



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

Parish Link

Our Vicar Writes...

Welcome to worship today. Our parish also welcomes Nils Von Kalm from Anglican Overseas Aid who is guest preacher at both 8am and 9.30am services this morning. Today our Gospel reflects upon the beginnings of Jesus' teaching concerning the elements of the Christian faith. Two strong statements that describe who we are: SALT and LIGHT. Note the present tense! They are not conditional; not what you could become with a little tweaking or some adjustment. There's nothing to do or say differently; nothing to add; nothing to take away. We don't need a facelift, a rethink, or a change of heart. We simply, already, are salt and light for the world – the action required is to live into who we are. To know deep in our hearts that this reality is because of God's saving grace and presence, and to know that our response to God in word and deed is FOR OTHERS! May our worship and fellowship together this day challenge us and inspire us to indeed be the people we are in our service to God's world. Some quotes in light of this week's Gospel passage from Matthew:

"Those who are occupied in the restoration of health to others, by the joint exertion of skill and humanity, are above all the great of the earth. They even partake of divinity, since to preserve and renew is almost as noble as to create." Voltaire, 18th century

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.... We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in all of us. And when we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." Marianne Williamson, 21st century (quoted by Nelson Mandela)

"People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within." Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, 20th century

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

'Is not this the fast that I choose,' says the Lord: 'to loose the bonds of injustice, and to let the oppressed go free?' Isaiah 58.6

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 58.1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

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

Psalms: 112 in the *APBA* prayer book, p.344.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-13

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers

of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 5, versed 13-20

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

Years Mind

Marjorie Wright, Jan Smale, John Morris, Leonard Miller
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Anglican Church of Canada (Abp Linda Nicholls, Primate); Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Weatherill, Clergy & People); Tintern Grammar (Brad Fry, Principal, Alison Andrew, Chaplain); St Margaret's Eltham (Keren Terpstra); St Stephen's Gardenvale – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Philip's Deep Creek – Reception of Youth Minister (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Parish of Winchelsea – Pastoral Service (Bishop Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for our Family Minister, Barbara, and for our play group and FACs as they begin a new year. Pray for our Mandarin congregation and Esther.

The World: Pray for all affected by the coronavirus and for medical staff and scientists as they work to prevent the spread of the disease.

The Nation/Community: Pray for farmers, rural communities and all those affected by drought and bushfires.

Prayer of the Week

Father of all, who gave your only-begotten Son to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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	1 Kings 8.1-7, 9-13	Ps 132.7-11	Mark 6.53-56
Tuesday	1 Kings 8.22-23, 27-30	Ps 84.1-4	Mark 7.1-13
Wednesday	1 Kings 10.1-10	Ps 37.35-40	Mark 7.14-23
Thursday	1 Kings 11.4-13	Ps 106.32-39	Mark 7.24-30
Friday	1 Kings 11.29-32	Ps 81.10-16	Mark 7.31-37
Saturday	1 Kings 12.26-32	Ps 106.20-24	Mark 8.1-10



*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.*

PLAY GROUP POSTPONED

With the precautions being taken over the spread of the coronavirus, Play Group is postponing its sessions for two weeks. The group plans to resume on Thursday, Feb 20. (Most of the groups using the hall have also postponed their start dates.)



KEYS

To keep track of our keys, we have a key register of who has what. (We are now unable to acquire copies of our keys.) We are short of some of our more useful keys so if you have a key you no longer need or use, or an extra key you can give back, we would be very grateful to have it returned.

If you know someone from the congregation who can no longer attend or has moved away, please ask about any keys they may still have. Please don't pass your key to someone else without doing it through the office because then there will no longer be a record of where it is.

Thank you very much for your help in this matter which is so important for the safe use and security of our church.



It is a requirement of the law that members of any organisation holding a position of responsibility - including volunteers in our church - have a Police Check. This means members of the Parish Council, counters, group leaders, etc, must have a CrimCheck done. The forms are available in the office and Cecilia can talk you through the process. The cost is covered by the parish. If you are uncertain whether you need to have this done, please talk to the Vicar or Cecilia. Thanks to those who already have done their CrimChecks.

Men's Breakfast

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.

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.

LET ME GET THIS *STRAIGHT*.
I DO THE GOOD WORKS AND
GOD GETS THE *CREDIT*?



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This Week

For the Diary

TODAY 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*

MON 10.2.20

9.30-10.30am **Tai Chi**, *hall*
6.30-8.30pm **Tai Chi**, *hall*
7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, *St Aidan's*

TUES 11.2.20

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

WED 12.2.20

10.30am **Eucharist**
Wellways Tai Chi, *hall* **POSTPONED**
12.00-2.00pm **Chinese Dancing**, *hall*
6.00-7.00pm **Chinese Dancing**, *hall*
8.00pm **Choir Practice**, *u/croft*

THU 13.2.20

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**
Play Group, *hall* **POSTPONED**
6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**, *u/croft*
Crossways Classes, *hall* **POSTPONED**

FRI 14.2.20

7.30am **Eucharist**
Chinese N. A., *hall* **POSTPONED**
5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 15.2.20

9.00am-12.00pm **Homework Club**, *hall*

SUN 16.2.20

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
8.00am **Eucharist**
10.00am **Family & Children's Service**
11.30 **Mandarin Service**
2.00pm **Dinka Service**
7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

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 and FACS 10.00am

SIDESPEOPLE	Today week 9/2/20 Ken McD, Martin F, Dianne A W	Next week 16/2/20 FACS Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Today 9/2/20 Sophia E, Kim C	Next week 16/2/20 FACS Not rostered
READERS	Today 9/2/20 Jan G, Barbara P	Next week 16/2/20 FACS Not rostered
INTERCESSOR	Today 9/2/20 Sophia E	Next week 16/2/20 FACS Not rostered
COUNTING	Today 9/2/20 Ted G, Elizabeth B	Next week 16/2/20 FACS Lyn B, Charles B
MORNING TEA	Today 9/2/20 Gwen McD M Janet H, Peter W, Rosemary S	Next week 16/2/20 FACS Cecilia M , Margaret R, Jan G, Keith W (backup)