



Our Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today and a special welcome to Father Alasdair who is our preacher at the 9.30am Eucharist liturgy. We continue in this long season called "Sundays after Pentecost." We turn 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, regardless of COVID-19 and all the challenges facing us at this moment in time! What is the next lesson in this long discipleship season? Give all our life to God and do not be afraid! The only thing that truly matters in life above all others is our relationship with God. We hear Jesus say today, "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." If we are in God and God in us: even if we die – we win! SO the real implication for our living as followers of Jesus is: Why be afraid? Let us pray that our fears of living truly a life for and in God will be taken away.



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

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it. Matthew 10.39

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, we who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death: we pray that, as you raised him from death, so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the new life to your glory, knowing ourselves to be dead in sin but alive for you in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Genesis 21.8-21

⁸ The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

Psalm: Psalm 86.1-10, 16-17

¹ Incline your ear to me, O God, and answer me:
for I am poor and in misery.

² **Preserve my life, for I am faithful:
My God, save your servant who trusts in you.**

³ Be merciful to me, O Lord:
for I call to you all the day long.

⁴ **O make glad the soul of your servant:
for I put my hope in you, O Lord.**

⁵ For you, Lord, are good and forgiving:
of great and continuing kindness
to all who call upon you.

⁶ **Hear my prayer, O Lord:
and give heed to the voice of my supplication.**

⁷ In the day of my trouble I call upon you:
for you will surely answer.

⁸ **Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord:
nor are there any deeds like yours.**

⁹ All the nations you have made
shall come and worship before you:
O Lord, they shall glorify your name.

¹⁰ **For you are great and do marvellous things:
and you alone are God.**

¹⁶ Turn to me and be merciful,
give your strength to your servant:
and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷ **Show me some token of your goodness:
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,
because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.**

Second Reading: Romans 6.1-11

¹ What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin.

⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 10, beginning at verse 24

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁴ 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;
²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.
²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.
³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

Years Mind

Dorothy Beattie, Harry Hillas, Mae Williams, Eldred Eveleigh,
George Gledhill, Bertha Bartlett, Mary McPherson, Ray Hancock,
Mary Greig
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Church of Nigeria (Bp Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba); Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People); Social Responsibilities Committee (Gordon Preece, Chair); Bellarine Parish (Robert Myers).

The Parish: Pray for our Mandarin and Sudanese speaking congregations and for Esther and Joseph.

The World: Pray for countries struggling with the Covid pandemic and their vulnerable populations.

The Nation: Pray for our state and federal leaders.

Names of those in our parish who need our prayer:

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son 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	2 Kings 17.1-18	Ps 60	Matthew 7.1-5
Tuesday	2 Kings 19.8-20, 29-36	Ps 48.1-8	Matthew 7.6, 12-14
Wednesday	2 Kings 22.8-13, 23.1-3	Ps 119.33-40	Matthew 7.15-20
Thursday	2 Kings 24.8-17	Ps 79.1-9	Matthew 7.21-29
Friday	2 Kings 25.1-12	Ps 137.1-6	Matthew 8.1-4
Saturday	Lamentations 2.1-10	Ps 74.1-11	Matthew 8.5-17

ABM Pew Reflections

Jesus shows us that God's mission is to claim the priority in our lives. May we never be afraid of dying to self so that we may be born anew, taking our part in the mystery of God's mission to the world. Help us, Lord, to bring love in your name to a world crying out for it in these unusual times. Pray that nothing will deter us from making love of God and love of neighbour our first priority. Give thanks for those who engage in the mystery of God's mission 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*

ATTENDING SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST PETER'S

You are welcome to come to the service on Sunday but please help us to make sure our numbers don't exceed the limits, and take note of the following:

- **Ring** or email **the Vicar** before Sunday.
- Arrive by **9.20am**.
- Enter the church through the **side door**.
- Read the notices on the table just inside and observe the regulations.

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!



9.30am Sunday

**CHURCH
ONLINE**

St Peter's Anglican Church Box Hill



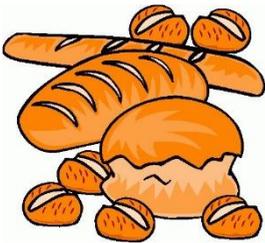
[Sunday service June 21](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNc5jbYOWOs&feature=youtu.be) (Control and click)

OR

Go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNc5jbYOWOs&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](#)

APPEALS

The words of Jesus to the scribe may not have been made during a global pandemic but living under the Roman Empire was a global reality for Jewish people which often involved questions around property, loyalty and money. Chapter 12 of Mark's Gospel contains the response of Jesus to these questions.

