



# ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

Fifth Sunday in Lent

7 April, 2019

# Parish Link

## Our Vicar Writes...

Welcome to our worship today! Next week is Palm Sunday and we then journey together in Holy Week towards the great celebration of our faith – Easter Day – the day of Resurrection! It seems to me that the scriptures have had a constant theme this Lenten season – RETURN TO THE LORD. For Paul in today's passage from his letter to the Philippians there is no doubt that the only thing of any value is 'knowing Christ Jesus my Lord'. Everything else is loss! May we together in this last part of Lent do as Paul did and 'press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus'. Part of this is to recognise God's actions in our world today and like Mary in the Gospel passage bless them – get on-board with them! It's worth remembering that hands and feet were seen in the ancient Mediterranean world as representing action -- action with intent. While the Gospel of Mark's account of this story has the woman anointing Jesus' person, and by extension his actions, in John's story the woman is declaring Jesus' actions, Jesus' mission in the world, as anointed by God, and by extension his person. If we believe that God is at work in the world, after all -- if we want to anoint Jesus' feet, his action out there -- then we need to be looking for evidence of Jesus' work in the world. For if we look for and bless what Jesus is doing in the world, and as surely as Jesus is Lord of history, we will see the world healing, growing, and changing. Thanks be to God!

### 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

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. Psalm 126.6

## Prayer of the Day

O God, the Redeemer of all who trust in you: heed the cry of your people, and deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Readings

First Reading: **Isaiah 43.16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

Psalm: 126 in the *APBA* prayer book, p. 326

Second Reading: **Philippians 3.3-14**

For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John, Chapter 12, beginning at verse 1

### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

For the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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Welcome to the Lord's Table.  
All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion  
or to come forward for a blessing.

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### Years Mind

Jess Hodges, Samuel Scott, Barbara Morris,  
Harry Laugher, Joe Plumridge  
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Prayer Points

**The Church:** Church of Ireland (Abp Lionel Clarke); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Aboriginal Clergy & People); Defence Force Chaplains; St Luke's Vermont (Peter MacPherson); Upper Yarra Parish – Parish Visit (Bp Paul Barker); Holy Trinity Coburg - Parish Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); All Saints' Greensborough, episcopal visit.; Opening of Melanesian Brotherhood house in Shepparton (Abp Phillip Freier).

**The Parish:** Give thanks for our volunteers and for our parish outreach at the Jumble Sale yesterday and give thanks for the singers and our organist who will be performing at the "Crucifixion" this evening.

**The World:** Pray for all who are stateless, for political prisoners and for those who live under repressive regimes.

**The Nation/Community:** Pray for rest and refreshment for all teachers and students as they start the school holidays and for safe journeys for all who are travelling at this time.

## Prayer of the Week

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ABM Pew Reflections

Today we find ourselves at a dinner with Jesus, his disciples and Mary and Martha of Bethany. After dinner Mary shows her love for Jesus by anointing his feet with almost half a kilogram of perfume. The fragrance must have been utterly overwhelming in the house. Despite this being an act of sheer love, Judas carps about the cost. Pray that we might show our love for Jesus every day, no matter the cost, no matter who carps on the sidelines. Give thanks for Nungalinya College in Darwin, remembering especially the students who will begin their studies at the college in 2019.

## Daily Readings

<b>Monday</b>	Susanna 41b-64	Ps 23	John 8.1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Numbers 21.4-9	Ps 102	John 8.21-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Daniel 3.14-20, 24-28	Song of 3YM (APBA p.399)	John 8.31-42
<b>Thursday</b>	Genesis 17.3-9	Ps 105.7-11	John 8.51-59
<b>Friday</b>	Jeremiah 20.10-13	Ps 18.1-7	John 10.31-42
<b>Saturday</b>	Ezekiel 37.21-28	Ps 85.8-13	John 11.45-57



*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](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com)  
Please keep notices succinct and to the point as space is limited.*

## FUNDRAISING

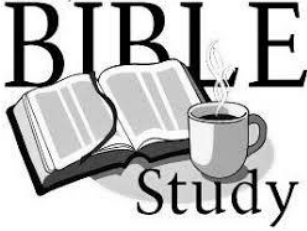
Thank you everyone who has supported our recent social and fundraising with prayer, effort and time. Our bulb fundraiser raised \$353.00 and will gift beautiful blooms to brighten our winter and spring gardens.

Thank you everyone who helped prepare, serve and help with our outreach yesterday at our Jumble Sale.

We look forward to welcoming you and all our singers, conductor Derek (and Liz) tonight at our musical performance of "The Crucifixion".

Thank God for you.

