



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Second Sunday of Advent
8 December, 2019

**Parish
Link**

The Vicar Writes...

Welcome to our worship today. I would like to give a special welcome to Father Alasdair, who is preaching and celebrating, at our 8am and 9.30am services. What do you do when you are waiting on someone or waiting for something important to happen? Those are the questions John the Baptist addressed when he was in the wilderness baptising people. "The kingdom of heaven will be here soon ...so get the road ready!" he preached boldly. But that wasn't all. He said that those who get the road ready are also those who bear good fruit. Oh, how we need to hear these words during this season. We hear so many messages during this season that encourage us to look forward to what is to come. The next new product release, next seasonal party, next Christmas program, next new gift, next economic upswing, the next new Christmas release at the movies are all part of those built in expectations. So, some wait in doubt, some in skepticism, some in anger, some in hope. Some wait twiddling their thumbs, preoccupied with so many things that "making the road ready for the Lord" isn't even on the screen. Advent is a time for thinking about what we are doing while we wait. John the Baptist reminds us that waiting is not an idle thing. One translation puts verse 8 of Matthew's third chapter this way, "Do something to show that you have really given up your sins". Those words add a huge dynamic to waiting. As we journey together this Advent season as the people of God in Box Hill let us make sure we use our time wisely; checking and taking time to examine our relationship with God; taking time to pray and reflect and put our personal spiritual house in order. In so doing we will be ready for the celebration of Christ's first coming and we will be ready for his second!

Morning tea is served in the undercroft
after the 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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE

The first candle of Advent is the candle of Hope; the second is the candle of Peace. We light this candle to remind us that our Lord Jesus brings peace to all who trust in Him.
Light the second candle.

Let us pray: Loving God, thank you for the peace you give us through Jesus. May Christ's light shine in our lives, showing us the path of peace between God and all people. Help us to prepare our hearts to receive His peace. We ask in the name of the One born in Bethlehem. Amen.



Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1.15

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Psalm: 72.1-7, 18-21 in *APBA*, p.294

Second Reading: Romans 15.4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 3, verses 1-12

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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

Hazel Addison, Elizabeth Jones, Frances Forward,
Stella McKenzie
whose anniversaries occur at this time

Prayer Points

The Church: Mothers' Union around the world (Sheran Harper, Bev Jullien); Diocese of Bathurst (Bp-elect Mark Calder, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Frankston (Helen Phillips); St Matthew's Ashburton (Kurian Peter); St Nicholas' Anglican Church Mordialloc – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Barnabas' Anglican Church Glen Waverley – Confirmations (Bp Paul Barker); St Mark's Camberwell – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Andrew's Anglican Church Corio-Norlane – Confirmations (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for our new Parish Council as they lead us in the next year.

The World: Pray for our neighbours in Samoa struggling with a measles outbreak.

The Nation/Community: Pray for Year 12 students as they leave school and move on to a new phase in their lives.

Prayer of the Week

Merciful God, who sent your messenger John the Baptist to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Isaiah 35.1-10	Ps 85.8-13	Luke 5.17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40.1-11	Ps 96.7-13	Matthew 18.12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40.25-31	Ps 103.1-5	Matthew 11.28-30
Thursday	Isaiah 41.13-20	Ps 145.8-13	Matthew 11.11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48.17-19	Ps 1	Matthew 11.16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11	Ps 80.14-19	Matthew 17.10-13



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thurs. Please keep notices succinct and to the point. PH: 98995122
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JAN-JUNE 2020 ROSTER

It's that time again. Appreciate if you could all give some thought and consideration to offering your services to assist in any of the following tasks; sidespersons, welcoming, flowers, counting and morning tea. Also training to be servers, readers or intercessors. All offers to Michele by the end of the month please. For those currently on rosters, you will automatically be included unless you advise Michele otherwise.

PREPARE QUIETLY FOR CHRISTMAS – AN ADVENT TAIZE-STYLE LITURGY

Sunday 8 December, 6 pm

Please join us for a reflective Advent liturgy of readings (the O Antiphons), prayers, beautiful chants and silences for the season of waiting for Christmas. All welcome to join those having a meal following the service.

