



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Second Sunday in Lent
8 March, 2020

Parish Link

Our Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today. Welcome to Father Harry who is guest preacher at both our 8am and 9.30am services. To whom do you belong? Jesus offers us the chance to become family – not the fraught, dysfunctional version of family that many of us are familiar with, but the family that loves as God loves. This is the family in which each person gives of herself or himself with abandon and never loses out, because each other member is giving in the same way – without blood shared or further bloodshed. The Gospel passage from John gets that across this Sunday, by saying that absolutely anyone can be born from above, from the Spirit (interestingly enough, the expression "born again" doesn't appear here!), becoming sister and brother to the one who has been "lifted up," and now occupies the highest place. The blood that Jesus shed plays a very important role in this gospel, though not in the gruesome way described by some, but because it was the last blood that would ever need to be shed for us to become one human family, children of one God, loving one another as our elder brother Jesus loved and loves us. That's why in Paul's thought, to insist on circumcision, is to deny the Good News of the Cross. To all division, to all denial of our connection to and obligation to care for one another, to all striving to get in God's good grace or to keep others out, Jesus says as he says of all bloodshed: IT IS FINISHED. All that is needed for new life, new hope, a new world, has been accomplished, for God so loved the world that God gave us Jesus, sent to show us a better way – a way that overcomes all that divides and dehumanises.

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3.16

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive: grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

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

Psalms: 121 in the *APBA* prayer book, p.360

Second Reading: Romans 4.1-5, 4.13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 3, verses 1-17

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Years Mind

Shirley Bristow

whose anniversary occurs at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo (Abp Zacharie Masimango Katanda); Locums and all retired clergy; Archdeaconry of La Trobe (Gavin Ward); St Martin's Hawksburn (Luke Hopkins); St James' Pakenham – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker).

The Parish: Pray for those in hospital or unwell amongst our congregation.

The World: Pray for the vulnerable in our world, the homeless, orphaned, refugees, and victims of war or natural disasters.

The Nation/Community: Pray for all nurses, doctors and paramedics who work to protect the health of our community.

Prayer of the Week

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; 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	Daniel 9.4-10	Ps 79.8-13	Luke 6.36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1.10, 16-20	Ps 50.16-22	Matthew 23.1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18.18-20	Ps 31.1-5	Matthew 20.17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17.5-10	Ps 1	Luke 16.19-31
Friday	Genesis 37.3-4, 12-28	Ps 105.16-22	Matthew 21.33-46
Saturday	Micah 7.14-15, 18-20	Ps 103.1-5	Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

ABM Pew Reflections

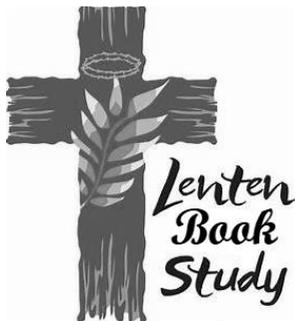
Jesus tells Nicodemus he must be 'born' again – a birth of water and the Spirit. Our sins must be washed away and we must be alive with the Spirit's fire. Pray that during Lent you will stop anything sinful and begin to become alive in the Spirit's power. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Korea, the *Daehan Seong Gong Hoe*.



*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.*

LINK INSERTS DURING LENT

During Lent we will have a special hymn and be singing the *Trisagion* in place of the *Gloria* on Sundays. We will also be hearing the Commandments in full. There will be inserts in the link for these and it would be much appreciated if you could hand them back with the prayer and hymn books at the end of the service each week.



LENTEN STUDY GROUP

Sessions for this Lenten study:
Thursdays 7.30pm
or Saturdays 10.00am.

Big

Book Sale

Saturday, April 4

Jams, Relishes, Pickles

This is the date of our giant book sale in the St Peter's hall. Jams, chutneys and pickles will also be available as well as tea and coffee.

We are looking for volunteers
to help with setting up, selling and packing up.
Please see Hilary Blakeman if you can help. 9899 7553

FILM AFTERNOON

Thank you to those who came to enjoy Babette's feast with us yesterday. A good time was had by all.

RAFFLE

Jen Walker has woven another of her wonderful shawls, this time in shades of red. Proceeds are for bushfire relief.

Can you support this by buying a raffle ticket?

1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. Don't miss your chance at winning one of these very popular shawls!

EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST...

Bach's St John Passion Sunday 22nd March, 4.00pm

St John's Camberwell, featuring **Robert MacFarlane - Evangelist**, **Amelia Jones - Soprano**, **Ron Morris - Alto**, **Timothy Reynolds - Tenor**, (son of Father Graham Reynolds), **Andrew Fysh - Bass** together with the remarkable '*Polyphonic Voices*', accompanied by the *Melbourne Baroque Orchestra*. The conductor will be **Michael Fulcher**. Tickets (\$50 Adults; \$15 Students) are available from the Parish Office from the start of February, or Book online at Trybooking at TRYBOOKING.COM/BHCQI.

