



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
14 July, 2019

Parish Link

The Vicar Writes...

Welcome to our worship today! We hear in our Gospel a very well-known piece of Scripture. It might be the world's most famous story about showing compassion even for people we may not like: a nice little story with a nice little moral, especially for those of us who like to do good deeds for those in need. Our story from the Gospel of Luke certainly doesn't make our stomach churn or offend our sensibilities; in fact, we may hear it with an almost satisfied ear, as if we believe we too would surely do what the "Good" Samaritan did when he was moved by compassion to help the poor victim of highway robbery. At least, we'd like to think we would. In other words, when we hear this story, we put ourselves in the place of the Samaritan, and that's a pretty comfortable place to be. Reading enough commentaries on this familiar passage, however, will lead one to feel as if we are in unfamiliar territory, and on dangerous ground. I think the most moving words, and the most challenging ones, written about this story are from Stephen Patterson: "You Need Your Enemy." Jesus seems to have it all backwards: when asked what we have to do, he tells a story about us. But he's not talking about "us, the good Jewish lawyer," or even "us, the 'good' Samaritan." No, Jesus tells a story about us, the person lying there in the ditch. That's the place we ought to find ourselves in when we hear this story. We're lying in that ditch, and we desperately need our enemy to have compassion on us, no matter what. We need our enemy to forget what he's been taught and what he understands his rights to be. He needs to forget the risk and the robbers, and to stop and help us in our need. He needs to be moved by pity for our suffering. When I think about this story, I think not just about people as individuals, long ago, and each of us today, but about communities, nations, and races. We have to "cross the lines" we've drawn both individually and as communities, that every act of kindness, random or otherwise, toward an individual brother or sister is a starting point and an inspiration for wholesale kindness and compassion, woven into the fabric of our communities, our institutions, our world, reminding us of who we all are as beloved children of God. We kick-start this kindness especially when we act in times and circumstances that are both costly and full of risk. May we be challenged today!

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

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Luke 6.31, 35

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you have taught us through Christ that love is the fulfilment of the law: help us to love you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength, and our neighbour as ourself; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: **Amos 7.7-17**

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." 'Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac." Therefore, thus says the Lord: "Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land." '

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

Psalm: 82 in *APBA*, p.309

Second Reading: Colossians 1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful

minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 10, verses 25-37

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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

Joan Holmes, Betty Groom, Florence Matthews, Nellie Berry,
Adele Hearn, Jim Bartlett

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Episcopal Church in the Philippines (Prime Bishop of the Philippines Joel Atiwag Pachao); Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Bps Bradley Billings, Paul Barker, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd, Registrar Michael Urwin, Clergy & People); Authorised Stipendiary Lay-Ministers; St Michael's Carlton North (Steve Webster); Christ Church, Geelong – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Give thanks for the safe return of Fr Shane and for the work and support of all our clergy.

The World: Pray for the leadership and people of Iran and North Korea. Pray for international co-operation and arms control.

The Nation/Community: Pray for tolerance and good will between all the diverse nationalities and peoples of Australia, both those who have been here for thousands of years and those who are newly arrived.

Prayer of the Week

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Exodus 1.8-14, 22	Ps 24	Matthew 10.34-11.1
Tuesday	Exodus 2.1-15a	Ps 69.31-38	Matthew 11.20-24
Wednesday	Exodus 3.1-6, 9-12	Ps 103.1-7	Matthew 11.25-27
Thursday	Exodus 3.13-20	Ps 105.23-27	Matthew 11.28-30
Friday	Exodus 11.10-12.14	Ps 116.11-18	Matthew 12.1-8
Saturday	Exodus 12.37-42	Ps 136.1, 10-16	Matthew 12.14-21



*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.*



OKKAS PIE DRIVE ON NOW!

Today! The last and final call for Okka's Pie orders. Thank you all who have already returned orders or made a donation.

All queries to Charles or Hilary, 9899 7553

MOTHERS' UNION

Next meeting will be **Wednesday 24th July**. 10.30am Eucharist. Afterwards we will be going to Helen Jones in Fortune Ave Box Hill North. We will have a light lunch and suitable DVDs to follow. Transport will be arranged if necessary.

