



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

Parish
Link


21 April, 2019

Our Vicar Writes...

Welcome to our worship on Easter Day! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! A real stumbling block to faith for many is the question: 'How can an all-loving and all-powerful God allow suffering and evil in the world? It's a very-real question for all who suffer violence. The writer Elie Wiesel describes in his book 'Night' the hanging of a boy he witnessed in Auschwitz. When someone asked 'Where is God now?' a voice within him replied, 'He is here. He is hanging here on the gallows.' And this, of course, is the meaning of Good Friday, so called because this is the day God entered the suffering of humanity and all of creation, through the death of his Son Jesus who was nailed to a cross. Through this most cruel and agonising of deaths, Jesus entered our suffering – and allowed himself to experience all the terror and evil of such a slow and painful death. Through this great act of self-sacrifice Jesus demonstrated his supreme love for all humankind, and in the deepest personal way for you, and me, and indeed every human being. But the darkness of evil and death did not overcome the light of Jesus. As St John says in the prologue to the Gospel, "The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it" (Gospel of John, Chapter 1 verse 5). One of the most beautiful and moving services of Easter Day is the Vigil service, with the rising of the Sun dispelling the darkness of night, and the lighting of the Easter fire, and then the Easter Candle, to symbolise the light of Christ. An ancient prayer of the Church, the Benedictus, captures the profound joy of this coming of the Light:

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break up upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
And the shadow of death:
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Jesus said "I am the light of the world, and whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (Gospel of John, Chapter 8 verse 12). Easter is an invitation from the living, risen Christ to open our hearts to the light of his love, so as to dispel the darkness of whatever is holding us back from living by this light, and living as we are truly meant to be. May the light of Christ warm our lives and guide us into the way of peace this Easter, and may we always have the joy of knowing the Risen Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer!

Morning tea

Morning tea is served in the undercroft
the 9.30am service. Please join us.

Sentence

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia! 1 Corinthians 5.7–8

Prayer of the Day

God of glory, fill your Church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection, that, in the midst of this sinful world, it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, raised to new life with Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

First Reading: **Acts 10.34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

Psalm: 118. 1-2, 14-24 in the *APBA* prayer book, p. 347

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 15.19-26**

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 20, beginning at verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Nancy Flowers, Doug Mitchell, Kathleen Anthonisz

whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*Easter Flowers are in Loving Memory of
Jack & Helena Pockett, David & Elvena Orange & Thomas Orange*



Prayer Points

The Church: The Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One; Diocese of Willochra (Bp John Stead, Clergy & People); Sparklit (Michael Collie, National Director); All Saints' Ascot Vale (Andrew Esnouf); St Aidan's Noble Park – Confirmation Service (Bp Paul Barker); Bellarine Gateway Parish – parish visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray that our Play Group and Family Ministry group may continue refreshed after their break. Give thanks for these ministries.

The World: Pray for the people of Paris and France as they mourn the damage to their cathedral built to the glory of God and give thanks for the fact that no lives were lost.

The Nation/Community: Pray for all Christian denominations in our community as we celebrate Easter.

Prayer of the Week

Lord of all life and power, who, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise, honour and thanksgiving, now and for all eternity. **Amen**

ABM Pew Reflections

Hope: 'By God's great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.' (1 Peter 1:3-5) Give thanks for the living hope we have in our Lord Jesus Christ, the *Death of Death*, and *Hell's Destruction* as the famous Welsh hymn puts it. Give thanks for the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church in Japan, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 2.14. 22-32	Ps 16	Matthew 28.8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2.36-41	Ps 33.4-9	John 20.11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3.1-10	Ps 105.1-7	Luke 24.13-35
Thursday	Acts 3.11-26	Ps 8	Luke 24.35-48
Friday	Acts 4.1-12	Ps 118.21-29	John 21.1-14
Saturday	Acts 4.13-21	Ps 118.14-19	Mark 16.9-15



*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.*

THANK YOU FROM JAN GUNST

Jan want to express her thanks for your prayers phone calls and visits from her friends at St Peters.

