



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

Third Sunday of Easter

5 May, 2019

Parish Link

Our Vicar Writes...

Welcome to our worship today! We continue to proclaim that Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Thanks to Father Alasdair and all who helped cover my week off last week due to an on-going issue with my legs. Steady progress is being made on resolving the problems. Congratulations to Bishop George, who presided at the mid-week Eucharist this week to mark 38 years as a Bishop in the Church of God. It is heartening to see George making good progress since his illness last year and on behalf of the entire parish I express our prayers and blessings to him for the year and years ahead!

We continue today to celebrate and rejoice at the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. I want to encourage us all this week to go beyond merely proclaiming our words of Christ's resurrection to consider that we are the risen body of Christ to the world around us. This means all of our lives! While the Spirit of God at times acts in the world independent of the church, it is clear that Jesus left the task of spreading the Good News to the disciples – that is – to us! There is no plan B. The words ascribed to St. Teresa of Avila are apt at this moment:

Christ has no body now on earth but yours; No hands but yours; No feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which God's compassion will look upon the world. Yours are the feet with which God will go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which God will bless others now.

I have often thought that the church consists of two parts – the *gathered* church – when we assemble for worship; and the *scattered* church – all other times! No matter where we are we are the church! And as church we live the resurrection now. So, as we consider the upcoming week – ponder what it means to follow the risen Lord in the everyday as well as on Sundays.

Morning tea

Morning tea is served in the undercroft after 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

To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever. Revelation 5.13

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 9.1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

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

Psalm: 30 in the *APBA* prayer book, p.249

Second Reading: Revelation 5.6-14

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.' Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 21, beginning at verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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

Bonnie Fowler, Frances Allen, Frank Groom, John Noble, Peter Reynolds

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Anglican Church of Kenya (Abp Jackson Ole Sapit); Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Trevor Edwards, Stephen Pickard; Clergy & People); St Agnes' Black Rock (Garry Deverell); Holy Trinity Coburg – parish visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Mark's Reservoir West – parish visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for Jenifer McKenzie and the volunteers at the Dream Stitches Program for Refugee Women at St Aidan's and our involvement and support for this program.

The World: Pray for the peoples and governments of countries in the Pacific region who are our neighbours.

The Nation/Community: Pray for all those affected by drought, especially farmers and those who work on the land.

Prayer of the Week

Gracious Father, who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such awareness of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life, and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 6.8-15	Ps 119.17-24	John 6.22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7.51-8.1	Ps 31.1-5	John 6.30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8.1-8	Ps 66.1-8	John 6.35-40
Thursday	Acts 8.26-40	Ps 66.7-11	John 6.44-51
Friday	Acts 9.1-20	Ps 117	John 6.52-59
Saturday	Acts 9.31-42	Ps 116.11-18	John 6.60-69



*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.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 24 May
More detail for THE LINK next week!

**EASTER --- AND THEN?
PENTECOST!**



Discipleship Group
resumes today
at 2.30
All welcome!



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.

Family and Children's Service
May 19, 10.00am



" Know we are Christians by our love"
This will be a communion service.

Help
Wanted

**ELECTION DAY
STALL**

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.



THIS ISN'T REALLY
ABOUT
BREAKFAST,
IS IT.



NO. NO IT'S NOT.



This Week

TODAY 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*

MON 6.5.19

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

TUES 7.5.19

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 8.5.19

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 9.5.19

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

FRI 10.5.19

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

SAT 11.5.19

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

SUN 12.5.19

Fourth 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

May 5

Discipleship studies resume
2.30pm, *hall*

May 14

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

May 18

Election Sausage Sizzle and cake
stall

May 19

Family and Children's Service
10.00am

May 24

Men's Breakfast 8.00am, *u/croft*

June 2

Taizé service for Ascension

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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Clergy are available for confession / counselling by appointment.

Roster 9.30am Service

SIDESPEOPLE	Today 5.5.19 Rob K, Dianne A, Eric S W	Next week 12.5.19 Ken McD, Elizabeth B, Gwen F W
SERVERS	Today 5.5.19 Sophia E, Kim C	Next week 12.5.19 Sophia E, Michele M
READERS	Today 5.5.19 Barbara P, Kim C	Next week 12.5.19 Janet H, Lillian L
INTERCESSOR	Today 5.5.19 Sophia E	Next week 12.5.19 Harry K
MORNING TEA	Today 5.5.19 Elizabeth B M , Lillian L, Lyn B, Gwen F	Next week 12.5.19 Gwen McD M , Janet H, Rosemary S, Peter W