



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

Sunday after Ascension

24 May, 2020

Parish Link

Our Vicar writes...

Welcome to the community of Anglicans worshipping in Box Hill. A special welcome is extended to Father Alasdair who is preacher today. It is the first Sunday after the Feast of the Ascension (Thursday 21 May) where the church celebrated the end of the Easter season with Jesus ascending to the Father. No more is Jesus located in one place in one time but is available in all places for all time! Jesus is alive and through the Spirit (of which we will celebrate next Sunday at Pentecost) we are led into the life of being his disciples; proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the world and being agents of the Kingdom of God! What gives me hope and strength for the journey and the task is the reality that we are not alone. Faith is not about 'belief' in events and people of long ago but rather is responding to the call of the 'living' God in our lives today! The task is huge and difficult, complex and at times dangerous. We as the community of faith feel and know that living as committed Christians is hard going at times but do we not also know the joy and life that God brings us? Have we not known the support of God in difficult times? My hope for today and the next two Sundays, as we together explore the nature of God as Son; Spirit and finally as Trinity, is that we can renew our faith in God. The God who is alive; the God who is generous and compassionate; the God who is with us every step of the way; the God on whom we can rely!

If you can I encourage you in this period to Pentecost to join with Christians world-wide in praying for God's kingdom to come fully. Resources can be found: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

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

'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.' Matthew 28.19–20

Prayer of the Day

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Acts 1.6-14

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm: 68.1-10, 68.32-35

¹ God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered:
those that hate him shall flee before his face.

- 2 As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed:
as wax melts before a fire,
so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- 3** But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God:
they shall rejoice with gladness.
- 4 O sing to God, sing praises to his name:
glorify him that rode through the deserts,
him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.**
- 5** He is the father of the fatherless,
he upholds the cause of the widow:
God in his holy dwelling place.
- 6 He gives the desolate a home to dwell in,
and brings the prisoners out into prosperity:
but rebels must dwell in a barren land.**
- 7** O God, when you went out before your people:
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, the heavens poured down water:
before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**
- 9** You showered down a generous rain, O God:
you prepared the land of your possession
when it was weary.
- 10 And there your people settled:
in the place that your goodness, O God,
had made ready for the poor.**
- 32** Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth:
O sing praises to the Lord,
- 33 To him that rides upon the highest heavens,
that were from the beginning:
who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.**
- 34** Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel:
and his might is in the clouds.
- 35 Terrible is God who comes from his holy place:
the God of Israel who gives power
and strength to his people. Blessed be God.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 5

¹ Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ² to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³ Do not lord it over those in your charge,

but be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. ⁵ In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. ¹² Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. ¹³ Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 17, verses 1-11

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no

longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

Years Mind

Shirley Cormick, Thomas Ryan, Gwendoline Wilson,
Sam Klay, Joan Marks

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world; Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC) (Adam Cetrangolo, Chair); St John's Toorak (Peter French, Keiron Jones).

The Parish: Pray for members of our congregation who are living on their own and may be isolated at this time.

The World: Pray for the Rohingya refugees who are seeking sanctuary.

The Nation: Pray for all childcare and kindergarten staff who are supporting families.

Names of those in our parish who need our prayer:

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

Prayer of the Week

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. 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 19.1-8	Ps 68.1-6	John 16.29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20.17-27	Ps 68.7-14	John 17.1-11
Wednesday	Acts 20.28-38	Ps 68.28-35	John 17.11-19
Thursday	Acts 22.30, 23.6-11	Ps 16.1-6	John 17.20-16
Friday	Acts 25.13-21	Ps 103.15-22	John 21.15-19
Saturday	Genesis 11.1-9	Ps 104.26-32	John 7.37-39

ABM Pew Reflections

We read that Jesus said 'I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do'. We know what our work is because Jesus told us last week: we must share God's love. So, how about praying for epidemiologists and virologists and all who are working towards a vaccine? How about saying thank you to the teachers in your area for helping to keep kids' education on track at this difficult time? How about thanking the checkout operator at your local supermarket? – they will probably have seen some pretty bad behaviour from customers recently. Pray that you can change your neighbourhood this week by more acts of *love, sweet love*. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Philippine Independent Church, the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente*.



