



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

Third Sunday in Lent

15 March, 2020

Parish Link

Our Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today! A special welcome is extended to those who have come for our Family and Children's Service (FACS). As happens more often than not we have a wealth of deep insightful truths to be gleaned from the Scriptures set for today. From Paul's letter to the Romans we reflect on the nature of our 'hope' which is a STRONG reality (rather than 'wishful thinking'), dependent upon God's Spirit which has graciously been poured into our hearts. From Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well in John's Gospel passage, it is interesting to note that after meeting Jesus, the woman forgets her initial intention of drawing water, and is so overwhelmed that her life is never the same! May our life in God be of such a depth that our hope is indestructable and our lives totally given over to the will of our gracious Creator.

Following advice from Church Office in light of the Coronavirus outbreak our parish is instituting for the time being some changes in liturgical practice. We ask that people refrain from shaking hands during the greeting of peace and receive the bread only at communion.

A Prayer in time of Epidemic Disease:

Lord Jesus Christ, healer and friend, come and care for all of us through the danger and uncertainty of the coronavirus epidemic. To people who are sick, bring healing. To people who are displaced, isolated, or cut off from family, friends or work, bring comfort and companionship. Work with medical staff as they care for the sick, and protect them from harm. Give skill and fruitful research to scientists as they search for treatments, prevention and a cure. To public health authorities, give wisdom to decide the best ways to manage both this crisis and our anxieties. When communities are fearful, give a calm spirit, and kindness to neighbours and strangers. Through this testing time, and through all the risks we face together, teach us once again how we can love one another as you have loved us. Amen

Morning tea is served in the
Undercroft after the 9.30am service.

Please join us.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

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 proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
Romans 5.8

Prayer of the Day

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: **Exodus 17.1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

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

Psalm: 95 in the *APBA* prayer book, p.322

Second Reading: Romans 5.1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were

reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 4, verses 5-42

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.'

But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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

Years Mind

Mary Wood, Millis Taylor

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Church of England (Abp Justin Welby – Archbishop of Canterbury); Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Regional Bps Jeremy Greaves, Cameron Venables, John Roundhill, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Maroondah (Gail Pinchbeck); Parish of Jika Jika, Preston (Cliff Greaves); St Thomas' Burwood – Confirmation Service (Bp Paul Barker); Holy Trinity Coburg – Pastoral Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Matthew's Panton Hill with St Andrew's, St Andrews – Pastoral Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for our clergy and ministers as they lead us through Lent

The World: Pray for governments and world leaders working to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Pray also for those who are anxious, sick or vulnerable.

The Nation/Community: Pray for those in positions of responsibility as they seek and put in place measures to keep our community safe.

Prayer of the Week

Lord God, our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; 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	2 Kings 5.1-15	Ps 43	Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Song of 3YM 2, 11-20	Ps 25.3-9	Matthew 18.21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1, 4-9	Ps 147.12-20	Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.23-28	Ps 95.6-11	Luke 11.14-23
Friday	Hosea 14.2-9	Ps 81.13-16	Mark 12.28-34
Saturday	Hosea 5.15-6.6	Ps 51.10-17	Luke 18.9-14



*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.*

BOOK SALE POSTPONED

Parish Council this week decided to postpone our planned Book and Preserves Sale on April 4 because of the continued uncertainty about the COVID-19 Pandemic. Thank you all who have already prepared preserves and donated books. Watch this space!

LADY DAY

Mothers' Union Lady Day service will be on 22nd March at 2.30pm at St Paul's Cathedral. See Jan for details.

