



Our Vicar Writes...

Welcome to worship today. We have in our Epistle passage from Paul's letter to the Corinthians a powerful and well-known passage and reflection on the most central characteristic of a disciple of Jesus – *love*. Elsewhere in Scripture we are reminded that our God is fundamentally *love* and being the people of God we are to be people of *love*. Simple to say but hard to live out day-by-day! As a test this morning remove the word *love* from 1 Corinthians 13.4-8 and replace it with *your name*, so it reads for me from verse 4: *Shane is patient; Shane is kind* etc. If we have trouble with this being a description of who we are then does not that give us what we need to confess this morning and certainly then give us what we need to pray for ourselves this morning – the power of God's Spirit to change and transform us so that we are truly becoming all that God would want us to be: A people renowned for their *love*. It is always sad to say goodbye and today marks the last Sunday in our parish of two long-serving parishioners – Judy and Heinz Greilach. They are moving to Williamstown to be closer to their family and downsize their home to be more manageable. Both have offered their gifts and time and talents generously to the life of our community and will be sorely missed. Please sign their farewell card today as we bless them and wish them all our love and thanks as they begin a new stage in their lives.

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: **Jeremiah 1.4-10**

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord'. Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

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

Psalm:

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 13.1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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 21

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

Charles Crooks and Jim Allen
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Anglican Church of Burundi (Abp Martin Blaise Nyaboho); Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People); Benetas (Sandra Hills, CEO); Parish of Saint John and Saint Agnes East Malvern and Glen Huntly; St Andrew's Brighton – confirmation service (Bp Paul Barker); LancefieldRomsey Parish – pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for missions of Esther in Fiji and Joseph in South Sudan as they travel and work out of the parish. Give thanks for the fellowship and contributions of Heinz and Judy as they move on to the next phase of their lives.

The World: Pray for all political prisoners and those who work for human rights.

The Nation/Community: Pray for all who have suffered in the bushfires and for the work of firefighters.

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 11.32-40	Ps 31.23-27	Mark 5.1-20
Tuesday	Hebrews 12.1-4	Ps 22.26-32	Mark 5.21-43
Wednesday	Hebrews 12.4-7	Ps 103.15-18	Mark 6.1-6
Thursday	Hebrews 12.18-24	Ps 48.9-13	Mark 6.7-13
Friday	Hebrews 13.1-8	Ps 27.1-6	Mark 6.14-29
Saturday	Hebrews 13.15-17, 20-21	Ps 23	Mark 6.30-34

ABM Pew Reflections

Sometimes the truth that God tells us through his word can be difficult for us to bear. Jesus told a difficult truth to the Jews in the Synagogue in his hometown. Deep within his message was the truth that God's love is for everyone and not just for the Jews – demonstrated by his acts of healing and mercy to gentiles in difficult times. Today we can rest assured that, as surely as God formed us in the womb and knew us, he has a love for us that breaks down all barriers. Pray that God might break down the barriers of prejudice in our lives that we might show his love to all we meet. Give thanks for the Church of North India, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.



*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.*

GEOFF THOMPSON

Geoff Thomson rang from Brisbane and wanted to let the congregation know that his hip replacement operation has been successful and he is going to rehab. He was assured of our ongoing prayers for his recovery and that we look forward to welcoming both he and Helen back to St Peter's.



TAIZÉ-STYLE SERVICE FOR CANDLEMAS 7.30pm
All welcome at this reflective service for the feast of the
Presentation of Christ.

