



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
28 July, 2019

Parish Link

The Vicar Writes...

Welcome to our worship today. Thank you to Father Alasdair for celebrating and preaching at our 8am and 9.30am services. Today we hear the wonderful and very familiar passage from Luke's Gospel, chapter 11, where Jesus teaches the disciples a prayer to use. It is still an amazing thing that this prayer, the *Lord's Prayer*, is as widely known as it is, among Christians and non-Christians alike! But the promise of the Holy Spirit, a little bit later in the passage this morning, is the key to understanding the passage as a whole, because the Holy Spirit and a sense of call always seem to go together. This prayer Jesus gave us is not just a comforting, private little prayer to get us through our tough times and personal crises. This is the prayer of the community, and this community, the church, is *called*. We are called to be the Body of Christ. We are called to be light, to be salt, and to be leaven for the world. We are called to be bread for the world. We are called to live and breathe in radical dependence on, utterly trusting in, the God who made us and listens to our prayers and calls us by name, the God who forms us into a community that prays together, "Give us this day our daily bread." Not just for me, but for all of us. Not for the long-term, but day by day by day. This God gives us the Holy Spirit to depend on and draw strength from. May we continue to be open to God's Holy Spirit today and all days.

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

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. Luke 11.9

Prayer of the Day

Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door: help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Hosea 1.2-10

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.' So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.' She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.' When she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, 'Name him Lo-ammī, for you are not my people and I am not your God.' Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

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

Psalm: 85 in *APBA*, p.311

Second Reading: Colossians 2.6-15

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 11, verses 1-13

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

Winifred Ebbs, Colin Yonge, Hazel Mereweather,
John Braybrook, Charles Cormick, Charles Herbert, Bert Davis

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Scottish Episcopal Church (Primus Mark Strange); Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens; Children's & Families' Ministry (Dorothy Hughes, Facilitator); St Andrew's Corio - Norlane (David Milford); Holy Name, Vermont South – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); St James, Pakenham – Confirmation Service (Bp Paul Barker); St James, Glen Iris – visit (Bp Brad Billings); St Barnabas, Balwyn North – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Luke's Sydenham – Pastoral Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Give thanks for the prayer groups in this parish and for the faithfulness of those who pray regularly.

The World: Pray for all travellers and for those who offer hospitality and for increased understanding and cooperation between different cultures and countries.

The Nation/Community: Pray for farmers who struggle with drought.

Prayer of the Week

O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Exodus 32:15-34	Ps 106.20-24	Matthew 13.31-35
Tuesday	Exodus 33.7-11a, 34.5-10	Ps 103.6-14	Matthew 13.36-43
Wednesday	Exodus 34.29-35	Ps 99.5-9	Matthew 13.44-46
Thursday	Exodus 40.16-21, 34-38	Ps 84.1-7	Matthew 13.47-53
Friday	Leviticus 23.1-11, 15-37	Ps 81.1-10	Matthew 13.54-58
Saturday	Leviticus 25.1, 8-17	Ps 67	Matthew 14.1-12



*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.*

The August **GOOD NEWS**

will hit the pews in early August.
Contributions, news etc should reach Harry, ahkmerr@hotmail.com

by tomorrow, July 29th



IN CELEBRATION OF ST PETER'S
130TH ANNIVERSARY

AN ENJOYABLE PROGRAM OF CHORAL/INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS
AS WELL AS VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL SOLOS

ORGANIZED AND DIRECTED BY LEWIS PLUMRIDGE

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST, 2.30PM
REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW



THE TEMPLE AND ITS DECONSTRUCTION

In July our **Bible study** explored the various biblical opinions about the Temple and its place in the spiritual life of Israel. The kings of Israel and Judah, supported by the priestly class, built and promoted the Temple to be the house of God and the place where the people could restore their relationship with God through sacrifice and ritual duties. The prophets, however, challenged this way of relating to God. Through the prophets, God denounced sacrifice and festivals and the abuse of the Temple and instead begged his people to act with justice and mercy and to know him. Jesus followed in the prophets' way and challenged the violence of Temple religion; through his teaching, example and his death and resurrection, he made Temple sacrificial religion redundant and restored our relationship with God based on personal knowledge, love, mercy and justice. He said, 'Go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."' '

Interested to learn more? Join our August Bible study!

