



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
17 March, 2019

Parish Link

Our Vicar Writes...

Welcome to our worship today! Welcome for those who have come for our FAC Service. LENT is a season set aside for us to prepare for the joys of Easter and living the Christian life. People often ask me what one can do to improve as a Christian. Here are four actions we can consider and do in this LENT: 1) Confess your sins and amend your life! 2) Open yourselves to being fed (nurtured) by God, in reading the scriptures and praying and attending to your personal relationship with God. 3) Stand firm in the faith, in the love and call of God to be all that you can be as 'Citizens of Heaven.' 4) Allow God to show you the next step along the path, and be not afraid because we know the promise and power of God to change and comfort us. As additional food for thought I give the following poem I have shared before by Wendell Berry entitled: *Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front. The last line is of particular note.*

Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay. Want more of everything ready-made. Be afraid to know your neighbours and to die. And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery any more. Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer. When they want you to buy something they will call you. When they want you to die for profit they will let you know. So, friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Denounce the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands. Give your approval to all you cannot understand. Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed.

Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest. Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit. Prophecy such returns. Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years. Listen to carrion — put your ear close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come. Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. As soon as the generals and the politicians can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn't go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction.

Practice resurrection.

Sentence

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3.20

Prayer of the Day

God of our ancestors, whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown: endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

First Reading: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

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

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

Second Reading: Philippians 3.17 - 4.1

3 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to

make all things subject to himself. **4** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 13, beginning at verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

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

Mary Wood, Millis Taylor, Betty Scott,
Don Berkeley, Marjory Evans

whose anniversaries occur 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: Pray for our children's groups and for our Sudanese youth group.

The World: Pray for all involved in aeroplane crashes throughout the world and give thanks for the expertise of pilots and work of rescue teams.

The Nation/Community: Pray for those who work in local government providing services to those in need in our community.

Prayer of the Week

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ABM Pew Reflections

As we journey through Lent we might find ourselves with the keen awareness that our God is a God of journeys. In our readings from today we see two journeys – one of Abraham from Ur to Canaan, and the other of Jesus and a handful of his disciples going up Mount Tabor. In both cases God is bringing his servants away from what is familiar and taking them to unfamiliar places, and often it can be scary for them. We know that ultimately they were strengthened by the experience in their faith. When God calls us out of our familiar surroundings we should take heart knowing that he is with us and we will ultimately be strengthened by our journey. Pray for all those who God has called to difficult ministries, callings and occupations. Give thanks for the Church of the Province of South East Asia, remembering especially the Most Rev Ng Moon Hing, his staff, clergy and people.

Daily Readings

Monday	Daniel 9.4-10	Ps 79.8-13	Luke 6.36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1.10. 16-20	Ps 50.16-22	Matthew 23.1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18.18-20	Ps 31.1-5	Matthew 20.17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17.5-10	Ps 1	Luke 16.19-31
Friday	Genesis 37.3-4, 12-28	Ps 105.16-22	Matthew 21.33-46
Saturday	Micah 7.14-15, 18-20	Ps 103.1-5	Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



*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.*



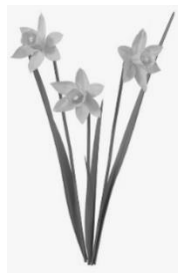
LENT: TAIZÉ-STYLE Tonight, 7.30pm, Sunday, March 17
All are welcome to participate in this reflective liturgy of readings, prayers, silences and chants.

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 .



MAKING PALM CROSSES April 6

After our successful efforts at making our own palm crosses last year, we are going to do it again this year. As the weekend before Palm Sunday is so busy, it has been decided that the palm cross making will happen during the Jumble Sale, on Saturday, April 6. Willing stall holders will participate and any volunteers who want to come and help with the Jumble Sale or palm cross making, will be very welcome! Pick up an instruction sheet from the office, or search online, or learn on the day!