CELEBRATE EASTER IN A TAIZE-STYLE LITURGY

6.00 pm Sunday 28 April 2019 (*note change of time with end of daylight saving*)

All are welcome to participate in this service of prayers, readings, chants and silences to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. (The change of time may permit an informal fellowship dinner after the service. The next Taize service is planned for Ascensiontide.)

GOOD NEWS MAY 2019

The next GOOD NEWS will hit the pews at the beginning of May. 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 29. Many thanks, Harry (ahmkerr@hotmail.com 9893 4946)

ANZAC DAY

25 April 11.00 am

Service of Lament, Repentance and New Hope

St. Paul's Cathedral,
Melbourne

Preacher: Revd Professor Mark Brett (Whitley College)

ABAAR ORPHANAGE BORTOWN APPEAL for funds for the classroom roof



Thank you to all parishioners who have contributed generously to our appeal. We have raised half the money that we need - another \$1,500 will be enough to pay for materials and labour to rebuild the roof. Money can be given to Fr Joseph or to Margaret Dooley, or put in a marked envelope in the collection plate, or deposited directly into our orphanage

bank account at the ANZ bank - Box Hill.

BSB 013 225. Account - Abaar Orphanage #28073169

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



OFFICE HOURS CHANGE THIS WEEK

Please note that because Anzac Day falls on a Thursday this year and because of the Easter break, the office will **not** be open on Thursday this week.

Office open this week: 23.4.19 Tuesday 8.30am – 1.00pm
25.4.19 Thursday **NOT OPEN**

All notices for next Sunday should reach the office by Tuesday or be given to the Vicar in writing before Sunday.

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 Gusnt 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.



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.

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 21.04.19

EASTER DAY

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

MON 22.4.19

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

TUES 23.4.19

8.30-11.30pm **Men at Work**
10.00-1.00 **Joyful Chinese**, *hall*
8.30am-1.00pm **Office open**
6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**

WED 24.4.19

10.30am **Eucharist**
12.00-2.00pm **Chinese Dancing**, *hall*
6.00-7.00pm **Chinese Dancing**, *hall*
8.00pm **Choir Practice**, *u/croft*

THU 25.4.19

ANZAC DAY
Office closed
No Play Group

FRI 26.4.19

7.30am **Eucharist**
Morning, **Dream Stitches**, *St Aidan's*
5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 27.4.19

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

SUN 28.4.19

Second Sunday of Easter

8.00am **Eucharist**, 9.30am **Eucharist**
11.30 **Mandarin Service**
2.00pm **Dinka Service**
6.00pm **Taize-style liturgy** for Easter
7.30pm **Al Anon**, *hall*

For the Diary

April 28

Taize-style liturgy for Easter 6.00pm

May 5

Discipleship studies resume
2.30pm, *hall*

May 19

Family and Children's Service
10.00am

June 29

4.30pm **Evensong**

June 30

St Peter's Day
Combined service 10.00am

August 24

St Peter's Music Concert
2.30-4.00pm



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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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Baptism, marriage & funeral by arrangement.

Clergy are available for confession / counselling by appointment.

Roster 6.00am and 9.30am Service

	6.00am 21/4/19	9.30am 21/4/19	28.4.19
Sidespeople	Today 6.00am Elizabeth B.	Today 21/4/19 Ted G, Judy J, Margaret P W	Next week 28/4/19 Noel W, Rosemary S, Ted G W
Servers	Today 6.00am Sophia E, Michele M	Today 21/4/19 Sophia E, Rosemary S	Next week 28/4/19 Elizabeth B, Sophia E
Readers	Today 6.00am Harry K, Sophia E	Today 21/4/19 Elizabeth B, Hilary B	Next week 28/4/19 Gwen F, Lewis P
Intercessors	Today 6.00am Harry K	Today 21/4/19 Michele M	Next week 28/4/19 Janet H
Morning Tea	Today 6.00am <i>Volunteers to help with breakfast</i>	Today 21/4/19 Cecilia J M , Margaret R Keith W, Jan G	Next week 28/4/19 Barbara P M , Dianne A, Michele M