*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*



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

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**



DONATIONS OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS

Basic grocery items can still be donated on a Saturday morning to the Undercroft (or left in the office during the week). Thanks to Father Alasdair who is co-ordinating this effort.

Drop off time: 10.00-11.00am

Items required: rice, pasta, pasta sauce, full-cream milk, flour, breakfast cereal.

OUR CHURCH SERVICES ONLINE

Fr Shane has now set up many resources through YouTube.

[Service this Sunday 24.5.20](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOtc8hbiSiM&feature=youtu.be) (Control and click)

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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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our clergy, Father Shane, Father Alasdair, to Lewis our organist, servers, readers and singers who have brought our 9.30am eucharist to my own, and to the loungerooms of other parishioners, each Sunday.

Only having a smart phone, I was thrilled to be added to the uptake to be able to watch and it has been amazing. I set myself up with readings, sermon and Link. Father Shane and Cecilia, preparing all the paperwork for non-computer congregation members, must have added work to give us “as close to Sunday” experience as possible. I say a very big THANK YOU on behalf of all parishioners. Jan Gunst

SAD NEWS FROM THE MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Central Charity, known as Mary Sumner House, our worldwide headquarters, is facing an unexpected shortfall of some £1 million this year courtesy of the coronavirus. “The House” was built just over 100 years ago through donations from individual members giving one penny per month.

In many ways Mary Sumner House is not just a building but the heart of the Mothers' Union, where help for women and families is co-ordinated worldwide.

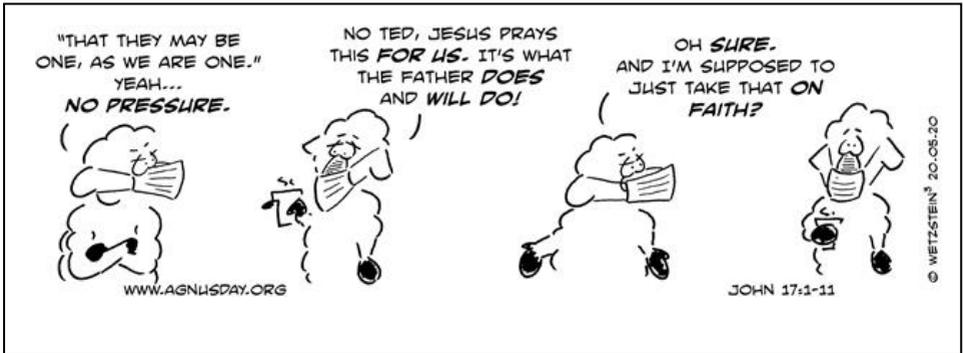
From a letter from Sharon Harper, MU World Wide Press: “If individual members are able to donate, say \$10 or even more, it will be a great help”. Thanks to generous donations from MU members at our branch here, we have raised \$445. If any parishioners wish to donate, please contact Jan Gunst, local MU leader: 9890 6528.

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 Tuesdays.



PUZZLING...

Solution to last week's puzzle:

In the book of Proverbs we read: "Wise speech is rarer and more valuable than gold and rubies." (20:15)

This time, find 17 books of the bible in the following story

A Trip to the Farmer's Market

It could have only been a fluke that led us to the market yesterday. We arrived just in time to see our favourite comic. Ahhh! What a treat. We learned that the comic had just signed several new contracts to perform in our area. We also enjoyed the banjo elements of a blue grass band. And, we arrived just in time for a huge rainstorm!

Working quickly, my mom chose a lovely melon and some delicious low-sugar jam, estimated to have just 5 calories per serving. (If you want to know the truth, I seriously doubt that claim!) When we asked one vendor why her tomatoes were so large, she explained how she could format the watering system to run only, and always, when needed. What a great way to do the job! With the rain now coming down in sheets, her plants would need no watering today.