Gloriana Chamber Choir Sunday, 15 March: Song of Songs

2.30pm at Sacred Heart Church in Carlton.

Song of Songs is a programme of brilliant and ecstatic works inspired by the Song of Solomon; a text that has inspired composers from across the centuries.

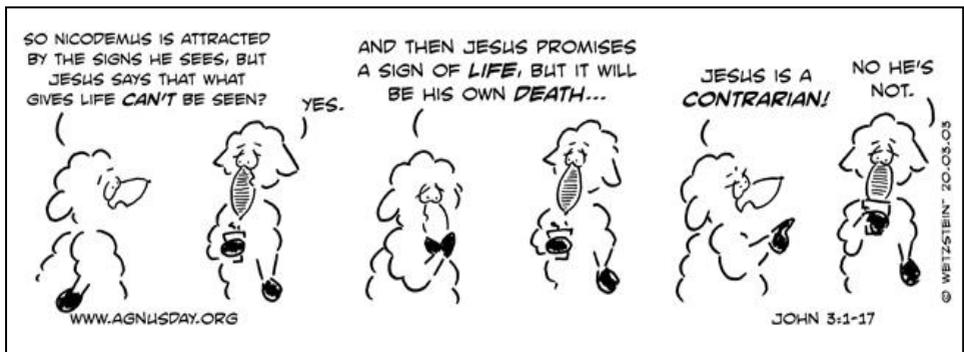
Tickets available on Trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=578387&>

PALM CROSS MAKING

To get ready for Palm Sunday we will be making our own crosses again. Come along to the office on Thursday, March 2 to help make the crosses. Cake and coffee available to sustain you! No experience necessary.

Time: 1.30pm. All welcome.



This Week

Second Sunday in Lent

TODAY 8.3.20

8.00am **Eucharist**, 9.30am **Eucharist**
11.30 **Mandarin Service**
2.00pm **Dinka Service**
7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

MON 9.3.20

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

TUES 10.3.20

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

WED 11.3.20

10.00-11.30am **Wellways Tai Chi**, *hall*
12-2.00, 6-7.00pm **Chinese Dancing**, *hall*
2.00pm **Play Group set up**, *hall*
8.00pm **Choir Practice**, *u/croft*

THU 12.3.20

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**
9.30-11.30am **Play Group**, *hall*
6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**, *u/croft*
7.30pm **Lent Study Group**, *u/croft*
6.00-9.00pm **Crossways Classes**, *hall*

FRI 13.3.20

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

SAT 14.3.20

9.00am-12.00pm **Homework Club**, *hall*
10.00am **Lent Study Group**, *office*
3.00-4.00pm Concert set up
7.00-9.00pm **Concert** supporting wildlife injured in bushfires

SUN 15.3.20

Third Sunday in Lent

8.00am **Eucharist**, 10.00am **FACS**
11.30 **Mandarin Service**
2.00pm **Dinka Service**
7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

For the Diary

March 12

Lent Study Group continues
Thurs 7.30pm, *u'croft*
or

March 14

Sat 10.00am, *office*

March 15

10.00am
Family and Children's Service

April 4

Book Sale, *hall*

April 5-12

Holy Week Services

Mon, Tues, Wed,

7.30pm Eucharist

Maudy Thursday

7.30pm Washing of feet,
Celebration of Last Supper
9.00pm Watch

Good Friday, April 10

9.30am Eucharist

Easter Day, April 12

6.00am Service of Light
9.30am Eucharist

April 24

Quiz Night, *hall*

May 3

Songs of Praise

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Roster for 9.30am and 10.00am FACS

SIDESPEOPLE	Today 8/3/20 Elizabeth B, Felicity H, Gwen F W	Next week FACS 15/3/20 Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Today 8/3/20 Sophia E, Michele M	Next week FACS 15/3/20 <i>Not rostered</i>
READERS	Today 8/3/20 Garry P, Ken McD	Next week FACS 15/3/20 <i>Not rostered</i>
INTERCESSOR	Today 8/3/20 Michele M	Next week FACS 15/3/20 <i>Not rostered</i>
COUNTING	Today 8/3/20 Hilary B, Ted G	Next week FACS 15/3/20 Ken McD, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	Today 8/3/20 Gwen McD M , Janet H, Rosemary S, Peter W	Next week FACS 15/3/20 Cecilia M, Margaret R, Jan G, Jennifer Friendship