COME JOIN OUR



## **Violence to Forgiveness – God’s solution to our problem**

In March our Bible study explored the ‘human problem’ as described in Genesis. While the Church commonly talks about sin as the cause of humanity’s troubles, the stories in Genesis reveal the evil of violence – how desire can lead to rivalry with one another which can

lead to violence. The Garden story, Cain and Abel, the Flood, the Tower of Babel – these stories point to violence being the source of our problem. Genesis tells us stories of families dealing with rivalry and violence – Sarah and Hagar, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers. But Genesis shows us the solution in forgiveness. It tells us that to receive forgiveness is to ‘see the face of God’. Jesus drew on these stories in his parables, describing God as a forgiving father. He taught his disciples just how crucial forgiveness is in our relationship with God – we should not even bother praying to God until we have forgiven! Violence cannot be defeated with violence – the only way to break its evil hold is to forgive.

Interested to learn more? Join our April Bible study!

### **BIBLE STUDY – April: The Land and its Loss**

Our study of the Seven Stories of the Nonviolent Bible continues in April, looking at the importance of the land to Jewish identity and how Jesus challenged boundaries, both literal and figurative. We meet at 7.30pm in the Undercroft on Thursdays 4, 11 and 18 April. Newcomers welcome - bring your Bible and notebook. Hope to see you there!

### **BOR ORPHANAGE - GOOD NEWS AND BAD**

Joseph has returned from Bor where he organised and supervised the building of two classrooms. The good news is the classrooms are complete, except for the windows, which are being made in Bor Town.

The bad news has just come in from James, who is in Bor Town. There was a very severe storm, that blew the roof from the first two classrooms.

We urgently need raise extra funds to repair the roof timbers and replace damaged roofing iron, as the wet season is about to start in South Sudan, and the buildings will suffer more damage if we cannot get the roof replaced.

If you would like to make a donation to help pay for the new roof, please contact Father Joseph or Margaret Dooley.

Email [lokagai@hotmail.com](mailto:lokagai@hotmail.com); [Margaret.dooley@bigpond.com](mailto:Margaret.dooley@bigpond.com)

Mobile Joseph 0431 541 535; Margaret 0438 129 161

We would be most grateful for any assistance you can give.

If you wish, you can make a deposit directly to our orphanage bank account - ANZ Box Hill - BSB 013 225; Account - Abaar Orphanage #280731691

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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](mailto:dereklizjones@gmail.com)*

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### GOOD NEWS MAY 2019

The next GOOD NEWS will hit the pews at the beginning of May, soon after Easter. It's time to get your imagination working and let it run riot. You may like to express your opinions about some of the many issues facing church and society, the more controversial the better.

I would like your material by Monday April 28.  
Many thanks, Harry ([ahmkerr@hotmail.com](mailto:ahmkerr@hotmail.com) 9893 4946)



## This Week

### SUNDAY 7.04.19

#### Fifth Sunday in Lent

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30 Mandarin Service

2.00pm Dinka Service

2.30pm Discipleship, *hall*

7.00pm "The Crucifixion" performance

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

### MON 8.4.19

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, *St Aidan's*

### TUES 9.4.19

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 10.4.19

10.30am Eucharist

12.00-2.00pm Chinese Dancing, *hall*

6.00-7.00pm Chinese Dancing, *hall*

8.00pm Choir Practice, *u/croft*

### THU 11.4.19

10.00-2.00pm Office open

Play Group on holidays

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

### FRI 12.4.19

7.30am Eucharist

Morning, Dream Stitches, *St Aidan's*

5.00-9.00pm Chinese Prayer Group

### SAT 13.4.19

Homework Club on holidays

### SUN 14.4.19

#### Palm Sunday

#### Sixth 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

### April 7

"The Crucifixion" 7.00pm  
followed by supper

### May 19

Family and Children's Service  
10.00am

### 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

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

9.00pm Watch of the Passion

#### April 19

9.30am Good Friday service

12.15pm Ecumenical Procession of  
Witness

7.30pm Chinese Good Friday service

#### April 23

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

9.30am Celebration Easter Eucharist

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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

<b>SIDESPEOPLE</b>	<b>Today 7/4/19</b> Rob K, Phil D, Dianne A <b>W</b>	<b>Next week 14/4/19</b> Ken McD, Dianne A, Gwen F <b>W</b>
<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>Today 7/4/19</b> Sophia E, Michele M	<b>Next week 14/4/19</b> Sophia E, sub. for Rosemary S
<b>READERS</b>	<b>Today 7/4/19</b> Charles, B, Margaret D	<b>Next week 14/4/19</b> Margaret B, Garry P
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	<b>Today 7/4/19</b> Sophia E	<b>Next week 14/4/19</b> Elizabeth B
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	<b>Today 7/4/19</b> Elizabeth B <b>M</b> , Lillian L, Lyn B, Gwen F	<b>Next week 14/4/19</b> Gwen McD <b>M</b> , Janet H, Rosemary S sub.