We noticed a mostly-empty stall where someone could probably make a lot of money. In fact, we started crunching some numbers, wondering if we might be able to sell our garden produce there in the future.

After a short while, we took a break under a roof. My elderly mom needed to rest her feet. Then I realized I was exhausted, too. (It's not in the genes, is it?)

Meanwhile, my big brother tried to be a hero. Man, someone should tell him to be more careful when he runs into the street to fetch a little kid's soccer ball! He should more accurately judge speeds of oncoming traffic, especially in the rain!

As we were leaving, we again discussed the empty market stall and talked about trying to sell our extra beans and corn there. After performing some careful calculations, my big brother said, "Nah, umbrellas are the way to go. Lots of people sell vegetables, but no one is selling umbrellas!"

Today that would have been a great item to sell.

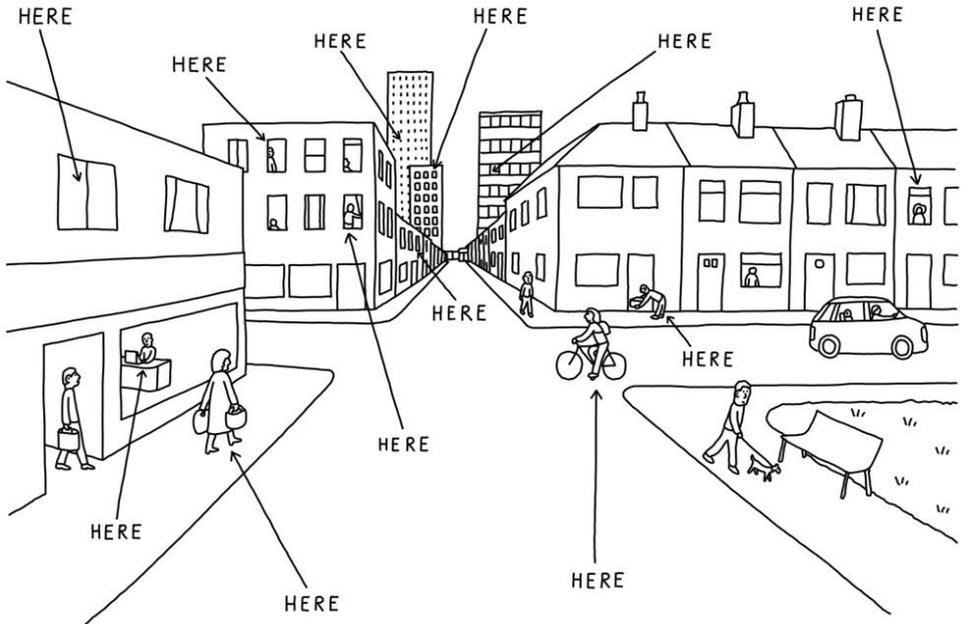
TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

An Anglican minister decided to go to a silent monastery to escape the pressures of his parish. The rule was you could speak two words once every five years. At the end of his first five years he went to his father superior and said "Bad food." The superior nodded his head and the minister went back to his cell for another five years. At the end of ten years he went in and said "Hard bed." Again the superior nodded his head, and he went back till the end of his fifteenth year. This time he said "I quit," and the father superior said "About time too, you have done nothing but complain since you have been here."

Going over our church finances the Treasurer found a receipt from a local paint store signed by someone named Christian. He wasn't aware of anyone buying paint, so he called the store to point out its mistake.

"I'm sorry," he told the manager, "but there are no Christians here at our Anglican church."

WHERE THE CHURCH IS



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This Week

SUN 24.5.20

Seventh Sunday of **EASTER**

(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 25.5.20

Bede of Jarrow, priest and teacher (d.735)

TUES 26.5.20

Augustine of Canterbury, missionary and bishop (d.605)

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

WED 27.5.20

THU 28.5.20

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

FRI 29.5.20

SAT 23.5.20

Food drop off and bread delivery

SUN 30.5.20

Pentecost

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