



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

Fourth Sunday of Easter

12 May, 2019

Parish Link

Our Vicar writes...

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Welcome to our worship today at St Peter's. Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers present with us and those mothers who are fondly remembered. Sometimes when we come to church, we can find the readings presented by the Lectionary for that Sunday uninspiring or difficult or disjointed yet sometimes we are spoilt by the richness of God's word with images and ideas and thoughts and 'Gospel – good news' abounding from every angle. Today's selection of passages is such a week. The appointed psalm (Psalm 23) reminds us of God's grace in our lives in every situation '*Even though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death*' – we are loved and nurtured and more importantly – we are blessed! And in the Gospel passage from John we are presented with the wonderful image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd – the one who calls his sheep (who calls us!) The one who provides the way (I am the gate) into life in all its abundance. As we reflect upon the treasures presented to us this Sunday; as we gather as speakers of many tongues across the course of today – may God comfort us who are disturbed and disturb us who are comfortable! May God open our ears to hear and respond once more to the good news that God is with us in all of life; that in Jesus we may find abundant life and that in coming together for our worship like the early church we may become those who go out and change the world.

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

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7.17

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 9.36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm: 23 in the *APBA* prayer book, p.243

Second Reading: Revelation 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will

hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 10, beginning at verse 22

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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

Elizabeth Gellert, George Knack, Mildred Stork, Ella Sheldrick,
Mae Buckingham, Kathleen Griffiths, Herbert Burkitt, Eleanor Oliver

whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: Anglican Church of Korea (Abp Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo); Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Clergy & People); Converge International (Jenny George, CEO, and Chaplains); Brimbank Parish (Simon Koefoed); ARCIC meetings Jerusalem (Abp Philip Freier); St Stephen's Mount Waverley – Confirmation Service (Bp Paul Barker); Brimbank parish visit - Mother's Day (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for St Peter's Kindergarten and the staff and children who attend.

The World: Pray for the care of all children who are abandoned or orphaned.

The Nation/Community: Give thanks for all mothers and for the care of families.

Prayer of the Week

God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 11.1-18	Ps 42.1-5	John 10.10.1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11.19-26	Ps 87	John 10.22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12.24-13.5	Ps 67	John 12.44-50
Thursday	Acts 13.13-25	Ps 89.19-25	John 13.16-20
Friday	Acts 13.26-33	Ps 2.6-11	John 14.1-6
Saturday	Acts 13.44-52	Ps 98.1-4	John 14.7-14



*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.*

MEMORIAL GARDEN

We now have a complete plan of the wall of remembrance in the Memorial Garden showing all named plaques and the places that are reserved. The Men at Work group are going to remove all temporary markings and temporary plaques but please be assured that we have records of all reservations and no information will be lost. If you want to reserve a place or update the record, please tell Cecilia in the office.

ROSTERS – JULY/DECEMBER 2019

It's that time again. Appreciate if you could advise asap if you do not want to continue on the rosters – if I do not hear from you I will automatically include you. We are always looking for more people to assist in Reading, Sidespersons, Welcomers, Counters, Morning Tea – if you are prepared to assist please advise me accordingly. Contact details for Michele are: themitchells01@bigpond.com or 0408 531 045 / 9890 4387.

MOTHERS' UNION Wednesday, May 22

The next meeting will be held after the 10.00am eucharist. Bring your own lunch. Please note that there is a swap in the schedule so that the quiz will now be held at this meeting.



PARISH MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 25

The speaker will be the Vicar, who was the leader of the parish expedition to Egypt, Middle East and the Holy Land. His theme will be:

“Highlights of the Parish Expedition to the Holy Lands and Sacredness of Significant Sites.”

All gentlemen of St Peter's parish are invited to attend, have breakfast and hear about the expedition's highlights. Invite a friend or two, your son, son-in-law but let us know on the Expression of Interest list available at entrance to church. Ladies are also welcome.

Later in the year another speaker will talk about significant buildings observed during the Parish Expedition.

Contact Ken McDonald, Rob Kennedy or Len Manzie.

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.

VICAR AWAY



Please note that the Vicar will be away from the parish this week and until Thursday 23 May. There will be a clergy conference from May 20-22 which both Fr Alasdair and Fr Shane will be attending.

Family and Children's Service
 May 19, 10.00am



Next Sunday

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



**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. There is a list is at the back of the church.



This Week

TODAY 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*

MON 13.5.19

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

TUES 14.5.19

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 15.5.19

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 16.5.19

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

FRI 17.5.19

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

SAT 18.5.19

Federal Election voting, *hall*
Election Sausage Sizzle and cake stall

SUN 19.5.19

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am **Eucharist**
10.00am **Family & Children's Service**
11.30 **Mandarin Service**
2.00pm **Dinka Service**
2.30pm **Discipleship studies**, *hall*
7.30pm **Al Anon**, *hall*

For the Diary

May 14

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

May 18

Election Sausage Sizzle and cake stall, 8.30am – 2.00pm

May 19

Family and Children's Service
10.00am

May 25

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

June 2

Taizé service for Ascension

June 21

Quiz Night, 7.30pm

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 12.5.19 Ken McD, Elizabeth B, Gwen F W	Next week FACS 19/5/19 Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Today 12.5.19 Sophia E, Michele M	Next week FACS 19/5/19 Not rostered
READERS	Today 12.5.19 Janet H, Laurence L	Next week FACS 19/5/19 Not rostered
INTERCESSOR	Today 12.5.19 Harry K	Next week FACS 19/5/19 Not rostered
MORNING TEA	Today 12.5.19 Gwen McD M , Janet H, Rosemary S, Peter W	Next week FACS 19/5/19 Cecilia M , Margaret R, Jan G, Keith W