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



MOTHERS' UNION March 27

Our meeting follows the 10.30am eucharist. It is BYO lunch. Our speaker is **Rev'd Wendy Pullin**. She will speak on her pilgrimage on the Camino trail. We will have cards etc. available from "The travelling suitcase". I look forward to seeing you all there. Jan Gunst, Secretary.

LADY DAY 2019

Sunday 24th March @ 2.30pm, St Paul's Cathedral followed by afternoon tea in the Barbara Darling Room



April 6
9.00am to 2.00pm



Helpers are very much needed for the **setup, stall minding and pack up** for the Jumble Sale.

Thursday April 4: from 1 pm onwards Setup activities

Friday April 5: from 9.30am to 5.00 pm Setup activities

Saturday April 6: 9.00am - 2.00pm Stall staff for selling
2.00pm - 5.00pm Packing up activities

Any time you can give on any of these days will be gratefully received. Please put your name on the list at the back of the the church or contact Hilary on 9899 7553.

Goods for sale will include:

- Good second-hand clothing (for the last time)
- Books
- Bric-a-brac / trash'n'treasure
- Coffee/tea and café food

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SERVICES 14 - 21 April

PALM SUNDAY | 14th April 2019

9.30 am Procession & Eucharist of the Passion

11.30 am Chinese Palm Sunday service

2.00 pm Dinka Service

Tuesday | 16th April 2019

7.30pm Service of Tenebrae

Wednesday | 17th April 2019

10.30 am Holy Communion and Stations of the Cross Liturgy.

Maundy Thursday | 18th April 2019

7.30 pm Washing of feet, celebration of the Last Supper, and stripping of the altar.

9.00 pm Watch of the Passion

Good Friday | 19th April 2019

9.30 am Liturgy of the Cross & Passion.

12.15 am Ecumenical Procession of witness

7.30 pm Chinese Good Friday Service

EASTER DAY | 21st April 2019

6.00 am **Lighting of New Fire,
Renewal of Baptismal Vows & First Eucharist of Easter.**

9.30 am Celebration Easter Eucharist.

11.30 am Chinese Easter Service

2. 00 pm Dinka Easter service.

LENT

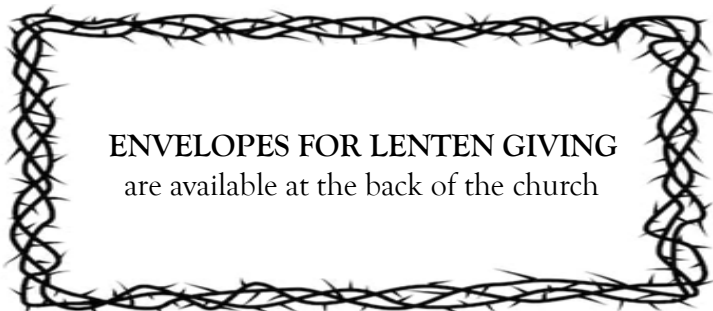


Archbishop Philip Freier's 2019 Lent message

There are many metaphors for life that help illuminate our thinking about ourselves and our circumstances, Archbishop Philip Freier says in his 2019 Lent message. We are on “a path”, our lives are “a journey”. It can seem trite and obvious, but philosophers say we can't make sense of our lives without seeing it as some sort of narrative. We Christians live within the narrative of God's love to us in Christ. In this narrative, it can be helpful to see our lives as a pilgrimage, divinely shaped and guided, knowing that our lives are meaningful when we understand God's purpose.

For most of humanity over most of history, life has been a vale of tears. We may be more comfortable materially than any previous generation, but the world is still a place of anxiety and uncertainty. As Jesus said, “do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” None of us is master of our destiny, however much we try to persuade ourselves otherwise.

Lent, the 40 days (not counting Sundays) from Ash Wednesday (tomorrow) to Holy Saturday, is a useful reminder of these truths. Indeed, it is a daily reminder of these truths. Lent helps us to focus on our lifelong task of seeking to become more holy and more Christ-like.



