



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Fourth Sunday of Easter
3 May, 2020

Parish Link

Our Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today, online though it may be! Sometimes when we come to church we can find the readings presented by the Lectionary for that Sunday uninspiring or difficult or disjointed yet sometimes we are spoilt by the richness of God's word with images and ideas and thoughts and 'Gospel – good news' abounding from every angle. Today's selection of passages is such a week. In the famous Acts passage (Acts 2.42-47) we have a description of the life of the early Christian Church: a community that devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. What a wonderful concise outline of what we should be on about whenever we gather as God's people – scripture; fellowship; sacrament and prayer! And in participating in this four-fold lifestyle we are transformed slowly Sunday-by-Sunday into the very likeness of Christ – we become living testimonies to the good news, and so we become agents in the transformation of the world. The appointed psalm (Psalm 23) reminds us of God's grace in our lives in every situation '*Even though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death*' – we are loved and nurtured and more importantly – we are blessed! And in the Gospel passage from St John we are presented with the wonderful image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd – the one who calls his sheep (who calls us!) The one who provides the way (I am the gate) into life in all its abundance. As we reflect upon the treasures presented to us this Sunday – may God comfort us who are disturbed and disturb us who are comfortable. May God open our ears to hear and respond once more to the good news that God is with us in all of life; that in Jesus we may find abundant life and that in coming together for our worship like the early church we may become those who go out and change the world.



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

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' John 10.11

Prayer of the Day

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep: send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

First Reading: Acts 2.42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Psalm: Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

² He will make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside still waters.

³ He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me

in the face of those who trouble me:

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup shall be full.

⁶ Surely your goodness and loving-kindness

will follow me all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.1-10

¹ Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' ⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸ and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John 10, Chapter 1, verses 1-10

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

Years Mind

“Sandy” Wilson, Thomas Orange, Bonnie Fowler,
Frances Allen, Frank Groom, John Noble, Lilian Law

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Anglican Communion in Japan (Bp Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu); The Diocese of The Murray (Bp Keith Dalby, Clergy & People); Diocesan Building Committee; Mullum Mullum Parish, Ringwood (Maria Brand, Karen Winsemius).

The Parish: Give thanks for all our parish leaders who are working to keep the parish connected and let us take part in services online.

The World: Pray for Yemen and Syria and all those caught up in the strife and misery of war.

The Nation: Pray for our police and for the families and friends of those police killed while on duty.

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

God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; 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 11.1-18	Ps 42.1-5	John 10.11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11.19-26	Ps 87	John 10.22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12.24-13.5	Ps 67	John 12.44-50
Thursday	Acts 13.13-25	Ps 89.19-25	John 13.16-20
Friday	Acts 13.26-11	Ps 2.6-11	John 14.1-6
Saturday	Acts 13.44-52	Ps 98.1-4	John 14.7-14

ABM Pew Reflections

The word, *panic*, comes from the name of the Greek god, Pan, whose flocks of goats and sheep were known to panic. Jesus tells us that sheep follow the shepherd's voice, and so we have no need to panic and scatter, mentally or physically, like a flock of startled sheep. Jesus knows each one of his flock and he calls out to each one of us by name – especially during this time of anxiety. Listen for the Shepherd's voice. Pray that you will hear Christ's reassuring voice today. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of North India.



*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.

[Our Parish Service this Sunday](#)

(Control and click)

[The Melbourne Anglican link](#)



*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.*

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.



**Drop off time:
10.00-11.00am**

POSTING ADDRESS FOR ST PETER'S

If you are sending any letters or cards to the office, it is advisable to use the post box address as mail can get very wet in the letter box! The address to use is:

St Peter's Anglican Church, P.O. Box 1199, Box Hill, 3128.

ATTENTION KNITTERS, CROCHETERS, SEWING PEOPLE, CARD MAKERS, WOODWORKERS

During our time of isolation, please consider making items for future Church fund raising events. (when ever these may be!?) Then we will be well stocked and ready to go.

Please note that we have an ample supply of knitted and crocheted blankets in various sizes. So please consider donating these items to another charity.

Barbara Plumridge 0405 193 122



INTERCESSIONS

If you would like any people to be included in the list of names to be prayed for, then please email or phone through those names to Fr Shane or Cecilia in the office by Thursday.



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.

