

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 7 July, 2019

# Parish Link

# Father Harry Writes...

Dear Friends,

Fr. Shane and Janet are in Queensland for Shane's father's funeral;. we keep them in our love and prayers.

To-day is the beginning of NAIDOC week (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.) Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. In 2019 they invite us to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future. They are looking for a voice in building the Australian community as proposed in the Uluru Statement From the Heart. For too long we have treated the Indigenous people as victims, as problems to be solved by our solutions which don't' work. What we do not do is listen. The actor, Uncle Jack Charles was asked about Indigenous people being recognised in the Constitution. His comment: Not now. You don't know who we are. What we do know is that they are God's gift to this land and to us. They bring ancient wisdom about the land and caring for the earth that we desperately need. Will we take time to hear God speaking to us through them?

In Love and Peace, Harry

**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 harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Luke 10.2

# Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: give us courage, as you gave it to the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life; in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

God of peace and joy, You are the Creator of this land and of all that is good. You desire all people to live in your covenant of peace and mercy. Disarm our fears and send us out by the power of the Spirit to bring to the world a message of peace of restored love and justice, in Jesus name **Amen** 

# First Reading: 2 Kings 5.1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel. He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a guarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them. and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan.

according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

Second Reading: Galatians 6.7-18

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

For the word of the Lord, thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 10, verses 1-12, 17-24

# Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See,

I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.' At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.' Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.'

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

Harold Shepherd, Mary Garden, Annie Carter, Amy Thomas, Roy Garden, Peter Terbeek, Alvin Kruger





# **Prayer Points**

**The Church:** Church of Papua New Guinea (Abp Allan Migi); Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry Chaplaincy (David Thompson, Senior Chaplain & Chaplains); Parish of St Thomas Burwood (John Carrick; Kian Lim; Joshua Millard; Ruth Newmarch; Michael Prabaharan); St Thomas Werribee and Karen AAC Werribee – pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

**The Parish:** Pray for Fr Shane and his family as they come together for the funeral of his father.

**The World:** Pray for Australia's neighbourhood in Pacific region and for the lives of its peoples and the leadership of its nations.

**The Nation/Community:** Pray for the members of our new parliament and for our new Governor-General, David Hurley.

# Prayer of the Week

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you, that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Daily Readings**

Monday	Genesis 28.10-22a	Ps 91.1-6	Matthew 9.18-26
Tuesday	Genesis 32.22-33	Ps 17.1-7	Matthew 9.32-38
Wednesday	Genesis 41.55-57, 42.6-24	Ps 33.13-21	Matthew 10.1-7
Thursday	Genesis 44.18-29, 45.1-5	Ps 105.16-22	Matthew 10.7-15
Friday	Genesis 46.1-7, 28-30	Ps 37.18-26	Matthew 10.16-23
Saturday	Genesis 49.29-33	Ps 105.1-7	Matthew 10.24-33



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.



#### VICTIM TO VINDICATION

In June our Bible study explored the biblical theme of the victim. The book of Job presents the challenge of the innocent victim and questions the origin and purpose of suffering, denying that suffering is punishment for sin. Throughout the Old Testament, the role of 'redeemer' was filled by next of kin to ensure that no victim's loss was

forgotten and that they would receive justice. Finally, the story of Jonah reveals the temptation to become the resentful victim – more interested in seeing the destruction of enemies than their repentance and transformation under God's mercy. Jesus chose Jonah as his sign to show that the outsiders, enemies, are sometimes more aware of God's mercy and compassion than his chosen people are. Jesus, by pointing to Jonah, challenges us to let go of resentment and to trust in God's compassion over our violent impulses for revenge.

Interested to learn more? Join our July Bible study!

#### JULY: THE TEMPLE AND ITS DECONSTRUCTION

Our study of the Seven Stories of the Nonviolent Bible continues in July. The Temple plays a central role in the Jewish faith. What is temple religion? How did Jesus challenge the entrenched culture of temple religion? We meet at 7.30pm in the Undercroft on Thursdays 4, 11, 18 July. Newcomers welcome - bring your Bible and notebook. Hope to see you there!

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



#### **OKKAS PIE DRIVE ON NOW!**

Order forms available at the church
Orders in by Sunday July 14
Delivery: Sat July 20 at the hall, *or*Sun July 21 after 9.30am service
All gueries to Charles or Hilary on 9899 7553

# ALERT! DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP From 14th July at 3.00



Want to hear about a wonderful new series to deepen your faith and build up our St Peters community?

Then you are most welcome to

Come and learn more on 14th



97 days to our Spring Fair on Saturday October 12.

Are we ready? Not yet.

We need a show of hands to see who can help with the multitude of tasks.

Can we again have Gourmet Food, Wine and Chocolate Hampers?

Can we again have great prizes for our Parish raffles?

Do contact Hilary Blakeman 9899 7553 or cchrb@hotmail.com with any suggestions or comments.

# This Week

# **TODAY 7.7.19**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist 11.30 Mandarin Service 2.00pm Dinka Service 7.30pm Al Anon, hall

#### MON 8.7.19

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, St Aidan's

#### **TUES 9.7.19**

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 10.7.19

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

#### THU 11.7.19

10.00-2.00pm **Office open** Play Group on holidays 7.30pm **Bible Study**, *u/croft* 

#### FRI 12.7.19

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

#### SAT 13.7.19

10.00am Pilgrim Program, office 10.30am-1.30pm Homework Club, hall

#### SUN 14.7.19

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist 11.30 Mandarin Service 2.00pm Dinka Service 3.00pm Discipleship Studies, hall 7.30pm Al Anon, hall

# For the Diary July 11

Bible Study continues 7.30pm, undercroft

#### July 14

- Pilgrim Program continues 10.00am, office
- Pie drive orders in
- Discipleship Studies, 3.00pm, hall

## July 16

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

July 20 and July 21 Pie order collection days

# July 21

Family and Children's Service 10.00am

# August 24

St Peter's Music Concert 2.30-4.00pm

#### September 29

Mothers' Union 85 Anniversary Service

# October 12 Spring Fair

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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 7/7/19 Ted G, Fred T, Gwen F W	Next week 14/7/19 Noel W, Judy J. Gwen McD W
SERVERS	Today 7/7/19 Sophia E, Kim C	Next week 14/7/19 Elizabeth B, Sophia E
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READERS	Today 7/7/19	Next week 14/7/19
	Ken McD, Harry K	Sophia E, Elizabeth B,
INTERCESSOR	Today 7/7/19	Next week 14/7/19
	Elizabeth B	Betty B
	Today 7/7/19	Next week 14/7/19
MORNING TEA	Elizabeth B <b>M</b> , Laurence L, Lyn	Gwen McD <b>M</b> , Janet H,
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