Taking the words of Jesus to heart, 'Love your neighbour as yourself', this year our annual appeal is focussing on those facing hardship. Gifts this year **will go to the direct relief of those suffering including many who may not be eligible for government funding.**

You may like to give to *any of the five funds* in our care.

- **Melburnians facing hardship** through the Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society
- **The unwell and those suffering from Covid-19** through the Melbourne Anglican Chaplaincy Fund (Hospital Chaplaincy)
- **Migrants and refugees** through the Migrants and Refugees Settlement Fund
- **Young people** through the Melbourne Anglican Youth Ministry Fund
- **Arts and culture** through the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation Inc.

You can make a gift today by mail to The Melbourne Anglican Foundation, 209 Flinders Lane, Melbourne VIC 3000. Or online, if you prefer: www.melbourneanglican.org.au/ServingCommunity/Foundation/Pages/Foundation

Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Sincerely, The Right Reverend Dr Bradly Billings, Chairperson

OR

Donate to **Anglicare** at **PO Box 45, Abbotsford, VIC, 3067**

Website: <https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/donation/>
to see their projects.

PUZZLING...

Answer to last week's puzzle:

Bible Verse Box

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Books of the New Testament Word Unscramble

1. NIHTIOARCNS: _____
2. IAAGNLTAS: _____
3. HIPPNLIPIAS: _____
4. BREEHWS: _____
5. STIUT: _____
6. THAMETW: _____
7. IHTTMOY: _____
8. KULE: _____
9. MESJA: _____
10. MRONAS: _____
11. EVIRTLOEAN: _____
12. OLACISNOSS: _____
13. DEJU: _____
14. SELNHASAINOTOS: _____
15. PHAEISNES: _____
16. KMRA: _____

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A man dies and goes to heaven. Of course, St. Peter meets him at the pearly gates. St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay," the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"Three points?" he says. "Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service."

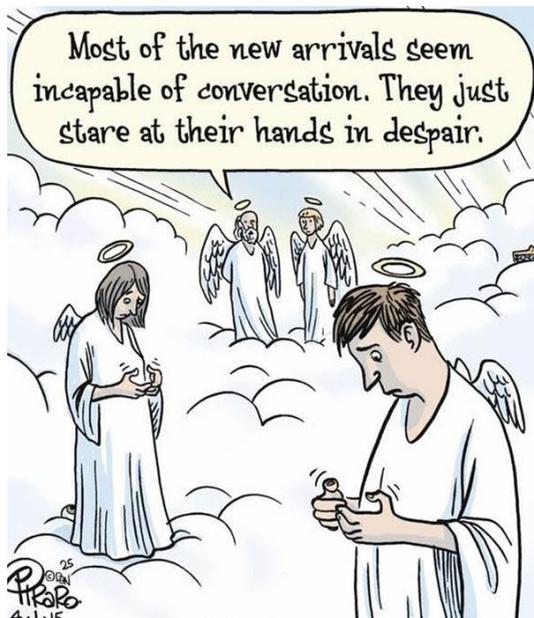
"Terrific!" says St. Peter, "that's certainly worth a point."

"One point? Golly. How about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."

"Fantastic, that's good for two more points," he says.

"TWO POINTS!!!" the man cries, "At this rate the only way I get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

"Come on in!"



What will we do without our mobile phones?!

BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE PURVEYORS OF SCARCE THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL WORKERS



FOR THEY ARE THE BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL WORKERS, THE AMBULANCE CREWS, THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD DESPITE THE MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN STEADFAST AND CONSTANT IN DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH WORKERS; THE DEACONS, PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING PRESENCE IN A HURTING WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE PARENTS,



FOR THEY ARE COPING ALONE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE IS NO RESPIRE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALONE,



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND WITH HIM THEY WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE BEREAVED,



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY - WE PRAY- THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS: ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

TEXT: JAYME MANFREDI

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This Week

SUN 21.6.20

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Streamed live service
(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 22.6.20

TUES 23.6.20

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

WED 24.6.20

THU 25.6.20

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

FRI 26.6.20

SAT 27.6.20

Food drop off and bread delivery

SUN 28.6.20

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Streamed live service



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