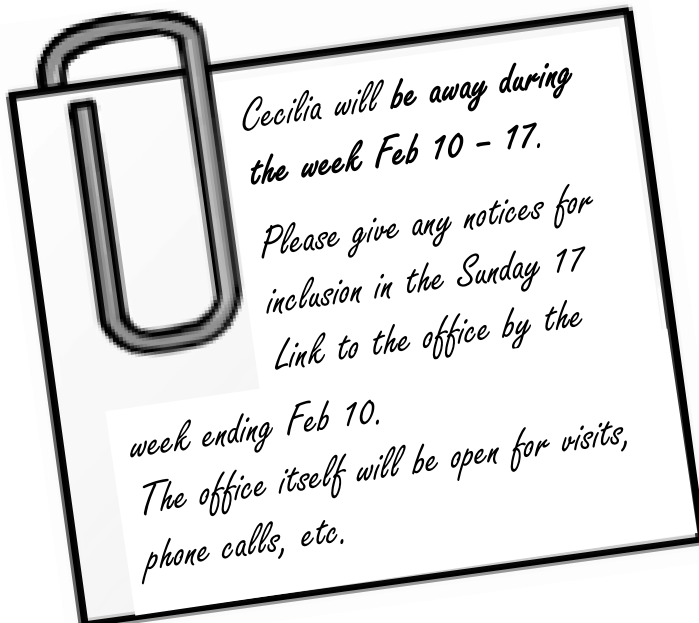
FROM ALMA GEORGE

A thank you card to the parish was received from Alma George and is on the notice board in the Undercroft.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for this Bible study with *Seven Stories: exploring the nonviolent Bible*. Studies will be on **Thursdays, 7.30pm** in the **Undercroft** starting this week on **February 7** and continuing Feb 14 and 21. Studies continue for three week runs in March, April, May, June, July and August.

Contact Janet Hubner for more information or if you need help with transport:
janet.hubner@hotmail.com



QUIZ NIGHT

Yes, it's time for another evening of fun and fabulous quizzing!
Make up a table of quizzers or come and join a table of eight
at our Quiz Night in the hall on

Friday, March 1, 7.30pm

Bring your own nibbles. Tea and coffee provided.

Tickets: \$15 each (buy tickets from the Office or at the door)

Please let the Office know if you intend coming
so we can make up table numbers.

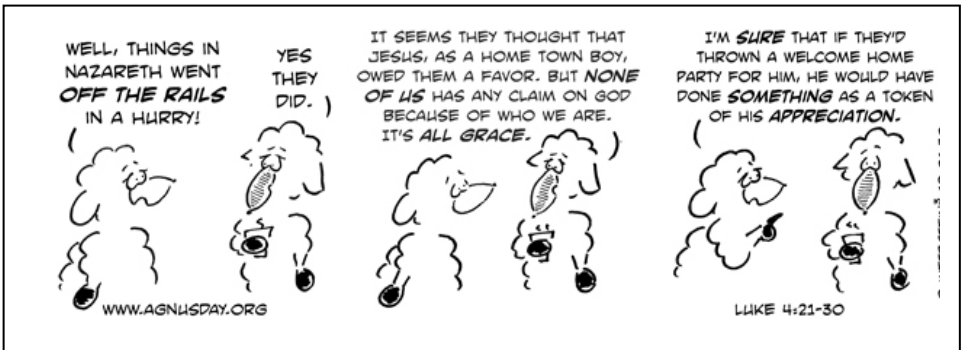
MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is on
February 23.

The speaker will be the AFL Club
Chaplain.

Please indicate your interest in attending

by signing on the sheet at the back of the church.



This Week

TODAY 3.2.19

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

7.30pm Taizé-style for Candlemas

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

MON 4.2.19

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, *St Aidan's*

TUES 5.2.19

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 6.2.19

10.30am **Eucharist**

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

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

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

8.00pm **Choir Practice**, *u/croft*

THU 7.2.19

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

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

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

7.30pm Bible Study, *u/croft*

FRI 8.2.19

7.30am **Eucharist**

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

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 9.2.19

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

SUN 10.2.19

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

For the Diary

3 February

Taizé-style service for Candlemas

7.30pm

7 February

Bible study group begins

7.30pm, *u/croft*

6 February

Choir practice resumes

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)

23 February

Men's Breakfast

1 March

Quiz Night, 7.00pm, *hall*

3 March

Discipleship resumes

2.30pm, *hall*

6 March

Ash Wednesday

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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 3/2/19 Noel W, Rosemary S	Next week 10/3/19 Ken McD, Phil D,
SERVERS	Today 3/2/19 Sophia E, Kim C	Next week 10/3/19 Elizabeth B, Sophia E
READERS	Today week 3/2/19 Lewis P, Gwen F	Next week 10/3/19 Hilary B, Barbara P
INTERCESSOR	Today 3/2/19 Janet H	Next week 10/3/19 Sophia E
MORNING TEA	Today 3/2/19 Elizabeth B M , Lilian L, Lyn B, Gwen F	Next week 10/3/19 Gwen McD M , Rosemary S, Peter W, Janet H