, we're not just studying history, the biography of someone who lived a long time ago. We're reading our own biography, our own operating instructions, our flight plan, and our "google maps" directions for life. Carol Lakey Hess calls this little story from Luke a kind of "plumb line of Jesus' teaching" that can "measure our work," not focusing on "righteousness" so much as seeking those in need and responding as Jesus would. I think Hess is right when she speaks of "whatever we take to be the heart of the gospel" that "will be the central shaping force in our life of faith" (Feasting on the Word Year C, Vol. 1). So a reflection for us today is what do we "take to be the heart of the gospel"? A last word, from Barbara Brown Taylor, draws our attention for a moment to Luke, the writer of this Gospel, who tradition says was a doctor of medicine. Taylor is inspired by Luke's example of a life transformed: "I like to think that Luke never resigned his job as a healer. He just changed medicines." Instead of physical remedies for the body, Luke "told stories with power to mend broken lives and revive faint hearts." This is our call, too, as "evangelists" who preach the good news, and speak the words of new life: "People talk, and lives change. People talk, and other people are made whole" ("Gospel Medicine," in Gospel Medicine). The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, too, and we too are anointed to bring good news to the world that God loves so well.

Morning tea

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

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.

Sentence

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.' Luke 4.18

Prayer of the Day

Life-giving God, who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority: anoint us with your Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: **Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

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

Psalm: 19 in the APBA prayer book, p. 239

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 12.12-31**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say,

'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 4 , beginning at verse 14

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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

Daisy Stanley, Bruce Simmons, Jack & Helena Pocket,
Joyce Stephens

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil (Bp Naudal Alves Gomes); Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Regional Bps Jeremy Greaves, Cameron Venables, John Roundhill, Clergy & People); Ridley College (Brian Rosner, Principal; Tim Foster, Richard Trist); All Saints' Kooyong (Kuncoro Rusman); Ocean Grove-Barwon Heads Parish – pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for Bishop George and all parishioners who are or have been in hospital recently.

The World: Pray for the government of South Sudan and for its people.

The Nation/Community: Pray for all teachers and students as they return to school this week.

Prayer of the Week

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you: mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Hebrews 9.15, 24-28	Ps 98.1-7	Mark 3.22-30
Tuesday	Hebrews 10.1-10	Ps 40.6-10	Mark 3.31-35
Wednesday	Hebrews 10.11-18	Ps 110.1-4	Mark 4.1-20
Thursday	Hebrews 10.19-25	Ps 24.1-6	Mark 4.21-25
Friday	Hebrews 10.32-39	Ps 37.35-41	Mark 4.26-34
Saturday	Hebrews 11.1-2, 8-19	Song of Zechariah 1-6 APBA p.10	Mark 4.35-41

ABM Pew Reflections

Often when we come to the word of God, we can be confronted by what we find inside. Today in the reading from Nehemiah we find that when the prophet Ezra read the scroll in the presence of the people they wept because of their disobedience. Similarly in the Gospel, we read how attentive the people in the synagogue were to Jesus as he went to preach in the synagogue, but as we will hear next Sunday would turn on him later on. We should learn to see the scriptures as a great mercy from God through which we are able to learn more about his love for us. This love

can be confronting, but it is never a cause for mourning or hopelessness. Pray that we might be able to understand the scriptures more fully, allowing us to be more equipped to do God's will. Give thanks for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, remembering especially the communities with whom their social service organisation, E-CARE, works.



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursdays or email anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com Please keep notices succinct and to the point as space is limited.*

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES – February: Oppression to Justice

Our study of the Seven Stories of the Nonviolent Bible resumes on **Thursday 7 February**. Our story in February is 'Oppression to Justice' over three weeks. You are welcome, even if you didn't attend the introductory sessions last year. We meet at 7.30pm in the Undercroft on Thursdays 7, 14 and 21 February. Hope to see you there!

Enquiries: Janet Hubner, janet.hubner@hotmail.com, 0437 489 982.

GOOD NEWS FEBRUARY

The first Good News of 2019 will hit the pews on Sunday February 10th. Please send news, notices photos, articles and anything else to Harry ahmkerr@hotmail.com by Tuesday 29th January.