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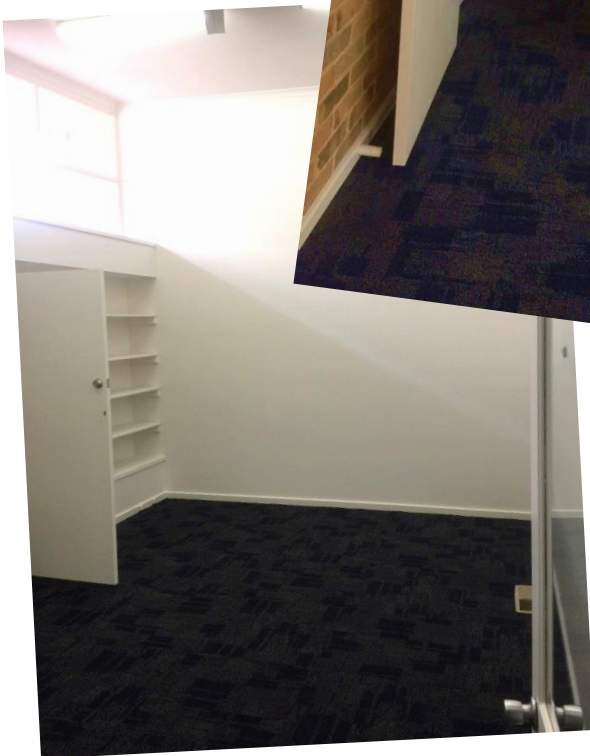
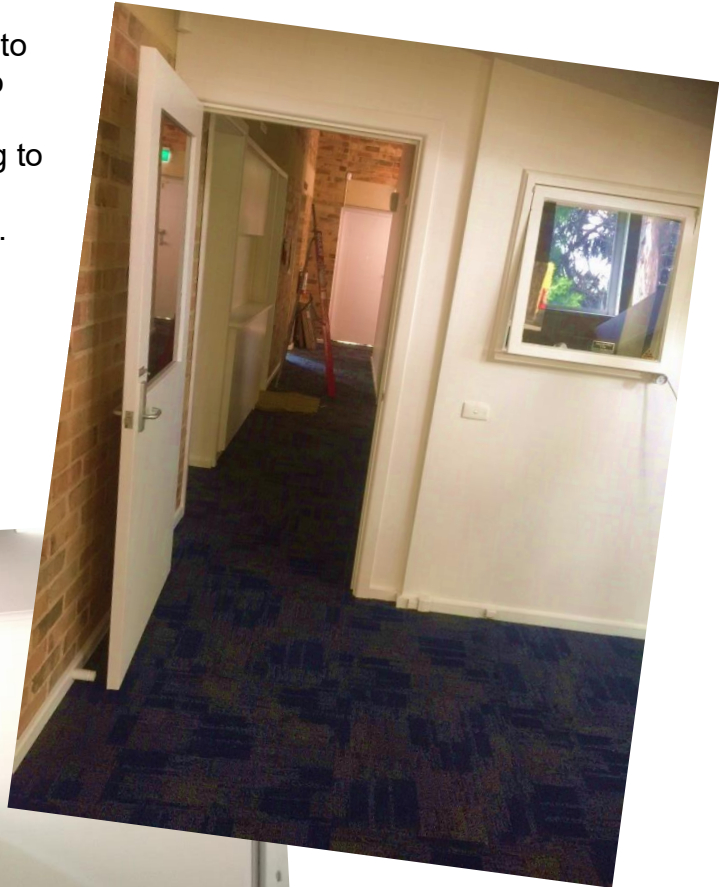
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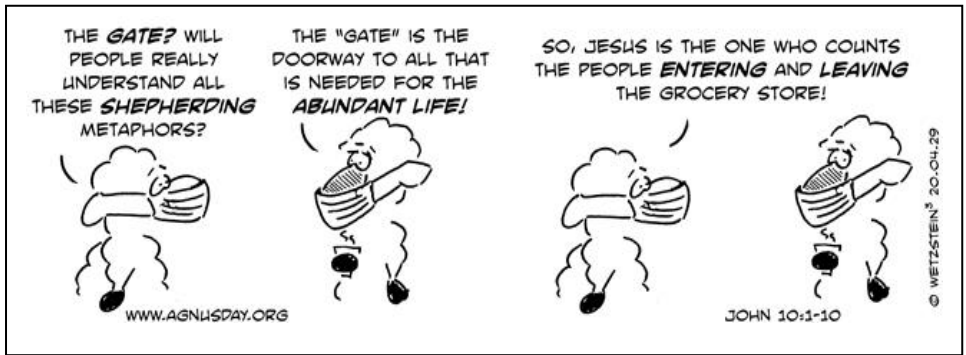
Reference: WFO (to help our Treasurer know what it is for)

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.

The offices at the front of the hall have been completely repainted and re-carpeted. Here are some pictures so you can see the result. A new tenant will be moving in as soon as social isolation rules allow.

A very big thank you to Garry Plumridge who has laboured to complete the painting to a high standard and also to Rob Kennedy.





TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

How many Anglicans it takes to change a lightbulb? Twelve. One to change the bulb, and eleven to say "We preferred it the way it was before."

But then it is practically impossible for Anglicans ever to change a light bulb. There is always someone who will say "My grandfather donated that bulb, and you can't change it."

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. -- George Burns

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go back to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping".

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

This Week

SUN 3.5.20

Fourth Sunday of **EASTER**

(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 4.5.20

TUES 5.5.20

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

WED 6.5.20

THU 7.5.20

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

FRI 8.5.20

*Julian of Norwich, holy woman
and mystic (d.1417)*

SAT 9.5.20

Food drop off and bread delivery

SUN 10.5.20

Fifth Sunday of **EASTER**

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