



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

Second Sunday of Easter

28 April, 2019

Parish Link

Our Vicar Writes...

Welcome to our worship today! Welcome also to Father Alasdair who is our preacher and celebrant today. Today is traditionally LOW SUNDAY; after all the excitement of the events of last weekend there is the possibility of a flat feeling to our celebrations today as we commence our journey as 'Resurrection People.' But may I suggest that we hold fast to this call to live as God's people – full of joy, life and forgiveness! Eugene Peterson's translation of Jesus' words in today's Gospel text from John provides a very different way of seeing the gift of forgiveness and grace: "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?" One scholar has written that "We cannot keep the Spirit to ourselves. We are gifted with it for the sake of others. God gives the church the spiritual gift of resurrection life so that the church will bring it to bear on the world." It sounds as if a personal, private faith is not what Jesus intends for us, but instead he wants a Spirit-filled church to be his gift to the world. Whenever we're afraid and hiding out, all locked up, God comes to us in the midst of our fear and says, "Peace be with you." Whatever doubts churn in our minds, whatever sins trouble our consciences, whatever pain and worry bind us up, whatever walls we have put up or doors we have locked securely, God comes to us and says, "Peace be with you." Whatever hunger and need we feel deep in our souls, God calls us to the table, feeds us well, and sends us out into the world to be justice and peace, salt and light, hope for the world. We can do it, if we keep our eyes open, our minds limber, and our hearts soft and willing to love. As God sent Jesus, God sends us, this day!

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

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' John 20.27

Prayer of the Day

Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked: draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. This we ask through Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 5.27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

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

Psalm: 118.14-29 in the *APBA* prayer book, p. 348

Second Reading: Revelation 1.4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 19

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the

Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Paul Wiltshire, Cyril White, Sandy Wilson, Thomas Orange

whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Flowers today are in Loving Memory of Trevor Frost



Prayer Points

The Church: Anglican Communion in Japan (Abp Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu); Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bishops Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod; Clergy & People); Department of Theological Education (Bp Brad Billings, Assistant Bishop, Monomeeth Episcopate); St Michael & All Angels' Beaumaris (Andrew Lake, Robert McUtchen); Holy Trinity Cathedral Yangon, Myanmar (Bp Paul Barker); St Andrew's Corio – confirmation service (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for all our clergy and their families.

The World: Pray for the families of victims of terrorism in Sri Lanka and pray for the community in Sri Lanka.

The Nation/Community: Pray for all students and especially those who face challenges in their studies at school and for the teachers who work to help them.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may ever seek the things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 4.23-31	Ps 2.1-8	John 3.1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4.32-37	Ps 93	John 3.7-15
Wednesday	Acts 5.17-26	Ps 34.1-8	John 3.16-21
Thursday	Acts 5.27-33	Ps 34.11-18	John 3.31-36
Friday	Acts 5.34-42	Ps 27.1-5	John 6.1-15
Saturday	Acts 6.1-7	Ps 33.17-21	John 6.16-21



*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.*

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 tomorrow.

Many thanks, Harry (ahmkerr@hotmail.com 9893 4946)

**Volunteers
needed!**

ELECTION DAY STALL May 18

8.30am to 2.00pm

We need your help again!

Can you sausage sizzle democracy snags? You've gotta have snags at the polling booths!

We are also selling home produce and cakes. Do let Hilary or Margaret know what you can offer for home produce and cakes.

A list will be in the church for signing up.



CELEBRATE EASTER IN A TAIZE-STYLE LITURGY

6 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.)



BIBLE STUDY

The Land and its Loss – Faith, Identity and Nationalism

In April our Bible study explored the centrality of the Land to the Israelite people and their faith in God and identity as God's people. When the people were exiled to Babylon, and in the following centuries of restoration, conquest, rebellion and imperial domination, several different religious responses arose to view these experiences as revealing God's action and character. These responses ranged from purity (Pharisees), separation (Essenes), armed uprising (Zealots) and temple ritual (Sadducees). Jesus stood against all these responses and showed that the nation's fate was not the result of God's punishment, that the nation would not be restored by the violent intervention of God, and that God's mercy extended beyond the boundaries of their nationalised view of Israel.

Interested to learn more? Join our May Bible study!

May: Wrath to Compassion

Our study of the Seven Stories of the Nonviolent Bible continues in May, looking at Isaiah's Suffering Servant and how Jesus is identified with this figure to reveal God's character of compassion. We meet at 7.30pm in the Undercroft on Thursdays 2, 9, 16 May. Newcomers welcome - bring your Bible and notebook. Hope to see you there!

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



EASTER --- AND THEN?

Discipleship Group
resumes Sunday 5 May
at 2.30

All welcome!



Abaar Orphanage Bortown Appeal for funds to replace the classroom roof



Thank you to all parishioners who have contributed generously to our appeal for funds to rebuild the roof that was blown off in the recent storm. 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.



James Malou is in Bortown, and we would love to get money to South Sudan while he is there to buy the materials and supervise the building. If we are over-subscribed the extra money will be spent on the windows for our two new classrooms.

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

Email lokagai@hotmail.com; Margaret.dooley@bigpond.com

Mobile Joseph 0431 541 535; Margaret 0438 129 161

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

This Week

TODAY 28.04.19

Second Sunday of Easter

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

MON 29.4.19

7.30pm *Narcotics Anonymous, St Aidan's*

TUES 30.4.19

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 1.5.19

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 2.5.19

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**
9.30-11.30am **Play Group, hall**

FRI 3.5.19

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

SAT 4.5.19

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

SUN 5.5.19

Third Sunday of Easter

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

For the Diary

April 28

Taizé-style liturgy for Easter 6.00pm

May 2

Bible Study, 7.30pm undercroft

May 5

Discipleship studies resume
2.30pm, hall

May 14

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

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 9.30am Service

SIDESPEOPLE	Today 28/4/19 Noel W, Rosemary S, Ted G W	Next week 5.5.19 Rob K, Dianne A, Eric S W
SERVERS	Today 28/4/19 Elizabeth B, Sophia E	Next week 5.5.19 Sophia E, Kim C
READERS	Today 28/4/19 Gwen F, Lewis P	Next week 5.5.19 Barbara P, Kim C
INTERCESSOR	Today 28/4/19 Janet H	Next week 5.5.19 Sophia E
MORNING TEA	Today 28/4/19 Barbara P M, Dianne A, Michele M	Next week 5.5.19 Elizabeth B M, Lilian L, Lyn B, Gwen F