

# **ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL**

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 16 February, 2020

Parish Link

#### Our Vicar Writes...

Welcome to worship today. Welcome to those who have come for our first family and children service (FACS) for 2020. We continue our journey in this season of Epiphany proclaiming and rejoicing in the truth that, "Jesus is the Light of the World!" We explored last Sunday how we ARE *Salt* and *Light* – that we ARE God's agents for the transformation of the world as disciples of Jesus. This week we continue to explore Jesus' 'Sermon on the Mount' this morning with our Gospel passage from Matthew. The basic truth to reflect upon today is NOT how we can live up to the expectations of the Christian life BUT rather because we cannot. WE NEED Jesus and we need to live constantly with and under God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness! May our prayer be that as we hear God's word may we be inspired to endeavour to live into the life God wants but always knowing that our strength and our salvation come from God.

**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

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Psalm 119.1

# Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives: grant that we may never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Spirit, may fulfil your law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Master, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

# Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 10.12-22

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own wellbeing. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

For the word of the Lord, thanks be to God

Psalm: 119.1-8 in the APBA prayer book, p.349

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one

who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

For the word of the Lord, thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 5, verses 21-27

#### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

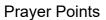
'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery."

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

Years Mind

Allan Gale, Lily Tigue, William Bailey, Peter Senior, Billie Kennedy, Jim Wright





**The Church:** Church of the Province of Central Africa (Abp Albert Chama); Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People); Trinity Grammar School (Phil de Young, Principal; Matt Campbell, Chaplain); St Mark's Fitzroy (Stuart Soley); St Agnes' Black Rock – Confirmation Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Philip's Collingwood – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

**The Parish:** Pray for Esther and the Mandarin congregation. Pray for Joseph and his family as they move to their new house.

The World: Pray for an end to the coronavirus and for the sufferings from it.

**The Nation/Community:** Pray for all politicians and those in the public service who work for the good of our country and our community.



# Prayer of the Week

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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	James 1.1-11	Ps 119.65-72	Mark 8.11-13
Tuesday	James 1.12-18	Ps 94.12-19	Mark 8.14-21
Wednesday	James 1.19-27	Ps 15	Mark 8.22-26
Thursday	James 2.1-9	Ps 34.4-10	Mark 8.27-33
Friday	James 2.14-26	Ps 112.1-6	Mark 8.34-9.1
Saturday	James 3.1-10	Ps 12	Mark 9.2-13



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 27. (Most of the groups using the hall have also postponed their start dates.)

#### **EVENTS ON CHURCH PROPERTY**

It is essential that all groups meeting in the Undercroft, hall or church make sure that the time of the meeting or get together is in the parish diary. Even if you are coming for a short time or "don't think anyone else will be there", please let Cecilia in the office or the Vicar know about it so we can avoid clashes or double bookings which can cause much upset.

I would also ask that parishioners **don't** write in the diary themselves as mistakes can be made.

We would be very grateful for the co-operation of everyone in this matter.



# 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.



#### **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.

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2.30pm, 6 March

This service, prepared by women from Zimbabwe, is being held at St Peter's on this date. The speaker is Reverend David I. Brien, pastor from Waverley Baptist Church. He has travelled back and forth to Zimbabwe for many years. Our offering on the day will be used by the Bible Society in Zimbabwe to foster Christian work. It would be great to have a full congregation and, after the service, there will be afternoon tea. Details from Jan Gunst or M.U. members.

#### **KEYS and CRIMCHECKS**

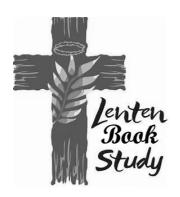
Calling all Parish Council members and counters! It would be much appreciated if you could drop into the office on a Tuesday to collect the CrimCheck form (and discuss what to do with it) and check whether our key register for you is accurate. You could even have a cup of tea of coffee while there!

# FILM SHOWING in the Undercroft 3.00pm Saturday, March 7

Come along and see (or enjoy again!) the wonderful film "Babette's Feast". There will be popcorn, icecream and fun all for a gold coin donation.

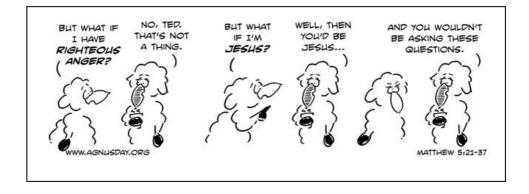
This classic Danish film won an Oscar in 1988 and is definitely a "feel good" experience.





#### **LENTEN STUDY GROUP**

This study begins in February after Ash Wednesday. Choose to attend on Thursdays 7.30pm, starting February 27 or Saturdays 10.00am, starting February 29 If you are interested in attending please put your name on the sign up sheet at the back of the church.



# This Week TODAY 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

#### MON 17.2.20

9.30-10.30am **Tai Chi**, *hall* 6.30-8.30pm **Tail Chi**, *hall* 2.00-3.30pm **Study group**, *Laburnum* 7.30pm Narcotics Anonymous, *St Aidan's* 

#### **TUES 18.2.20**

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

#### WED 19.2.20

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 20.2.20

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

#### FRI 21.2.20

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

**SAT 22.2.20 9.00am-12.00pm Homework Club**, *hall* 

SUN 23.2.20 Last 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 26 Ash Wednesday Services 10.30am, 7.30pm

February 27

Lent Study Group begins Thurs 7.30pm or Feb 29, Sat 10.00am

February 29

Men's Breakfast 8.00am

March 6

World Day of Prayer, 2.30pm St Peter's

March 7

Film Afternoon Saturday, 3.00pm, Undercroft

April 4

Book Sale, hall

April 24 Quiz Night, hall

May 3
Songs of Praise

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# Roster FACS 10.00am and 9.30am Service

SIDESPEOPLE	Michele M, Barbara P	Next week 23/2/20 Ted G, Sandra L, Eric S W	
SERVERS	Today 16/2/20 FACS Not rostered	Next week 23/2/20 Sophia E, Rosemary S	
READERS	Today 16/2/20 FACS Not rostered	Next week 23/2/20 Charles B, Margaret D	
INTERCESSOR	Today 16/2/20 FACS Not rostered	Next week 23/2/23 Betty B	
COUNTING	<b>Today</b> Lyn B, Charles B	Next week 23/2/20 Margaret R, Daryl P	
MORNING TEA	Today 16/2/20 FACS Cecilia M, Margaret R, Jan G, Keith W (standing in)	Next week 23/2/20 Barbara P M, Michele M, Dianne A, Keith W	