



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

Third Sunday of Easter

26 April, 2020

Parish
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Our Vicar writes...

The Gospel text from Luke today is a powerful story that ought to be part and parcel of our story as Christians who are endeavouring to live out our lives as God's resurrection people. These two disciples fleeing the city of God after the events of Good Friday – perhaps returning back to humdrum lives after their hopes and dreams had been shattered at the cross of Jesus. It is comforting to realise that God finds us as God found them when the world seems at its darkest! So often we spend a lot of time and energy searching for God and to know that God spends time and energy searching for us is reassuring. And also to realise that it is in the opening up of the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread that we can recognise and come to know more deeply the Risen Jesus. Of course it doesn't end there for just like in last week's Gospel from John where Jesus breathes on the disciples and sends them out so this week these disciples cannot wait to rush BACK to Jerusalem to tell others of their experience. As we travel this COVID-19 Easter season together as God's people may we know in the Scriptures opened and in the bread broken our Lord and Saviour who sends us out with his Spirit to proclaim and celebrate his kingdom, regardless of gloom and darkness around 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

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2.38–39

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

First Reading: Acts 2.14a, 2.36-41

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ³⁶ Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸ Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Psalm: 116.1-4, 116.11-18

¹ I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:

the voice of my supplication;

² Because he inclined his ear to me:

in the day that I called to him.

³ The cords of death encompassed me,

the snares of the grave took hold on me:

I was in anguish and sorrow.

⁴ Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !'

¹¹ How shall I repay the Lord:

for all his benefits to me?

¹² I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.

¹³ I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁴ Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁵ O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.

¹⁶ I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord.

¹⁷ I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁸ In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.13-25

¹³ Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. ¹⁴ Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. ¹⁵ Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; ¹⁶ for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.' ¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures for ever.' That word is the good news that was announced to you.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 24, verses 13-35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹ He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵ Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Years Mind

Kathleen Athonisz, Paul Wiltshire, Trevor Frost, Cyril White
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East (Abp Michael Lewis); The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People); St Matthew's Prahran (Vacant).

The Parish: Give thanks for those providing food for those in need and for the generosity of those who volunteer their time and labour.

The World: Pray for the Rohingya refugees seeking a safe home.

The Nation: Pray for all those made unemployed, those cut off from families and for those who are struggling to provide for their families.

Names of those in our parish who need our prayer:

Charles Crooks who is now receiving palliative care. Miriam, Dianne, Kent, Lorraine, Neville, Nancy, Kate, Russ, Betty, Jessie, Don, Jim, Alma, Muriel, Faye, Eileen, Nola, Margaret.

Prayer of the Week

Gracious Father, who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such awareness of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life, and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer in time of an epidemic

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

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 6.8-15	Ps 119.17-24	John 6.22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7.51.8.1	Ps 31.1-5	John 6.30.35
Wednesday	Acts 8.1-8	Ps 66.1-8	John 6.35-40
Thursday	Acts 8.26-40	Ps 66.7-11	John 6.44-51
Friday	Acts 9.1-20	Ps 117	John 6.52-59
Saturday	Acts 9.31-42	Ps 116.11-18	John 6.60-69

ABM Pew Reflections

St Luke tells us about the walk to Emmaus where two of the disciples meet with the Risen Christ, yet they do not realize who he is until he breaks bread with them. Many of us have been watching the Eucharist online over the past few weeks. May God bless all those who have made their spiritual communion recently, keeping up their Eucharistic devotion in difficult times. In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united with you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we pray that you would come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live and die in your love. Amen. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Japan, the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*.



*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*

OUR CHURCH SERVICES ONLINE

Fr Shane has now set up many resources through YouTube.

(Control and click)

[Our Parish Service this Sunday](#)



If you do have an **email but haven't received information through it, then please email the office** so we can update our records and make sure you do receive all our mail.

SHARING

- [The Melbourne Anglican link](#) (Control and click)
- Margaret Dooley is still making jam and selling it at Bedford Heights. See her notice in the Link if you want to buy some.
- Congratulations to Barbara P and others at Dream Stitches who are making face masks to help out.

DONATIONS OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS

Basic grocery items can still be donated on a Saturday morning to the Undercroft. Thanks to Father Alasdair who is co-ordinating this effort.



