



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
1 September, 2019

Parish Link

The Vicar Writes...

Welcome to our worship and Happy Father's Day to all fathers in our parish. As we gather as the various congregations of our parish community this day we are confronted with a challenging Gospel story from Luke. Hospitality is a key part of our behaviour as Christians and our Lord shows up our behaviour that may be characterised at times as being for "people like us." I have been moved by one scholar, Kate Huey, who reminds us that "we have domesticated hospitality, shaped a kind of eco-system of inviting that keeps the welcome circulating among our own "kind" of people, or at least those we can feel comfortable around. Our generosity toward strangers and all those we might consider "strange" is often offered from a distance, without personal contact." But we need to realise that the Greek word for hospitality, *philoxenia*, means 'love of the stranger,' and our behaviour, if we are to be the Body of Christ, ought to be of a different type than that of middle-class Australian society. I am not in any way suggesting we do not enjoy the fellowship of others in the church but if our fellowship stops there then serious questions are raised about how we are growing into the likeness of Christ. Our hospitality as God's people then extends beyond the table to include the ways in which we as individuals and as a community are responding from our riches towards the world's needs. As we ponder in these few weeks our stewardship of God's blessings to us may we realise that not only are we supporting the parish we love here at St Peter's, Box Hill, but that we are supporting the extension of God's kingdom – bringing justice and mercy to all!



Morning tea is served in the undercroft after the 9.30am service. Please join

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

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Luke 14.11

Prayer of the Day

O God, you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant: teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognise each other as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 2.4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord :What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

Psalm 81.1, 10-16 in *APBA*, p.308

Second Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word

of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 14, verse 1 and verses 7-14

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

William O'Brien, Heather Woods, Spencer Mack, Anne Bindon,
Jean Poulter, Stanley Thompson, John Murray



Prayer Points

The Church: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Abp Justin Badi Arama); Locums and all retired clergy; Archdeaconry of Williamstown (Glenn Buijs); Parish of St Matthew's, Glenroy/Hadfield w. St Linus', Merlynston (Jo-Anne Wells); Visit to Holy Trinity Balaclava (Abp Philip Freier); St Paul's Cathedral –

Confirmation Service (Abp Philip Freier); St Georges Malvern – parish visit (Bp Brad Billings).

The Parish: Give thanks for and pray for our Chinese congregation and their pastor, Esther, as they begin the sixth year of their growth at St Peter's.

The World: Pray for all political prisoners and those struggle for justice.

The Nation/Community: Give thanks for the life of Tim Fischer, former deputy prime minister and leader of the National Party, a much respected and loved man.

Prayer of the Week

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

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| Monday | 1 Thess 4.13-18 | Ps 96.7-10 | Luke 4.16-30 |
| Tuesday | 1 Thess 5.1-6, 9-11 | Ps 27.9-14 | Luke 4.31-37 |
| Wednesday | Colossians 1.1-8 | Ps 52.8-9 | Luke 4.38-44 |
| Thursday | Colossians 1.9-14 | Ps 98.1-6 | Luke 5.1-11 |
| Friday | Colossians 1.15-20 | Ps 100 | Luke 5.33-39 |
| Saturday | Colossians 1.21-23 | Ps 54 | Luke 6.1-5 |



*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.*

130th CONCERT

Thank you for everyone's support for our Parish Concert on Saturday August 24. Special thanks to Lewis and Carole as well as Shane and the terrific performers. We had an appreciative audience and a wonderful afternoon tea afterwards. Thank to you all.

We had planned to draw the **raffle** for the beautiful quilted bed runner after the concert, however, we will definitely draw it on **Sunday September 8.**

COOK FOR SYRIA

Thanks to all those who attended this event yesterday. We all found out more about Syria, enjoyed wonderful food and raised funds to assist war victims. Many thanks to Sophia for organizing this event as well as providing the food and the presentation.



