



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
2 February, 2020

**Parish
Link**

Our Vicar Writes...

Welcome to worship today. Welcome to Bishop George who will be preacher and celebrant at our 9.30am service. Bishop George is celebrating the 55th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on this the *Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple* and we give great thanks and praise to God for George's faithfulness and ministry over such a long time. We also give thanks to God for George's recovery from recent ills and continue to pray that God may bring George to full health. A welcome also for Father Alasdair who is preacher at the 8am service. Bishop George is preaching on the Psalm set for this feast day – Psalm 84. How many contrasts there are in this Psalm! Alongside each other we have the images of God as the King of Glory, and our Holy and Righteous God; and birds nesting in the sanctuary, near where other species of birds are offered in sacrifice on the burning coals of that same altar! We have people joyfully travelling on their way to the Temple for worship; and the real-life drama of people travelling through the “valley of dryness” – and the concept that that same valley may soon become a place of refreshment and renewal from the springs of new life that are bubbling up amongst all those tears! And even as they journey through these contrasting experiences, they will be nurtured and strengthened by that journey and their arrival at their home in God. The Psalmist was also very sure that eventually, everyone will have their “moment in the sun” as they each finally reach their destination before God - in worship and praise. God, who is our Light and our Protector, our Lord God Almighty, will surely welcome all God's faithful pilgrims to our eternal home in God, and then we can all joyfully sing “*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord God of hosts! ... blessed are those who put their trust in you.*”

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

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.
Luke 2.30–32

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only Son was presented in the temple in accordance with the law, so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

First Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Psalm: **84** in the APBA prayer book, p. 310.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 2, beginning at verse 22

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

For the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Years Mind

Charles Crooks, Jim Allen

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Anglican Church of Burundi (Abp Martin Blaise Nyaboho); Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens; St Michael's Grammar School (Terrie Jones, Principal, Kenyon McKie, Chaplain); St Michael & St Luke Dandenong (Santa Packianathan); The Parish of St Eanswythe's, Altona w. St Clement's Laverton – Maori Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Give thanks for the service of Bishop George on his 55th anniversary and pray that Esther will travel safely and return refreshed from her holiday.

The World: Pray for the peace process in the Middle East.

The Nation/Community: Continue to pray for our firefighters and for communities devastated by bushfires. Pray also for leadership at this time.

Prayer of the Week

O Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing: send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Welcome to the Lord's Table.

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion
or to come forward for a blessing.

Daily Readings

Monday	2 Samuel 15.13-16.3	Ps 3	Mark 5.1-20
Tuesday	2 Samuel 18.9-19.3	Ps 86.1-7	Mark 5.21-43
Wednesday	2 Samuel 24.2, 9-17	Ps 32.1-7	Mark 6.1-6
Thursday	1 Kings 2.1-4	Ps 144.1-4	Mark 6.7-13
Friday	Sirach 47.2-11	Ps 18.48-52	Mark 6.14-29
Saturday	1 Kings 3.4-13	Ps 119.9-16	Mark 6.30-34



*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.*

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The commissioning of the leaders of the parish will take place during the 9.30am service on February 9.

TAIZÉ-STYLE LITURGY FOR CANDLEMAS - Tonight 6 pm

Sunday 2 February

Continue celebrating the Presentation of Christ in the Temple in a Taizé -style liturgy of chants, prayers, readings and silences on Sunday 2 February 2020 at 6 pm.

After the service, for those able and would like to, we will go to a local restaurant for a meal.

MONDAY DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Resumes 3 February

Meeting together for Bible study, fellowship, prayer support

and encouragement

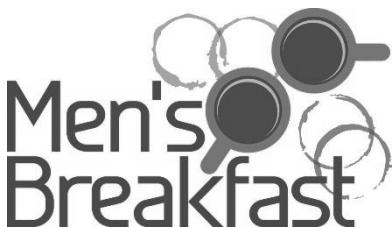
Time: 2 PM Mondays

Place: 2 Laurel Grove North (corner of Laburnum St,) Blackburn

(5 minutes by car from St Peters)

ALL WELCOME!

For more details call Sophia on 98786297



**8.00AM SATURDAY,
29 FEBRUARY**

Yes! At breakfast on this date we will hear more about the significant buildings that the Parish Expeditioners viewed during their exploring of Egypt, Jordan and The Holy Land in 2018.