On **Wednesday 31st July** following 10.30am Eucharist we will follow the "Wave of Prayer" service in Lady Chapel or front office. This should take 45 mins. BYO lunch if needed. Tea and coffee available.

ALERT!

DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP

Starting **today** 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 today and learn more.



SEA SUNDAY

Celebrating seafarers all over the world who work tirelessly to bring us the goods we rely on every day.
"You were here when I was not expecting you.

You did not know me, but you found time to see me"



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SPRING FAIR IN 90 DAYS! OCTOBER 12.

Thank you to all who have already offered support.

- Yes! We will have the Parish Hampers as part of the Great Box Hill Parish raffle.
- Plastic **plant pots** are available from Hilary for your cuttings/ seedlings. (Yes the weather is still frigid at times but we do have sunny breaks. You can always eat a pie afterwards to warm up!)
- Jen Walker needs **pure wool** any time for her masterful weaving. The wool cannot be a mix of yarns and must be a smooth yarn suitable for weaving her magnificent shawls.
- **Collectables** stall is run by Elizabeth Burton who would love to have donations especially any jewellery, eg, clip on earrings.

More updates next week. All queries to Hilary, 9899 7553 or cchrb@hotmail.com



MENS' BREAKFAST July 27

The next Men's Breakfast is coming up on Saturday, July 27 and the topic will be: "Significant buildings of Egypt observed by St Peter's tourists". Please sign up on the Expression of Interest sheet on the table at the back of the church.

DOOLEY DOWNSIZING BARGAINS

In our move to Bedford Heights we are decluttering and downsizing. One item that has to go is a **Westinghouse upright freezer**. It's about 6 years old and in excellent condition. 1450 mm high, 550 mm wide, 550 mm deep. All offers considered. WATCH THIS SPACE as there may be more bargains and freebies over the next 2 weeks. Contact Margaret on 0438 129 161



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 Thursday 18 July. Newcomers welcome - bring your Bible and notebook. Hope to see you there!
Enquiries: Janet Hubner, janet.hubner@hotmail.com, 0437 489 982.

This Week

TODAY 14.7.19

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am Eucharist

9.00am Prayer in the Chapel

9.30am Eucharist

11.30 Mandarin Service

2.00pm Dinka Service

3.00pm Discipleship Studies, *hall*

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

MON 15.7.19

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, *St Aidan's*

TUES 16.7.19

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

7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

WED 17.7.19

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 18.7.19

10.00-2.00pm Office open

Play Group in recess

7.30pm Bible Study, *u/croft*

FRI 19.7.19

7.30am Eucharist

10am-1.00pm Chinese Nurse Assoc, *hall*

5.00-9.00pm Chinese Prayer Group

SAT 20.7.19

10.00am Pilgrim Program, *office*

Homework Club on holidays

SUN 21.7.19

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am Eucharist

9.00am Prayer in the Chapel

10.00am Family & Children's Service

11.30am Mandarin Service

2.00pm Dinka Service

3.00pm Discipleship Studies, *hall*

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

For the Diary

July 14

Pie drive orders in

Discipleship Studies, 3.00pm *hall*

July 16

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

July 18

Bible Study continues

7.30pm, *undercroft*

July 20

Pilgrim Program continues

10.00am, *office*

July 20 and July 21

Pie order collection days

July 21

Family and Children's Service

10.00am

July 27

Men's Breakfast, 8.00am

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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*Baptism, marriage & funeral by arrangement.
 Clergy are available for confession / counselling
 by appointment.*

*Before the service, speak to God.
 During the service, let God
 speak to you.
 After the service, speak to one
 another.*

Roster 9.30am Service and 10.00am FACS

SIDESPEOPLE	Today 14/7/19 Noel W, Judy J. Gwen McD W	Next week FACS 21/7/19 Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Today 14/7/19 Elizabeth B, Sophia E	Next week FACS 21/7/19 Not rostered
READERS	Today 14/7/19 Sophia E, Elizabeth B	Next week FACS 21/7/19 Not rostered
INTERCESSOR	Today 14/7/19 Betty B	Next week FACS 21/7/19 Not rostered
MORNING TEA	Today 14/7/19 Gwen McD M , Janet H, Rosemary S, Peter W	Next week FACS 21/7/19 Cecilia M , Margaret R, Jan G, Keith W