



## ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

Sunday after Ascension

3 June, 2019

# Parish Link

### Our Vicar Writes...



Welcome to our worship today! Today is the first of three important Sundays in the liturgical year. It is in a sense a crash course on our understanding of God. Today is the first Sunday after the Ascension so the focus is of course Jesus. Next Sunday is the celebration of Pentecost, the festival marking the arrival of God's Spirit, and the following Sunday is Trinity Sunday, the only Sunday in the Christian year purely celebrating a doctrine of the faith: God as One and God as Three – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we ponder the Ascension we are reminded in John's Gospel that while Jesus is no longer with us in person he is with us in Spirit and not only that but that we are filled with *love*. Not just any type of love but the love of God. May that love be known among us here so that the entire world may come to know of the glory and compassion and grace of our God.

### 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

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. Acts 16.31

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 16.16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

Psalm: 97 in the *APBA*, p.324

## Second Reading: Revelation 22.12-22

'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood. 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John, Chapter 17, beginning at verse 20.

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus prayed, 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

Eleanor Andrewartha, Lynette Cook, Leonard Allen, Stanley Mather,  
Basil Brown, Elizabeth Hancock, Joyce McKibben,  
Elvena Orange, George Collins

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



## Prayer Points

**The Church:** Anglican Church of Mexico (Abp Francisco Moreno); Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Ian Palmer, Clergy & People); Camberwell Girls' Grammar School (Debbie Dunwoody, Principal; Helen Creed, Chaplain); Chinese Mission of the Epiphany Melbourne (Richard Liu); Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Essendon – parish visit (Bp Brad Billings); St John's Croydon – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Bartholomew's, Burnley – confirmation service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Bacchus Marsh – parish visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

**The Parish:** Pray for the ministry of those who visit the sick in our parish.

**The World:** Pray for those who have no food because of famine caused by drought or war. Give thanks for those who give generously to aid and support them.

**The Nation/Community:** Pray for our police, firefighters, and ambulance services and give thanks for their work in the community.

## Prayer of the Week

### Ascension Day

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## Daily Readings

|                  |                     |              |               |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Acts 19.1-8         | Ps 68.1-6    | John 16.29-33 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Acts 20.17-27       | Ps 68.7-14   | John 17.1-11  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Acts 20.28-38       | Ps 68.28-35  | John 17.11-19 |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Acts 22.30; 23.6-11 | Ps 16.1-6    | John 17.20-26 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Acts 25.13-21       | Ps 103.15-22 | John 21.15-19 |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Genesis 11.1-9      | Ps 104.26-32 | John 7.37-39  |



*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.*

# QUIZ NIGHT

Come along for an evening of quizzing and fun  
at the Quiz Night on June 21.

Put the date in your diary and get together with friends  
or come and join a table of eight in the hall on

**Friday, June 21, 7.30pm**

Bring your own nibbles. Tea and coffee provided.

Tickets: \$15 each

(buy tickets from the Office or at the door)

This event is a fundraiser for St Peter's kindergarten.



## **BIBLE STUDY in JUNE**

### **Wrath to Compassion**

In May our Bible study explored the figure of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah as a revelation of God's compassionate nature, and how important this figure was to the Gospel writers who identified Jesus with this figure in the clearest possible terms. We also read in the prophets about the 'cup of wrath' - a symbol for violent conflict and aggression that passed from nation to nation, including Israel. We saw how Jesus took this symbol of the 'cup' and transformed it, at the Last Supper and in his crucifixion, to a cup of blessing and forgiveness. By absorbing human violence into himself on the cross and coming in forgiveness at his resurrection, Jesus drained the cup of human wrath to its dregs so that we no longer have to be caught up in the cycle of violence.

Interested to learn more? Join our June Bible study!

### **Bible Study – June: Victim to Vindication**

Our study of the Seven Stories of the Nonviolent Bible continues in June. Was Jesus the victim of God's righteous anger or the victim of human violence and hatred? We will also explore what the Old Testament has to say about victims and redeemers. We meet at 7.30pm in the Undercroft on Thursdays 6, 13, 20 June. Newcomers welcome - bring your Bible and notebook. Hope to see you there!

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO REVEREND ANNE KENNEDY**

Anne has been appointed as Priest-In-Charge at St Thomas, Upper Ferntree Gully from June 28. Congratulations to her and to Rob. They will be living in the vicarage part-time.