The speaker will be our in-house architectural historian, Conrad Hamman, whose topic will be: "**SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS OF HOLY LAND and ISRAEL**"

This will be the last talk about the expedition of 2018.

Gentlemen and Ladies of St Peter's parish are invited to attend, have breakfast and find out more of the significant buildings of these locations.

Invite a friend or two, your son, son-in-law but let us know on the Expression of Interest list available at entrance to church.

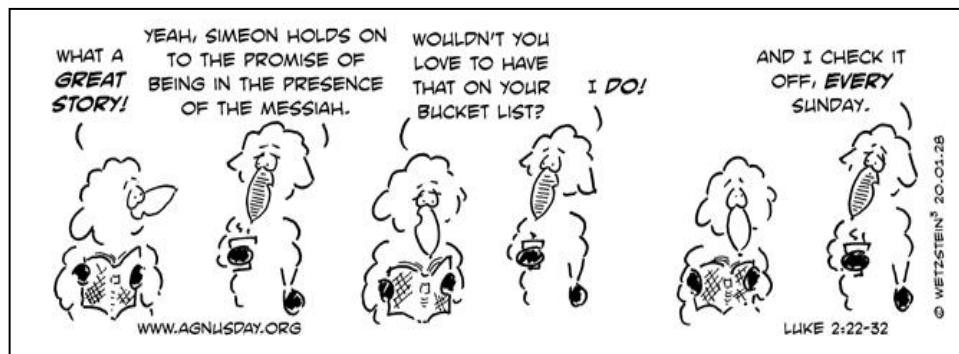
Congratulations
ON YOUR
ANNIVERSARY
OF PRIESTHOOD
55 years

Bishop George

Mothers' UNION MEETING February 26

As the date of the next meeting coincides with Ash Wednesday, the Mothers' Union group will attend the 10.30am eucharist on that day. Afterwards there will be a BYO lunch followed by our speaker, who is Fr Shane, who will begin at 12.15pm.

Our new syllabus will be out shortly.



This Week

TODAY 2.2.20

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.00am **Eucharist**, 9.30am **Eucharist**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

6.00pm **Taizé-style liturgy**

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

MON 3.2.20

9.30-10.30am **Tai Chi**, *hall*

6.30-8.30pm **Tai Chi**, *hall*

7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, *St Aidan's*

TUES 4.2.20

8.30-11.30pm **Men at Work**

9.00am-12.00pm **Joyful Chinese**, *hall*

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**

WED 5.2.20

10.30am **Eucharist**

10.00-11.30am **Wellways Tai Chi**, *hall*

12.00-2.00pm **Chinese Dancing**, *hall*

6.00-7.00pm **Chinese Dancing**, *hall*

8.00pm **Choir Practice**, *u/croft*

THU 6.2.20

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

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

6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**, *u/croft*

Crossways Classes, *hall* **POSTPONED**

FRI 7.2.20

7.30am **Eucharist**

Chinese N. A., *hall* **POSTPONED**

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 8.2.20

12.00pm **Parish Staff Meeting** *u/croft*

9.00am-12.00pm Homework Club, *hall*

SUN 9.2.20

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am **Eucharist**, 9.30am **Eucharist**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

For the Diary

February 2

Taizé -style liturgy 6.00pm

February 5

Choir practice resumes

February 6

Playgroup resumes

February 9

Commissioning Service for leaders
of the parish
at 9.30am service

February 11

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

February 16

Family & Children's Service (FACS)

February 29

Men's Breakfast 8.00am

March 6

World Day of Prayer, 2.30pm
St Peter's

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Roster 9.30am Service

SIDESPEOPLE	Today 2/2/20 Dianne A, Rosemary S, Gwen McD W	Next week 9/2/20 Ken McD, Martin F, Dianne A W
SERVERS	Today 2/2/20 Elizabeth B, Sophia E	Next week 9/2/20 Sophia E, Kim C
READERS	Today 2/2/20 Edwin C, Linda B	Next week 9/2/20 Jan G, Barbara P
INTERCESSOR	Today 2/2/20 Elizabeth B	Next week 9/2/20 Sophia E
COUNTING	Today 2/2/20 Ken McD, Michele M	Next week 9/2/20 Ted G, Elizabeth B
MORNING TEA	Today 2/2/20 Elizabeth B M , Laurence L, Lyn B, Gwen F	Next week 9/2/20 Gwen McD (M) Janet H, Peter W Rosemary S