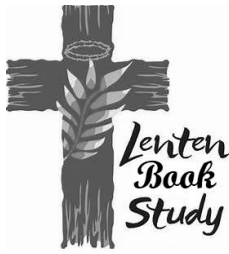
PALM CROSS MAKING

To get ready for Palm Sunday we will be making our own crosses again. Come along to the office on Thursday, April 2 to help make the crosses. Cake and coffee available to sustain you! No experience necessary. Time: 1.30pm. All welcome.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday 6th March our parish hosted the service for this area. This service was written by women of Zimbabwe. Members of five churches took part in the service and heard a wonderful address by Reverend David O'Brien from Glen Waverley Baptist church. David travels regularly to Zimbabwe and Zambia and gave us a first-hand insight of life and problems using a Power Point presentation. Thanks to our vicar for his support and Garry for playing the organ for our hymns.



LENTEN STUDY GROUP

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

RAFFLE

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

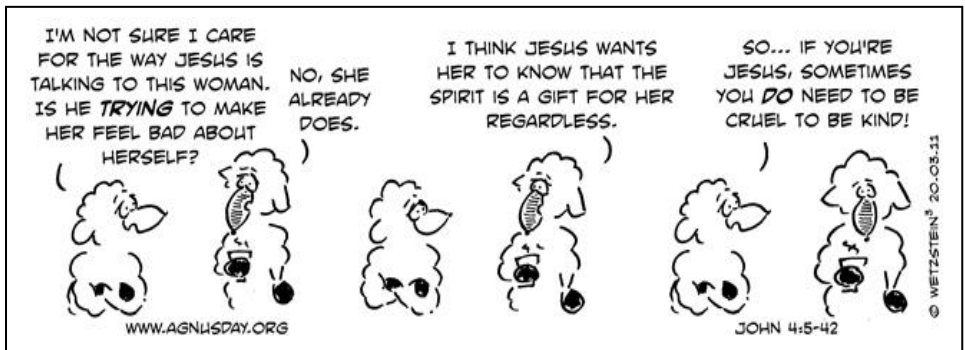
Can you support this by buying a raffle ticket?

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

The Friends of Anglican Music Inc
Music & Readings for Passiontide
“The Cross of Christ”
4.00pm, Sunday 29th March 2020
St John's Malvern
5 Finch St, Malvern East. Melway 59 F12
(Practice for choir: 1.45 pm)

DONATIONS OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS

The current run on supermarkets has meant that some families are very short of groceries. With limited means some people cannot buy in bulk. It would be really appreciated if any of the following supplies could be donated to our food collection: long-life or powdered milk, breakfast cereal, rice, pasta, toilet paper. Many thanks.



This Week

Third Sunday in Lent

TODAY 15.3.20

8.00am **Eucharist**, 10.00am **FACS**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

7.30pm **Al Anon**, *hall*

MON 16.3.20

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 17.3.20

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 18.3.20

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 19.3.20

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 20.3.20

7.30am **Eucharist**

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 21.3.20

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

10.00am **Lent Study Group**, *office*

SUN 22.3.20

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

1.30-5.00pm **VMTA concert**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

7.30pm **Al Anon**, *hall*

For the Diary

March 19

Lent Study Group continues

Thurs 7.30pm, *u'croft*

or

March 21

Sat 10.00am, *office*

March 29

Service in the style of Taizé 6.00pm

POSTPONED
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 FACS 15/3/20 Michele M, Barbara P	Next week 22/3/20 Ken McD, Judy J, Gwen McD W
SERVERS	Today FACS 15/3/20 <i>Not rostered</i>	Next week 22/3/20 Elizabeth B, Sophia E
READERS	Today FACS 15/3/20 <i>Not rostered</i>	Next week 22/3/20 Martin F, Harry K
INTERCESSOR	Today FACS 15/3/20 <i>Not rostered</i>	Next week 22/3/20 Janet H
COUNTING	Today FACS 15/3/20 Ken McD, Lyn B	Next week 22/3/20 Margaret R, Charles B
MORNING TEA	Today FACS 15/3/20 Cecilia M , Margaret R, Jan G, Jennifer Friendship	Next week 22/3/20 Barbara P, M , Michele M, Keith W, Dianne A