**New drop off time:
10.00-11.00am**

INTERCESSIONS

Intercessions are being prepared each week by the intercessors and being included in the Sunday service available on the website. **If you would like any people to be included in the list of names to be prayed for**, then please give those names to Fr Shane or Cecilia in the office by Thursday.

The Good News

will be coming out shortly
and Fr Harry is happy to receive any contributions.
Please get them to him at ahkmerr@hotmail.com
by Monday evening.

BREAD DELIVERY



St Peter's is still receiving deliveries of bread, and as usual, some weeks there is more bread than others. If you would like to pick some up, ring Alasdair (0438 323 059) on Saturday mornings to find out if any is available and then come over to St Peter's to get the bread.

Social distancing rules, of course, will apply.

Left over bread will be kept in the Office for collection until Thursdays.

WEEKLY GIVING

It is important that we continue with our planned weekly giving to support St Peter's. One way to do so is to give through direct payment to our parish bank account.

Acc Name: Anglican Parish of Box Hill

Acc Number: 2971 18084, **BSB** 013225

Reference: WFO (to help our Treasurer know what it is for)

If you do not want to use direct payment, then you can drop off your envelopes to the Parish Office on Tuesdays or Thursdays or at a time that suits you by arrangement with the Vicar. Or post a cheque.

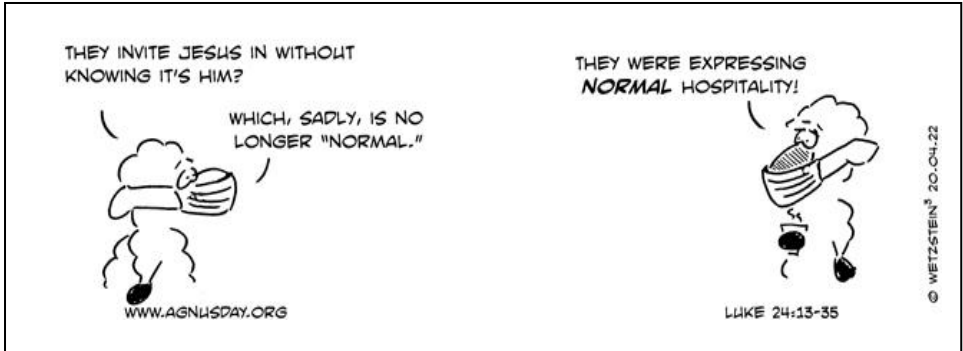
HOME PRODUCE



In preparation for the (cancelled) Book Fair, and in a time of isolation, Hilary and I have been spending a little time making home produce as people have given us fruit. I have some stocks of Fig jam, Plum & Raspberry jam, Quince jelly, Cointreau Orange marmalade, Kashmir chutney and spicy Plum sauce and Hilary has plum jam, strawberry jams, beetroot relish, zucchini relish. If anyone would like to buy some I will try to find some way to get it to you.

I can also make other berry jams (blackberry, blueberry, raspberry, mixed berry) and lemon butter - while my stock of frozen lemon juice lasts. Let me know if you would like some home-made jam or marmalade to brighten your life in grim times.

I can be contacted by email margaret.dooley@bigpond.com; or by phone 0438 129 161.



TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Sung to the hymn tune of "On Jordan's bank"

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptists cry,
If I were one then so would I.*

They never drink, they have no fun.

Thank God I am an Anglican.

(...with apologies to our Baptist brethren)

"For every church there is one infallible authority. For fundamentalist Protestants, it is the Bible; for the Catholics, the Pope. And for the Anglicans, it is, of course, the previous Vicar."

An Anglican minister was walking along a cliff and fell over. He managed to grab a branch and could see the rocks five hundred feet below him. So he decided he had better pray. He looked up to heaven and said, "Is there anybody up there?" A loud voice came from heaven "Let go thy hand and I will hold thee up." The minister thought for a minute and looked up again, "Is there anybody else up there?"

This Week

SUN 26.4.20

Third Sunday of **EASTER**

(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 27.4.20

TUES 28.4.20

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

WED 29.4.20

Catherine of Siena, (d.1380)

THU 30.4.20

George, martyr d.c.303

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

FRI 1.5.20

Philip and James, apostles and martyrs

SAT 2.5.20

Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, teacher (d.373)

SUN 3.5.20

Fourth Sunday of **EASTER**

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