## MOTHERS' UNION

Our M U members are invited to a fundraising luncheon at St Stephens and St Mary's Mt Waverley on **Monday 24th June** at 12.30pm. Following the luncheon **Dr Muriel Porter** OAM will speak on "Women of the Early Church: Foremothers of Mothers Union". Donation of \$20 towards MU project "Parenting programs in Papua New Guinea". If you would like to attend, please talk to Jan.

# pilgrim

A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

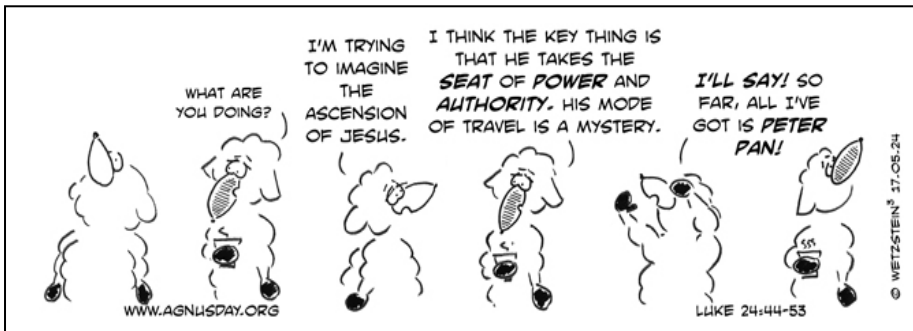
[www.pilgrimcourse.org](http://www.pilgrimcourse.org) [@pilgrimcourse](https://twitter.com/pilgrimcourse)

Do you sometimes feel the need for a refresher on the basics of faith? Our parish is offering a way to warm the heart and soul over the beginning of winter this year by participating in the "Pilgrim Program – a course for the Christian Journey."

Starting Saturday 22 June at 10am in the front office of the church and running for six Saturday mornings until Saturday 27 June, each session will last no more than 90 minutes. This first course focuses on the six questions asked of us at our baptism (and at the renewal of our baptism each year at Easter tide!)

*Do you turn to Christ?; Do you believe and trust in God the Father?; Do you believe in his Son Jesus Christ?; Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?; Do you repent your sins?; and do you renounce evil?*

Each session includes a theme, opening prayers, and a 'conversation-starter'. The heart of the session is an opportunity to reflect on a reading from the Bible, plus a short article from a contemporary Christian writer on the theme. Whether you are new to the faith or a disciple for 70 years we all need opportunities to reflect upon the basics. Why not take this opportunity and sign up this day.



## This Week

### TODAY 2.6.19

#### Sunday after Ascension

- 8.00am **Eucharist**, 9.30am **Eucharist**  
11.30 **Mandarin Service**  
2.00pm **Dinka Service**  
2.30pm **Discipleship studies**, *hall*  
6.00pm **Taizé service for Ascension**  
7.30pm **Al Anon**, *hall*

### MON 3.6.19

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

### TUES 4.6.19

- 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 5.6.19

- 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 6.6.19

- 10.00-2.00pm **Office open**  
9.30-11.30am **Play Group**, *hall*  
7.30-8.30pm **Bible Study**, *u/croft*

### FRI 7.6.19

- 7.30am **Eucharist**  
10am-1.00pm **Chinese Nurse Assoc**, *hall*  
Morning, **Dream Stitches**, *St Aidan's*  
5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

### SAT 8.6.19

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

### SUN 9.6.19

#### Pentecost

- 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

### June 2

Taizé service for Ascension

### June 6

Bible Study continues  
June 13, 20, undercroft

### 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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## ST PETER'S

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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

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| <b>SIDESPEOPLE</b> | <b>Today 2/6/19</b><br>Noel W, Dianne A, <b>W</b>                          | <b>Next week 9/6/19</b><br>Elizabeth B, Judy J, Margaret P <b>W</b>             |
| <b>SERVERS</b>     | <b>Today 2/6/19</b><br>Rosemary S, Sophia E                                | <b>Next week 9/6/19</b><br>Sophia E, Kim C                                      |
| <b>READERS</b>     | <b>Today 2/6/19</b><br>Gwen McD, Rosemary S                                | <b>Next week 9/6/19</b><br>Jan G, Charles B                                     |
| <b>INTERCESSOR</b> | <b>Today 2/6/19</b><br>Elizabeth B   | <b>Next week 9/6/19</b><br>Michele M  |
| <b>MORNING TEA</b> | <b>Today 2/6/19</b><br>Elizabeth B <b>M</b> , Lyn B,<br>Gwen F, Laurence L | <b>Next week 9/6/19</b><br>Gwen McD, <b>M</b> , Janet H, Rosemary S,<br>Peter W |