Don't be shy. Your views are welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL 2019

Wardens: Margaret Dooley, Sophia Errey, Garry Plumridge

Council members: Hilary Blakeman, Linda Boyd, Sue Collins, Kim Cornish, Davis Huang, Judy Jensen, Margaret Rockow, Keith Wilkins

TAIZÉ-STYLE SERVICE FOR CANDLEMAS 7.30pm

All welcome at this reflective service for the feast of the Presentation of Christ.



“We are a not-for-profit organization, but we didn’t plan it that way.”

SOME UPCOMING SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

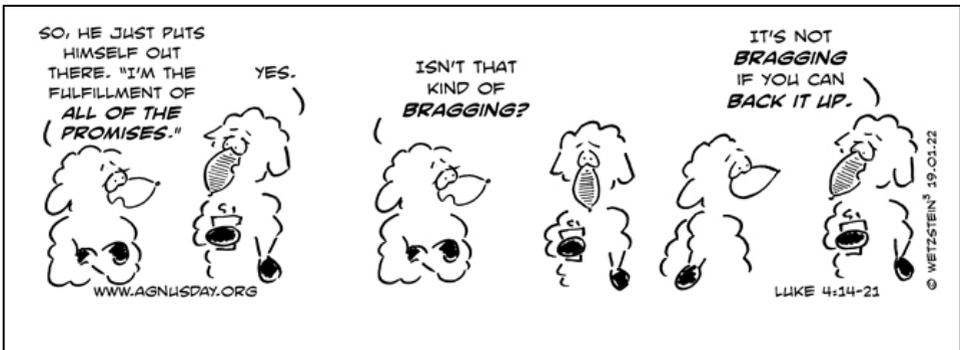


BULB FUNDRAISER, March

QUIZ NIGHT Friday, March 1, 7.00 – 10.00pm, Hall

JUMBLE SALE/AUTUMN FAIR Sat , April 6, Hall

CRAZY WHIST AFTERNOON 2.00pm, Sat, May 4, Hall (date to be confirmed)



This Week

TODAY 27.1.19

Third Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am **Eucharist**, 9.30am **Eucharist**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

MON 28.1.19

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, *St Aidan's*

TUES 29.1.19

8.30-11.30pm **Men at Work**

Joyful Chinese resumes next week,
hall

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**

WED 30.1.19

10.30am **Eucharist**

12.00-2.00pm **Chinese Dancing**, *hall*

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

Choir Practice resumes next week, *u/croft*

THU 31.1.19

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

Play Group resumes next week, *hall*

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

FRI 1.2.19

7.30am **Eucharist**

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

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 2.2.19

Homework Club resumes next week, *hall*

SUN 3.2.19

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am **Eucharist**, 9.30am **Eucharist**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

2.30-3.30pm **Discipleship**, *hall*

7.30pm Taizé-style for Candlemas

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

For the Diary

3 February

Taizé-style service for Candlemas

7.30pm

6 February

Choir practice resumes

7 February

Bible study group begins

7.30pm, *u/croft*

7 February

Playgroup resumes

12 February

Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm, *u/croft*

16 February

Special Parish Council Meeting

2.00-5.00pm, *u/croft*

17 February

Family & Children's Service (FACS)

1 March

Quiz Night, 7.00pm, *hall*

3 March

Discipleship resumes

2.30pm, *hall*

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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 27/1/19 Rob K, Judy J, Ted G W	Next week 3/2/19 Noel W, Rosemary S
SERVERS	Today 27/1/19 Sophia E, Michele M	Next week 3/2/19 Sophia E, Kim C
READERS	Today 27/1/19 Ken McD, Elizabeth B	Next week 3/2/19 Lewis P, Gwen F
INTERCESSOR	Today 27/1/19 Michele, M	Next week 3/2/19 Janet H
MORNING TEA	Today 27/1/19 Barbara P M , Michele M, Dianne A	Next week 3/2/19 Elizabeth B M , Lilian L, Lyn B, Gwen F