BIBLE STUDY – August: History to Its End

Our study of the Seven Stories of the Nonviolent Bible will conclude in August. Our final story is about our future, God's wisdom and the Son of Man figure, which Jesus adopted to describe himself. We meet at 7.30pm in the Undercroft on Thursdays 1, 8, 15 August. Newcomers welcome - bring your Bible and notebook. Hope to see you there!

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

MOTHERS' UNION

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.



THE AUSTRALIAN WELSH MALE CHOIR

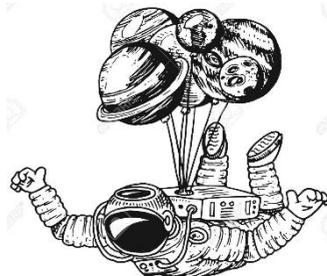
A Free Public Event

“An Afternoon in the Valleys”

A concert celebrating Welsh song, language and culture.
Featuring the City of Greater Dandenong Band.

2.30 – 4.00pm Sunday October 27

St Paul's Cathedral



SCIENCE WEEK August 10-18 2019

Reflections on the faith and science connection

Human beings have the knowledge and power to inhabit the Moon and Mars. One question faith asks is whether this exploration and migration to other planets is part of God's purpose for humankind. Here are some reasons why it might be:

- God has given extraordinary powers to humankind along with the freedom to use them responsibly (Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8).
- The 'terrestrial' and 'celestial' realms are one, so we are not confined to planet Earth.
- God's purpose is to unite all things in heaven and earth in Christ (Ephesians 3:11-12, 1:9-10). However, there are also reasons to be cautious about such grand plans. We need to beware of idolatry – of worshipping the work of our own hands – as Psalm 115 warns. Given the above quotes from sources promoting this exploration, faith asks other questions.

The moon is familiar to us but our understanding and knowledge of it has grown and changed over time. God is familiar to us too. How might our increase in scientific knowledge inform our desire to increase in knowledge of God?

- The observatory was used to help measure human time. How do we distinguish between God's time and human time?
- The observatory was used to help plan for and predict the future ... What is the future that the sciences predict for the future of the universe?
- What future does God promise for the whole created universe?
- How does our faith in God interact with a scientific worldview with its desire to measure and predict?
- The moon inspires poetry as well as science. Hooker spoke of the sources of authority as Scripture, reason and tradition. The moon is studied scientifically. However ... the moon and God also inspire poetry and art. What do science and art add to our faith?

This Week

TODAY 28.7.19

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am **Eucharist**

9.00am **Prayer in the Chapel**

9.30am **Eucharist**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

7.30pm **Al Anon, hall**

MON 29.7.19

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

TUES 30.7.19

No office today

8.30-11.30pm **Men at Work**

10.00-1.00 **Joyful Chinese, hall**

6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**

WED 31.7.19

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

10.30am **Eucharist**

10.30am **Wave of Prayer**

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 1.8.19

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

9.30-11.30am **Play Group, hall**

FRI 2.8.19

7.30am **Eucharist**

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

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 3.8.19

9.30am-1.30pm **Homework Club, hall**

10.00am **Pilgrim Program, office**

SUN 4.8.19

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am **Eucharist**

9.00am **Prayer in the Chapel**

9.30am **Eucharist**

11.30am **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

7.30pm **Al Anon, hall**

For the Diary

July 31

Wave of Prayer

10.30am Chapel

August 17

Bettine McCaughan Vocal

Scholarship, 7.30pm

August 24

St Peter's Music Concert

2.30-4.00pm

September 1

Taize-style service for

St Aidan's Day

September 29

Mothers' Union 85 Anniversary

Service

October 12

Spring Fair

October 27

130th Anniversary of St Peter's

10.00am Combined Service

Australian Welsh Male Choir
St Paul's Cathedral, 2.30-400pm

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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 28/7/19 Ken McD, Elizabeth B, Dianne A W	Next week 4/8/19 Ted G, Rosemary S, Eric S W
SERVERS	Today 28/7/19 Rosemary S, Sophia E	Next week 4/8/19 Sophia E, Kim C
READERS	Today 28/7/19 Hilary B, Gwen F	Next week 4/8/19 Lewis P, Barbara P
INTERCESSOR	Today 28/7/19 Harry K	Next week 4/8/19 Janet H
MORNING TEA	Today 28/7/19 Barbara P M , Michele M, Dianne A	Next week 4/8/19 Elizabeth B M , Laurence L, Lyn B, Gwen F