



Our Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today. Welcome to the long season called "Sundays after Pentecost." After the tremendous events of Easter and Pentecost and our wonderful celebration of our understanding of God as Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit last Sunday, we now enter a long stretch where the focus Sunday-by-Sunday is on developing and maturing our relationship with God. We return to the Gospel of Matthew and we sit at the feet of Jesus and hear from the Master. It's a season where we knuckle-down and get on with the task of living and being the people of God! What is our first lesson in this long discipleship season? We are people of hope who look and live in the footsteps of Christ acting to transform the world even if all circumstances point to the hopelessness of this way of living. Why? Because our God is a God of surprises! Our God is a God of the cross; of the powerless and weak; of the underdog – this is the God who is revealed in the baby born to an old and frail couple. A child who they name Isaac – which in Hebrew means "he laughs." Their son of laughter would always remind them of their disbelief. In these strange and different days may our laughter not be born of cynicism and doubt but of joy and faith and hope in our God who acts in the most unlikely ways and in the most unlikely people - 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

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. Romans 5.1–2

Prayer of the Day

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life, and defeat into victory: increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over evil, in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Genesis 18.1–15

¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant.' ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰ Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

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

Psalm: 116.1–2, 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.**

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: Romans 5.1–11

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² 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. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ 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. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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 Matthew, Chapter 9, beginning at verse 35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

¹ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

Years Mind

Douglas Stork, Margery Burkitt, Des Wallace, Norman Reynolds,
Otilie Shepherd.

whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Rest in Peace: Charles Crooks



Prayer Points

The Church: Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) (Abp Stephen Than Myint Oo); Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Denise Ferguson, Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod; Clergy & People); Mission to Seafarers (Neil Edwards, Chair; Onfré Punay, Chaplain); Holy Trinity Port Melbourne (Noel Whale, Locum).

The Parish: Pray for those in hospitals and those caring for them.

The World: Pray for the people of the United States and for reconciliation between all its peoples.

The Nation: Pray that God will turn our hearts towards kindness and compassion.

Names of those in our parish who need our prayer:

Eric and Bev, Phil and Sandra, Kent, Lorraine, Neville, Nancy, Kate, Gwen, Russ, Betty, Jessie, Don, Jim, Alma, Muriel, Faye, Eileen, Nola, Margaret.

Prayer of the Week

Lord, we beseech you to keep your family, the Church, in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve you in good works, to the glory of your name; 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	1 Kings 21.1-16	Ps 5.1-6	Matthew 5.38-42
Tuesday	1 Kings 21.17-29	Ps 51.10-14	Matthew 5.43-48
Wednesday	2 Kings 2.1, 6-4	Ps 31.21-27	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Sirach 48.1-4	Ps 97.1-9	Matthew 6.7-15
Friday	2 Kings 11.1-4, 9-20	Ps 132.10-18	Matthew 6.19-23
Saturday	2 Chronicles 24.17-25	Ps 89.1-4	Matthew 6.24-34

ABM Pew Reflections

Jesus tells the disciples that being sent out for the sake of God's mission is not without its costs. Remember all those medical workers who have contracted the Coronavirus – especially those who have died – in their work to help others. May their unstinting example inspire and encourage us to look after others as much as we can, not counting the cost. *No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends* (John 15.13). Give thanks for those who engage in medical mission in God's name, both here and overseas.



*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*

COVID SAFETY MEASURES AT ST PETER'S

In line with Diocesan requirements for opening up the church to limited numbers to attend services in a COVID-19 environment, we have set in place various hygiene and other practices that we must all abide by.

- Please sign the contact register when you enter the church.
- Please use the hand sanitiser on entering and departing.
- Please sit only in the marked spaces in the pews.
- Please use a disinfectant wipe to wipe down anything touched and dispose of this in the bin near the door when you leave.
- Please maintain 1.5m social distance.
- And lastly please pray for all of us!



If you are intending to come to the service on Sunday, please let the Vicar know beforehand and enter the church through the side door. Please read the notices on the table just inside and observe the regulations.



9.30am Sunday

**CHURCH
ONLINE**

St Peter's Anglican Church Box Hill

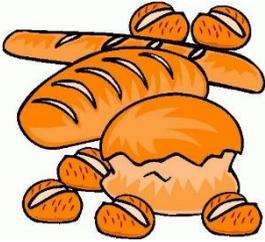


[Sunday Service June 14 2020](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBxDcG08aTc&feature=youtu.be) (Control and click)

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Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBxDcG08aTc&feature=youtu.be>

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.

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.



PARISH WEBSITE

Please visit our website to see various resources provided by the Vicar and the Diocese which is updated weekly.

[PARISH WEBSITE LINK](#)

