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## Our Vicar writes...

Today is Pentecost Sunday where we celebrate the coming of the Spirit upon the gathered disciples. We also welcome Father Harry Kerr who is guest preacher this morning. As I have often mentioned we are the hands and feet of Christ to the world. We are the ones who in our daily living show the truth and grace of God to all and sundry around us. We are the ones who bring the truth of the Gospel, who bring the love and comfort of grace, and who work to usher in God's kingdom. And we do this in the power of God's Spirit and in fact we can only do this in the power of God's Holy Spirit! If we try in our own strength then we certainly will fail and burn-out – but it is God's Spirit who renews us, encourages us, and strengthens us. It is God's Spirit who brings us into all truth and helps us be Christ to the world. May we celebrate God's Spirit today and be open to the transforming work of the Spirit in our hearts and lives!



### **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

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'  
John 7.38

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through 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 2.1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to

darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Psalm: 104.26-37

<sup>26</sup> Lord, how various are your works:

in wisdom you have made them all,  
and the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>27</sup> **There is the wide, immeasurable sea:**

**there move living things without number, great and small;**

<sup>28</sup> There go the ships, to and fro:

and there is that Leviathan  
whom you formed to sport in the deep.

<sup>29</sup> **These all look to you:**

**to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>30</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it:

when you open your hand  
they are satisfied with good things.

<sup>31</sup> **When you hide your face, they are troubled:**

**when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>32</sup> When you send forth your spirit they are created:

and you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>33</sup> **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:**

**may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

<sup>34</sup> If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:

if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

<sup>35</sup> **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:**

**I will praise my God while I have any being.**

<sup>36</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him:

for my joy shall be in the Lord.

<sup>37</sup> **May sinners perish from the earth,**

**let the wicked be no more:**

**bless the Lord, O my soul; O praise the Lord.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.1-13

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. <sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John, Chapter 20, verses 19-23

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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

## Years Mind

Annie Daniel, Ida Hancock, John Dymond, John Payne, Eleanor Andrewartha, Lynette Cook, Leonard Allen, Stanley Mather, Basil Brown, Elizabeth Hancock, Joyce McKibben, Elvena Orange, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



## Prayer Points

*The Church:* Anglican Church of Melanesia (Abp Leonard Dawea); Diocese of Riverina (Bp Donald Kirk, Clergy & People); Girls' Friendly Society (Alison Benfield, Chair); St John the Baptist Wantirna South (Stephen Morris).

*The Parish:* Pray for members of our congregation in hospital.

*The World:* Pray for the people of Hong Kong and for its government.

*The Nation:* Pray for those seeking work and struggling businesses.

*Names of those in our parish who need our prayer:*

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

## Prayer of the Week

O God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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

<b>Monday</b>	2 Peter 1.2-7	Ps 91.9-16	Mark 12.1-12
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Peter 3.11-15, 17-18	Ps 90.13-17	Mark 12.13-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Timothy 1.1-3, 6-12	Ps 123	Mark 12.18-27
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Timothy 2.8-15	Ps 25.8-15	Mark 12.28-24
<b>Friday</b>	2 Timothy 3.10-17	Ps 119.161-168	Mark 12.35-37
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Timothy 4.1-8	Ps 71.17-24	Mark 12.38-44

## ABM Pew Reflections

We hear from St Luke (Acts 2.1-21) of the 'Birth of the Church' where the Holy Spirit descends on the believers who then speak in many of the languages of the then-known world. Today we have many people living in Australia who speak languages other than English, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and those from overseas who have chosen to call Australia home. At this time of crisis, how can we ensure that all the people living in the country know God's love? Pray that this week – and in all others – we might be able to befriend someone from a new culture and show them God's love through our love for them. Give thanks for the work of those who translate the Scriptures into languages that have not yet had a version of the Bible.

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*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](mailto: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.

[Pentecost Sunday Service](#) (Control and click)

OR GO TO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtpCi6Vopfo>

## 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 Tuesdays.**

THE SOUND OF WIND  
AND THE SIGHT OF FIRE  
AND **EVERYONE** COMES  
RUNNING TO SEE  
WHAT'S GOING ON.



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AND WHEN THEY DO, THEY HEAR  
THE APOSTLES TELLING OF  
JESUS IN **ALL THE LANGUAGES**  
OF THOSE GATHERED.



THAT'S THE  
MIRACLE OF  
**PENTECOST!**

**I'LL SAY!** KINDA MAKES  
ME WISH I'D PAID MORE  
ATTENTION IN MY  
( **SPANISH CLASS!** )



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ACTS 2:1-21

## PUZZLING...

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**There is a verse from Proverbs written around this box.**

**To find it, you will need to start at the correct letter and then read every second letter, going in a clockwise direction.**

**Good luck!**



## Answer to last week's puzzle of 17 books of the bible in the 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!"

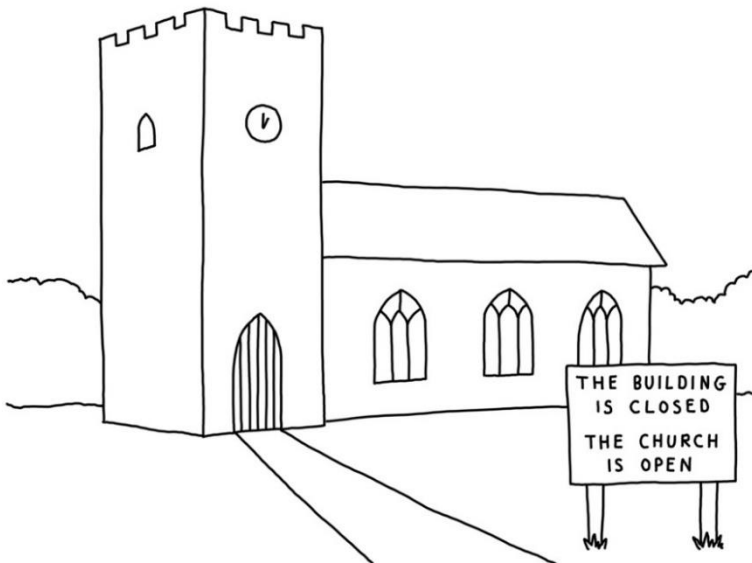
Today that would have been a great item to sell.

# TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon; with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." He sat down.

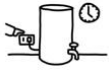
The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: "Shall We Gather at the River."

A pastor's wife was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their Mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "You be Jesus."



# SKILLS

GAINED OVER A LIFETIME OF CHURCHGOING



SWITCHING ON THE URN AT THE CORRECT TIME



NOT FORGETTING TO BRING THE MILK



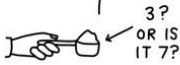
KNOWING HOW MANY TEA BAGS ARE NEEDED IN THE LARGE TEA POT



POURING A REASONABLE CUP OF TEA



DEALING WITH SPILLAGES IN A CALM MANNER



REMEMBERING HOW MANY SCOOPS TO PUT INTO THE COFFEE MACHINE



BEING ABLE TO LOCATE THE TEA SPOON DRAWER UNDER PRESSURE



GRASPING BASIC SERVING HATCH ETIQUETTE



FOLDING THE COFFEE TABLES WITHOUT INJURY



WASHING UP 14 CUPS AND SAUCERS IN A MINUTE

## This Week

**SUN 31.5.20**

### Day of Pentecost

(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

**MON 1.6.20**

**TUES 2.620**

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

**WED 3.6.20**

**THU 4.6.20**

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

**FRI 5.6.20**

**SAT 6.6.20**

Food drop off and bread delivery

**SUN 7.6.20**

### Trinity Sunday

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