



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

First Sunday in Lent

10 March, 2019

Parish Link

Our Vicar Writes...

Welcome to our worship today! Welcome to the season of LENT – an opportunity for us as individuals and as a community to reflect upon our Christian lives and to prepare ourselves for the tremendous events of Holy Week, Good Friday and of course, Easter Day! On Wednesday many in our parish attended Ash Wednesday services and the symbolic placing of an ashen cross on our foreheads reminded us of our mortality and the need to deepen our faith and relationship with God – the Creator of all. I was particularly moved by one of the readings set from Isaiah and I believe it is a good reflection for Lent: (Isaiah 58.6-9)

*Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?*

*Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear-guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.*

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

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him. Luke 4.8

Prayer of the Day

O saving God, who led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land: so guide us that, following our Saviour, we may walk through the wilderness of this world and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

First Reading: **Deuteronomy 26.1-11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Psalm: 91.1-2, 9-16 in the *APBA* prayer book, p.319

Second Reading: **Romans 10.4-13**

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips

and in your heart'(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." ' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. 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.

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

Shirley Bristow

whose anniversary occurs at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Church of the Province of Central Africa (Abp Albert Chama); Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasy Chambers, Exec Director); Children's & Families' Ministry (Dorothy Hughes, Facilitator); St David's Moorabbin (Johnsan David); St John's Frankston North - Confirmation Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Mark's Templestowe – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Mernda Parish – Confirmation Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Give thanks for the faithfulness and skills of the Men at Work group who volunteer each week to keep our church, hall and grounds in good order and maintain all our facilities.

The World: Pray for all those caught up in the conflict in Syria and for an end to armed conflict around the world.

The Nation/Community: Pray for all those who have lost lives and homes and property in bushfires. Give thanks for our fire fighters who risk their lives to save our bushland and towns.

Prayer of the Week

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey your godly will in righteousness and true holiness; to your honour and glory, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Leviticus 19.1-12, 11-18	Ps 19.7-14	Matthew 25.31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55.10-11	Ps 34.11-18	Matthew 6.7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3.1-10	Ps 51.6-9	Luke 11.29-32
Thursday	Addns to Esther 14.3-14	Ps 138.1-3	Matthew 7.7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18.21-28	Ps 130	Matthew 5.20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26.16-19	Ps 119.1-8	Matthew 5.43-48



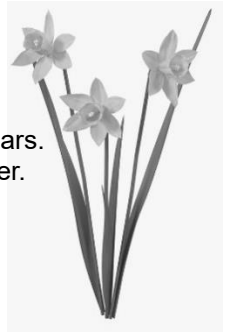
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Please keep notices succinct and to the point as space is limited.*

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

'Into the Desert' books are available for collection from the Vicar. To download the app or for more detail about the study go to: <https://intothedesert.org/>

FUNDRAISING BULBS

We have order forms for wonderful Flowering bulbs from Tesselaars. Excellent bulbs for gifts or your garden and an excellent fundraiser. Last orders in by **Sunday March 23**. Delivery on Sunday March 31. All queries to Charles or Hilary .



PERFORMANCE OF 'THE CRUCIFIXION'

Sunday 7 April, 7.00pm

There will be a performance of Sir John Stainer's 'The Crucifixion' at St Peter's which will be directed by Fr Derek Jones with Lewis Plumridge as organist. All singers, all parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) welcome – a rehearsal at St. Peter's will commence at 3.00pm, followed at approx. 5.30pm by a light tea (provided by the parish). Please contact Fr Derek if you would like to take part: 0412 025 695 or email dereklizjones@gmail.com

WINE and CHEESE SUPPER after 'CRUCIFIXION' PERFORMANCE

Any donations of food, wine or funds to help provide the wine and cheese supper after the performance of Stainer's 'Crucifixion' on April 7, would be welcome. Also, after the rehearsal, the singers will need a high tea to sustain them for the performance. Any offers of food or assistance would be appreciated. Please talk to Jan Gunst.

FRIENDS OF ANGLICAN MUSIC (FOAM)

Choral Evensong
Saturday, 23 March, 2019
St Peter's Murrumbeena
Cnr Neerim Rd and Ames Ave, Murrumbeena (Melway 168 K5)
Practice 1.45pm, Evensong 4.00pm



LENT: TAIZÉ-STYLE 7.30pm, Sunday, March 17

All are welcome to participate in this reflective liturgy of readings, prayers, silences and chants.