Sir John Stainer's
"The Crucifixion"

A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of Jesus Christ



Presented by
a combined choir of St Peter's Box Hill and friends

Conductor: Rev. Derek Jones
Soloists: Richard Thomas (Tenor),
Barry Fry (Bass)
Organist: Lewis Plumridge

Sunday 7 April, 7.00pm
St Peter's Anglican Church,
Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill,
(next to the Town Hall)

*Singers: Please let Fr. Derek know if you would like to sing,
and your part (S.A.T.B): 0412 025 695 or email dereklizjones@gmail.com*

All welcome
Supper provided

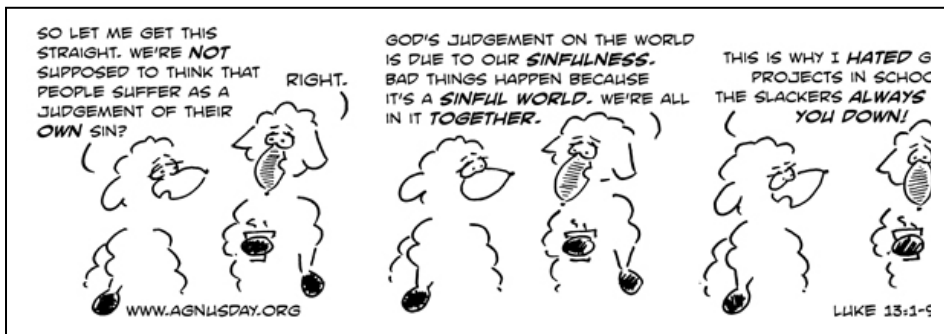
PERFORMANCE OF 'THE CRUCIFIXION'

Sunday 7 April, 7.00pm

There will be a performance of Sir John Stainer's 'The Crucifixion' at St Peter's. All singers, all parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) welcome – a rehearsal at St. Peter's will commence at 3.00pm. Please contact Fr Derek Jones if you would like to take part: 0412 025 695 or email dereklijones@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.



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.

This Week

SUNDAY 17.3.19

Second Sunday in Lent

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*

MON 18.3.19

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, *St Aidan's*

TUES 19.3.19

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 20.3.19

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 21.3.19

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 22.3.19

7.30am Eucharist

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

Morning, Dream Stitches, *St Aidan's*

5.00-9.00pm Chinese Prayer Group

SAT 23.3.19

9am-12pm Homework Club, *hall*

1.00-6.00pm VMTA piano booking

12.30-6.00pm Sudanese Group, *hall*

24.3.19

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30 Mandarin Service

2.00pm Dinka Service

2.30pm Discipleship, *hall*

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

For the Diary

March 17

Taizé-style Service, 7.30pm

March 21

Bible study 7.30pm, *u'croft*
continues, March 21

March 23

Flowering bulb orders in

March 27

Mothers' Union Meeting

April 6

Jumble Sale/Autumn Fair
& Palm cross making

April 7

"The Crucifixion" 7.00pm
followed by supper

April 15-21

Holy Week

April 19

9.30am Good Friday service
12.15pm Ecumenical Procession of
Witness

May 4

Crazy Whist afternoon TBC

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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 and FACs at 10.00am

SIDESPEOPLE	Today FACS 17/3/19 Michele M, Barbara P	Next week 24/3/19 Elizabeth B, Judy J, Ted G W
SERVERS	Today FACS 17/3/19 <i>Not required</i>	Next week 24/3/19 Sophia E, Michele M
READERS	Today FACS 17/3/19 <i>Not required</i>	Next week 24/3/19 Edwin C, Gwen McD
INTERCESSOR	Today FACS 17/3/19 <i>Not required</i>	Next week 24/3/19 Michelle M
MORNING TEA	Today FACS 17/3/19 Cecilia M, Margaret R, Jan G, Keith W	Next week 24/3/19 Barbara P M , Michele, M, Dianne A