CHRISTMAS TREE ANGLICARE APPEAL



Toys and gift vouchers for children and teens are wanted by Anglicare for Christmas giving. These gifts need to be provided early so they can be distributed before Christmas. Please leave your unwrapped gifts or vouchers (which are a great gift for teens, eg, JB, iTunes) in the basket at the back of the church from now on. Wrapping paper and gift tags are also appreciated.

Christmas foods are also very much needed at this time of year. A list of what is wanted is at the back of the church. Queries: Jan Gunst

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer in our parish will take place at 2.00pm on March 6, 2020. The women of Zimbabwe have prepared the service. We would welcome anyone who would like to help us on the day and if you know anyone with knowledge of Zimbabwe or have any artefacts, please let us know. Please talk to Jan Gunst, secretary of our Mothers' Union branch, for details of the upcoming planning meeting.

FUNDRAISING KIOSK

This is the first time we have had a pre-Christmas kiosk at the Box Hill Mall and it was a great success, raising some \$2270. Many thanks to all who contributed goods and time to assist.



7.30pm, December 15, 2018

Festival of Lessons & Carols

Next Sunday is our annual carol service, following the pattern of the famous King's College Cambridge. Our organist, Lewis, and our choir have been working to make this a special service in our church's year.

All are most welcome to attend.

There will be a supper after the service. If you can bring a plate to assist with this, please let Jan Gunst know.



Christmas Bowl

ABM'S ADVENT & CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019

Both Christmas Bowl and ABM have appeals for assistance at this time. Envelopes for donating to one or both of these groups are available at the back of the church.



This Week

TODAY 8.12.19

Second Sunday of Advent

- 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*

MON 9.12.19

- 7.30pm *Narcotics Anonymous, St Aidan's*
2.00-3.30pm **Home Prayer Group, Laburnum**

TUES 10.12.19

- 8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**
8.30-11.30am **Men at Work**
10.00-1.00pm **Joyful Chinese, hall**
6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**

WED 11.12.19

- 10.30am **Eucharist**
2.00pm **Play Group** *Set up, hall*
8.00pm **Choir Practice**

THU 12.12.19

- 9.30-11.30am **Play Group, hall**
10.00am-2.00pm **Office open**
7.30pm **Advent Study, undercroft**

FRI 13.12.19

- 7.30am **Eucharist**
10am-2.00pm **Chinese Nurse Assoc, hall**
5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 14.12.19

- 9.30am-1.00pm **Homework Club, hall**
10.00am **Pilgrim Program, office**
10.00am **Archbishop for Sudanese service**
1.00-9.00pm **Sudanese celebration with Archbishop Freier, hall**
2.00.6.00pm **Concert in the church**

SUN 15.12.19

Third Sunday of Advent

- 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

December 5

Advent Study, 7.30pm,
Undercroft

December 7

Pilgrim program 10.00am,
Front office

December 8

Taizé-style Advent liturgy, 6.00pm

December 10

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm



December 15

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols,
7.30pm

December 22

Chinese congregation Christmas
Service (Mandarin) 11.30am

December 24

Children's Christmas Service,
6.00pm
First Mass of Christmas, 11.00pm

December 25

Christmas Day Eucharist, 9.30am

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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 for the 9.30am next week

SIDESPEOPLE	Today 8/12/19 Noel W, Judy J, Dianne A W	Next week 15/12/19 Michele M, Barbara P, Ted G W
SERVERS	Today 8/12/19 Sophia E, Michele M	Next week 15/12/19 Sophia E, Rosemary S
READERS	Today 8/12/19 Gwen McD, Rosemary S	Next week 15/12/19 Jan G, Charles B
INTERCESSOR	Today 8/12/19 Elizabeth B	Next week 15/12/19 Betty B
COUNTING	Today 8/12/19 Lyn B, Ken McD	Next week 15/12/19 Hilary B, Michele M
MORNING TEA	Today 8/12/19 Gwen McD M, Janet H, Rosemary S, Peter W	Next week 15/12/19 Cecilia M, Margaret R, Keith W, Jan G