October 12

9am to 2pm

Psst ... over here. Can you note the following and tell others?

Box Hill 's best Spring Fair Spring Fair October 12. 9 until 2 pm.

Parish Raffle tickets available: still only \$2.00 a ticket.

Hamper donations for the Parish raffle prizes. There are three lists with suggestions in the church: Gourmet food, wine or chocolate.

Please initial what you think you can contribute and bring along to church.

Last day for donations October 6.

Please note that we are *not* selling pre loved clothing this year.

Any queries to Hilary on 9899 7553 or cchrb@hotmail.com



CELEBRATING OUR PATRON ST AIDAN – TAIZÉ-STYLE

We are marking St Aidan's Day this evening, **Sunday, September 1 at 6.00pm, St Aidan's Church: 8 Surrey Street, Box Hill South.**

This celebration will be a liturgy of scripture, prayer, chants and silences and include the hymn especially written for our St Aidan's Congregation/Church: "O God you called St Aidan/to study and to pray".

All welcome. For those who can and would like to, we may share pizza afterwards in the meeting room there (or make other arrangements for fellowship).

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





Help Wanted

St Peter's will be operating the kiosk at Box Hill on **Wednesday this week**. Any donations of cakes, slices, biscuits, home produce and a few small plants are most welcome.

All helpers are welcome any time between 8am until 2pm when we start to pack up. Please let Hilary or Margaret Dooley know.

INTERESTING FACTS...

Two members of our congregation will be celebrating significant birthdays next Sunday. They not only share exactly the same age but the same birthday date! Congratulations to Kim and Michele! There might be birthday cake at morning tea...



Our next **parish quiz night** will be on **Friday, September 27 at 7.00pm**.

Make a note in your diaries and start asking friends and family to make a table together. More details soon.



This Week

TODAY 1.9.19

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am **Eucharist**

9.00am **Prayer in the Chapel**

9.30am **Eucharist**

11.30am **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

6.00pm **Taizé-style service**, St Aidan's

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

MON 2.9.19

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, *St Aidan's*

2.00-3.30pm **Home Prayer Group**,

Laburnum

TUES 3.9.19

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

8.30-11.30pm **Men at Work**

10.00-1.00 **Joyful Chinese**, *hall*

6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**

WED 4.9.19

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 5.9.19

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

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

FRI 6.9.19

7.30am **Eucharist**

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

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 7.9.19

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

11.00am **Wedding**

4.00-9.00pm **Concert booking**

SUN 8.9.19

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am **Eucharist**

9.00am **Prayer in the Chapel**

9.30am **Eucharist**

11.30am **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

For the Diary

September 1

Taizé-style service for
St Aidan's Day, 6.00pm, St Aidan's

September 27

Quiz Night 7.00pm, Hall

September 29

Mothers' Union 85th Anniversary
Service

October 12

Spring Fair, 9.00am-2.00pm

October 13

Shoobox Sunday

October 27

130th Anniversary of St Peter's
10.00am Combined Service

Australian Welsh Male Choir
St Paul's Cathedral, 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

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| SIDESPEOPLE | Next week 1/9/19 Ken McD, Rosemary S, Gwen McD W | Next week 8/9/19 Ted G. Judy J, Dianne A W |
| SERVERS | Next week 1/9/19 Michele M, Sophia E | Next week 8/9/19 Elizabeth E, Sophia E |
| READERS | Today 1/9/19 Edwin C, Margaret B | Next week 8/9/19 Rosemary W, Garry P |
| INTERCESSOR | Today 1/9/19 Michele M | Next week 8/9/19 Harry K |
| COUNTING | Today 1/9/19 Hilary B, Michele M | Next week 8/9/19 Charles B, Daryl P |
| MORNING TEA | Today 1/9/19 Elizabeth B M , Laurence L, Lyn B, Gwen F | Next week Gwen McD M , Janet H, Rosemary S, Peter W |