Family and
CHILDREN'S Service

10.00am Sunday, March 17

BIBLE STUDY

Oppression to Justice - a revelation of God

Our regular Bible study has explored this theme by seeing how the Exodus, the event that formed the nation of Israel, revealed to a mixed underclass of slaves in Egypt God's concern for the oppressed. Through Moses, God led the people out of slavery into an opportunity to be a new kind of society founded on justice. The 10 Commandments show how God required this new society to behave - a set of rules that prohibits violent actions against neighbours. But humans still accepted violence as a valid means for achieving justice, such as 'an eye for an eye'. When Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount, he extended and deepened the application of the 10 Commandments to reveal that nonviolence of spirit was the law's core purpose - that true and complete justice can only be achieved through nonviolent love: cooperation not competition; reconciliation not revenge; extravagance not equivalence. Jesus revealed God's character of love, who makes the sun shine for the righteous and the unrighteousness.

Interested to learn more? Join our March Bible study!

BIBLE STUDY – March: Violence to Forgiveness

Our study of the Seven Stories of the Nonviolent Bible continues in March, looking at 'Violence to Forgiveness'. We meet at 7.30pm in the Undercroft on Thursdays 7, 14 and 21 March. Newcomers welcome - bring your Bible and notebook. Hope to see you there!

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

COLLECTING and RECYCLING

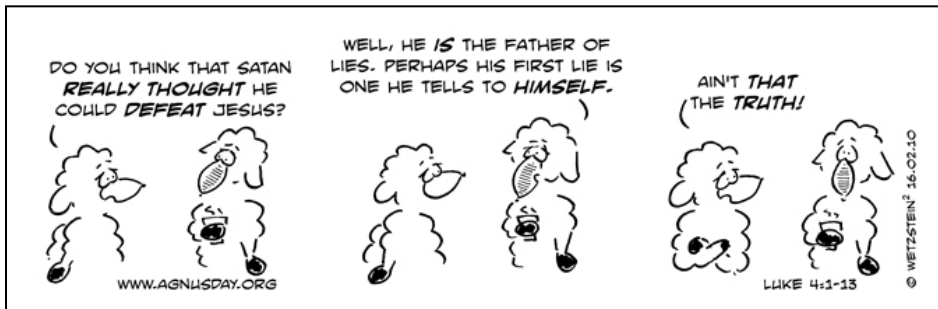
Stamps

Used stamps can be used for fundraising by various groups including the Mothers' Union and Medical Mission. These can be given to Jan or left in the office.

Ring pulls

Any ring pulls from cans (without the lid part) can be recycled and the titanium is used to make prosthesis for children.

Please give to Jan or leave a labelled bag in the Undercroft or the office.



This Week

TODAY

First Sunday in Lent

SUNDAY 10.3.19

- 8.00am **Eucharist**, 9.30am **Eucharist**,
11.30 **Mandarin Service**
2.00pm **Dinka Service**
2.30pm **Discipleship**, *hall*
7.30pm **Al Anon**, *hall*

MON 11.3.19

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, *St Aidan's*

TUES 12.3.19

- 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 13.3.19

- 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 14.3.19

- 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*
6.00-9.00pm **Baptist Youth Group**, *hall*

FRI 15.3.19

- 7.30am **Eucharist**
10am-1.00pm **Chinese Nurse Assoc**, *hall*
Morning, **Dream Stitches**, *St Aidan's*
5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 16.3.19

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

SUN 17.3.19

- 8.00am **Eucharist**
10.00am **Family & Children's Service**
11.30 **Mandarin Service**
2.00pm **Dinka Service**
2.30pm **Discipleship**, *hall*
7.30pm Taize-style service
7.30pm **Al Anon**, *hall*

For the Diary

14 March

Bible study 7.30pm, u'croft
continues, March 14 and 21

17 March

Family & Children's Service
(FACS) 10.00am

17 March

Taizé-style Service, 7.30pm

March 23

Flowering bulb orders in

6 April

Jumble Sale/Autumn Fair

7 April

Palm cross making
after the 9.30am service

7 April

"The Crucifixion" 7.00pm
followed by supper

April 15-21

Holy Week

19 April

9.30am Good Friday service
12.15pm Ecumenical Procession of
Witness

4 May

Crazy Whist afternoon TBC

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Office Hours:

Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

Thu 10.00am – 2.00pm

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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Baptism, marriage & funeral by arrangement.

Clergy are available for confession / counselling by appointment.

Roster 9.30am Service and FACs at 10.00am

SIDESPEOPLE	Today 10/3/19 Ken McD, Phil D	Next week FACS 17/3/19 Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Today 10/3/19 Elizabeth B, Sophia E	Next week FACS 17/3/19 <i>Not required</i>
READERS	Today 10/3/19 Hilary B, Barbara P	Next week FACS 17/3/19 <i>Not required</i>
INTERCESSOR	Today 10/3/19 Sophia E	Next week FACS 17/3/19 <i>Not required</i>
MORNING TEA	Today 10/3/19 Gwen McD, M, Janet H, Rosemary S, Peter W	Next week FACS 17/3/19 Cecilia M, Margaret R, Jan G, Keith W