



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

Parish Link

Our Vicar Writes...

Welcome to our worship today and a special welcome to Father Alasdair who is celebrant and preacher at both our 8am and 9.30am services. It is also good to report that Father Joseph has arrived safely back from an extended period in South Sudan and we eagerly await the latest news on the development of the Bor Orphanage. Many of us are using the ABM Lenten study material, "Into the Desert." One of the resources for last Sunday's entry was the following quote from Anne Dillard's book, "Teaching a stone to talk." I found it very striking and I offer it for our reflection today.

On the whole, I do not find Christians, outside of the catacombs, sufficiently sensible of conditions. Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews.

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

'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord. Isaiah 55.9

Prayer of the Day

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 55.1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Psalm: 63.1-9 in the *APBA* prayer book, p.284

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did,

and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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 31

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

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

Geoffrey Beaumont, Haig Siebel, Isabel Murray, Peg Eadon
Charmain Bryden-Brown, Kathleen Hoare

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Abp Revd Paul Kwong); Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia; Evangelism in the Diocese; All Saints' St Kilda East (Rene Knaap); National Bishops' Meeting – Perth (Abp Phillip Freier);

The Parish: Give thanks and pray for the witness and work of all our clergy, thanking God for Alasdair's recovery and Joseph's safe return.

The World: Pray for the victims and the families of all those murdered in Christchurch, New Zealand. Give thanks for the outpouring of love and the sharing of grief between

the communities of Australia and New Zealand. Pray for goodwill and open dialogue between all peoples of faith.

The Nation/Community: Pray for all doctors, nurses and researchers who strive to keep our community well and to eradicate diseases.

Prayer of the Week

Lord God, our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Daily Readings

Monday	2 Kings 5.1-15	Ps 43	Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Song of 3YM, 2, 11-20	Ps 25.3-9	Matthew 18.21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1, 4-9	Ps 147,12-20	Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.23-28	Ps 95.6-11	Luke 11.14-23
Friday	Hosea 14.2-9	Ps 81.13-16	Mark 12.28-34
Saturday	Hosea 5.15-6.6	Ps 51.10-17	Luke 18.9-14



*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.*

CRAFT

It is time to start crafting for the Parish Spring Fair. If you have a craft skill and would like to contribute to the craft stall please don't be shy, speak to Barbara P 0405193122, Rosemary S or Michele M. We especially need hanging towels with crocheted tops and coat hangers with knitted covers as they are sort after items.

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.



MAKING PALM CROSSES April 6

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!

PRAYER GROUP TIME

We are interested in establishing a regular prayer group for our congregation. To work out a time that would be best, we are surveying everyone with various alternatives. We are not looking for names, just an indication of which time would work for most people. There is a sheet at the back of the church.

Sir John Stainer's
"The Crucifixion" A Meditation on the Sacred Passion
of Jesus Christ

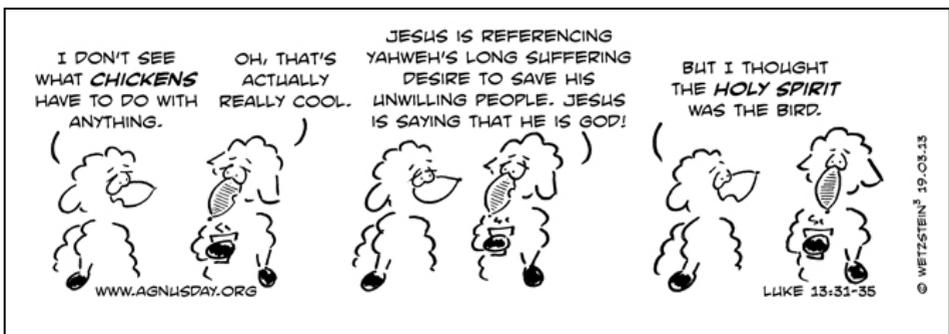
Presented by
a combined choir of St Peter's Box Hill and friends

Conductor: Rev. Derek Jones, Organist: Lewis Plumridge
Sunday 7 April, 7.00pm
St Peter's Anglican Church
Supper provided

*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*

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. Jan Gunst **Please note:** If you have offered a bottle or bottles of wine please bring to church next Sunday and give to Margaret Rockow so she will have an indication of supplies.



This Week

SUNDAY 24.3.19

Third Sunday in Lent

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

MON 25.3.19

- 7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, *St Aidan's*

TUES 26.3.19

- 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 27.3.19

- 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 28.3.19

- 10.00-2.00pm Office open
9.30-11.30am Play Group, *hall*
6.00-8.00pm Sudanese Prayer, *u/croft*
6.00-9.00pm Baptist Youth Group, *hall*

FRI 29.3.19

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

SAT 30.3.19

- 9am-12pm Homework Club, *hall*
1.00-6.00pm VMTA piano booking, *church*
12.30-6.00pm Sudanese Group, *hall*

31.3.19

Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 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 27

Mothers' Union Meeting

March 30

Grainger Wind Symphony, 7.00-9.00pm
(set up 4.00pm)

March 31

Flowering bulb orders delivered

April 6

Jumble Sale/Autumn Fair
& Palm cross making

April 7

"The Crucifixion" 7.00pm
followed by supper

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

April 16

7.30pm Service of Tenebrae

April 17

10.30am Holy Communion
and Stations of the Cross Liturgy.

April 18

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

9.00 pm Watch of the Passion

April 19

9.30am Good Friday service
12.15pm Ecumenical Procession of
Witness

April 23

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

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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 24/3/19 Elizabeth B, Judy J, Ted G W	Next week 31/3/19 Ted G, Noel W, Eric S W
SERVERS	Today 24/3/19 Sophia E, Michele M	Next week 31/3/19 Sophia E, Kim C
READERS	Today 24/3/19 Edwin C, Gwen McD	Next week 31/3/19 Rosemary S (sub arranged), Jan G
INTERCESSOR	Today 24/3/19 Michelle M	Next week 31/3/19 Janet H
MORNING TEA	Today 24/3/19 Barbara P M , Michele, M, Dianne A	Next week 31/3/19 Cecilia M , Jan G, Helen J, Lyn B