Archbishop Freier writes in *The Melbourne Anglican*

It has been encouraging to hear reports of parishioners expressing how they feel connected to each other in new and deeper ways in these extraordinary circumstances that we have been living under. For some this has involved embracing the challenge of technology in a new way; for others who are digital natives it has been like welcoming the Church into their world. I can only attribute the accounts of this connectedness to the work of the Holy Spirit. It has been an affirmation of the truth of our faith expressed in 1 Corinthians 12.27, that we are “the body of Christ and individually members of it”. Even at a time when we have been unable to join together for the corporate enactment of our faith, God’s grace has been evident. I have joined with clergy in Archdeaconry groups and have heard of the tremendous efforts that are being made to keep parishioners connected. Many have spoken about this time being one of reliance on the foundations of their theological training and formation as they have ministered in these days. The essential character of pastoral care and spiritual formation has been possible, even though differently expressed. Remarkably, in contrast to what might have been expected, there has been fresh connection with people who have been on the margins of church life previously or had no previous connection at all. I have heard of people coming to faith through online evangelism who are now waiting for the restrictions to ease so that they can be baptised. During this extraordinary period, I have participated in a session of the Anglican– Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) over four nights in May. Originally intended to be a residential meeting at a monastery in Northern Italy, we soon realised that could not occur and that an electronic meeting was our only opportunity for carrying this work forward. You may recall I reflected on the previous meeting of this dialogue that met in Jerusalem at St George’s Cathedral last year and particularly the pain of being present at each other’s Eucharists where the reality of separation was all too evident. Interestingly, in a digital space where the opportunities for shared worship were limited, this pain was not manifested. Instead we had a strengthened experience of our unity in Christ. This was a fresh blessing on the way along this challenging project, another example of the Holy Spirit’s presence amongst the people Jesus has gathered as his disciples. The Holy Spirit is the “other comforter” who is present in the life of the Christian community. The Spirit is the enlivening force in the Body of

Christ, the Church. We will always be left marvelling that our own despair or inadequacy is never the last word. Probably it shouldn't be unexpected but usually we will be "surprised by joy", as C.S. Lewis described it in the phrase from Wordsworth's poem to describe his own conversion to Christianity. Let's be thankful for all of the things which heighten our awareness of who we are in Christ and how we are connected within the Body of Christ. Grace and peace in Christ Jesus.

PUZZLING...

Answer to last week's puzzle:

1 = True God

2 = how many of each Animal that Noah took on the Ark

3 = Trinity -- the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost

4 = Number of persons in the Fiery Furnace -- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and the angel of God

5 = Wise Virgins 5 = Number of Husbands of the Woman at the Well

6 = Days that it took God to Create the World

7 = Fish and Loaves of Bread at the Feeding of the 5,000

8 = People in the Ark 8 = Beatitudes 10 = Commandments

12 = Disciples of Jesus 27 = Books of the New Testament

30 = Pieces of Silver 33 = Age of Jesus when he Died

39 = Books of the Old Testament 40 = Days and Nights of the Great Flood

40 = Days of Lent (not counting Sundays) 40 = Days in the Wilderness

50 = Days after Christ's Resurrection until Pentecost

66 = Books of the Bible 153 = Fish in the Net

220 = Number of Sheep and Goats that Jacob gave to Esau

70x7 = Number of Times to Forgive your Brother 666 = the Number of the Beast

To solve Bible Verse Boxes, drop the letters from each vertical column - not necessarily in the order in which they appear - into the empty squares below them to spell a familiar Bible verse reading from left to right, line by line. Words may continue from one line to the next; black squares indicate ends of words. Punctuation has been omitted.

From the book of Psalms:

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TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Dear Lord

So far today, I'm doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, nasty, selfish or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card. But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think I will really need your help then. Amen

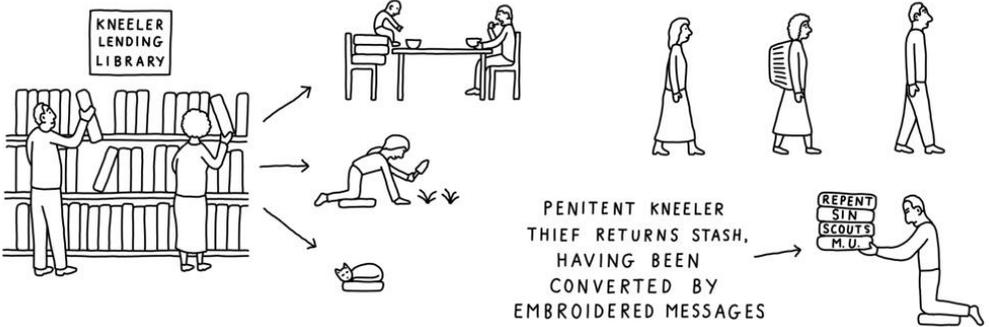


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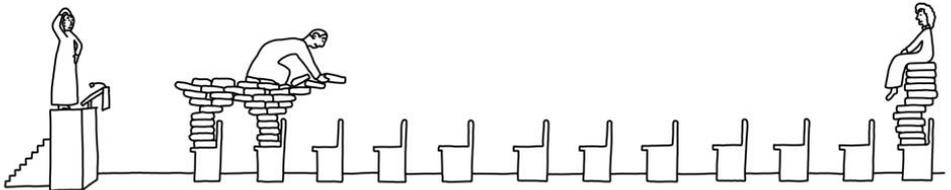
HOW THEY ARE BEING USED DURING THE PANDEMIC

SOME WERE LENT OUT BEFORE THE START OF LOCKDOWN

A FEW WERE PILFERED
(VERY TRICKY TO DETECT)



THE CLERGY USE THE REMAINDER FOR (SOCIALLY-DISTANCED) TEAM-BUILDING EXERCISES



This Week

SUN 14.6.20

Second Sunday after Pentecost

(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 15.6.20

Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer, d.1941

TUES 16.6.20

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

WED 17.6.20

THU 18.6.20

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

FRI 19.6.20

SAT 20.6.20

Food drop off and bread delivery

SUN 21.6.20

Third Sunday after Pentecost



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Baptism, marriage & funeral by arrangement. Clergy are available for confession / counselling by appointment.

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