



Our Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship this morning as we continue into this long discipleship season of 'Sundays after Pentecost'. The Old Testament reading from Genesis is a challenge for anyone! Being asked to sacrifice a child is a difficult matter and has caused all types of consternation among scholars down the ages on how one should approach this request made of Abraham. While not wanting to deny the difficulty of the passage I do say that the entire cycle of stories with Abraham is about covenant. Early on, God chose Abraham. The question is will Abraham choose God? And that is the elemental question facing each of us. Every day we are beset with perplexing questions: Why do natural disasters kill so many? Why are we beset with global pandemics? Why are hatred and terrorism such dire threats in our world? Why are economic forces beyond our control forcing us to cut back, go without, or cause others to lose jobs and go hungry? God has chosen us and the question is will we with all our heart and being choose God? We will live our lives in trust to the one true and almighty God who created all, sustains all, and offers us true life.



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.

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.

Sentence

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6.23

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our hearts to the needs of your children, and in all things make us obedient to your will, so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Genesis 22.1-14

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ² He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' ⁸ Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. ⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ¹² He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

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

Psalm: Psalm 13

¹ How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me:
how long will you hide your face from me?

² **How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,
and be so grieved in my heart day and night:
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

³ Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me:
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

⁴ **Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed':
lest my foes exult at my overthrow.**

⁵ Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:
O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ **And I will make my song to the Lord:
because he deals so bountifully with me.**

Second Reading: Romans 6.12-23

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 40

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁴⁰ 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

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

Years Mind

Peter James, Edgar Boreham, Dorothy Lapworth, Peter Danby,
Fr James Robertson Senior, Evelyn Carty-Salmon, Fr Kevin Joyner
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Flowers in loving memory of Peter James.



Prayer Points

The Church: The United Church of North India (Bp Prem Chand Singh); Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Karingal - St Laurence Community Services; St Paul's Boronia (Vaughn Spring).

The Parish: Pray for all elderly members of our congregation both at home and in aged care.

The World: Pray for our near neighbours in the Pacific, particularly Papua New Guinea and Indonesia, as they work to control the coronavirus.

The Nation: Pray for our police, judges and lawyers and all who strive to administer justice and keep our communities safe.

Names of those in our parish who need our prayer:

Eric and Bev, Matt, Phil and Sandra, Joan, Alistair, Freya, John, Lauren, Mark, Sue, Matt, Lorraine, Neville, Nancy, Kate, Gwen, Russ, Betty, Jessie, Don, Jim, Alma, Muriel, Faye, Eileen, Nola, Margaret.

Prayer of the Week

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to suffer death upon a cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same 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	Amos 2.6-16	Ps 50.16-24	Matthew 8.18-22
Tuesday	Amos 3	Ps 5.1-7	Matthew 8.23-27
Wednesday	Amos 5.14-15, 21-24	Ps 50.7-11	Matthew 8.28-34
Thursday	Amos 7.10-17	Ps 19.7-14	Matthew 9.1-8
Friday	Amos 8.4-6, 9-12	Ps 119.33-40	Matthew 9.9-13
Saturday	Amos 9.11-15	Ps 85.8-13	Matthew 9.14-17

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 about signing the contact register and cleaning your pew area.



[Sunday Service this week 28 June](#) (Control and click)

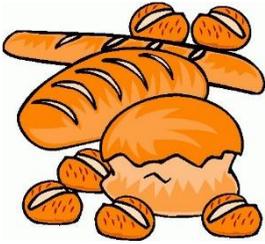
OR go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3YM7bxc6lc&feature=youtu.be>

MOTHERS' UNION – MARY SUMNER HOUSE

Some weeks ago I wrote an article regarding the dire situation of Mary Sumner House, the worldwide headquarters of Mothers Union which is in London. With the very generous donations from our branch members and some parishioners we have sent \$750 to our diocesan treasurer. He tells us that the total amount of \$4980 has been received from 51 donations, (branches and private.) This has been a great result. If any parishioners would like to make a donation or ask about Mary Sumner House, contact Jan 98906528.

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 or Undercroft for collection until Thursdays.

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

Anglicare

Donate now to help vulnerable Victorians get through this crisis. A crisis doesn't change who we are. It reveals who we are. While the Coronavirus has pushed vulnerable families to breaking point, the economic crisis is going to be catastrophic. Will you donate to help them today?

- We're delivering food and essentials weekly to families who are isolated
- We supply clean clothes directly to people who need them
- We are still assisting people with no homes, find a safe place to live
- We refer people who need specialist support via the phone or online

That's why we need your support to fund these increased efforts during these times. Please, will you make a gift today?

PO Box 45, Abbotsford, VIC, 3067

Website: <https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/donation/>



PARISH WEBSITE

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

[PARISH WEBSITE LINK](#)

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.

PUZZLING...

Answer to last week's puzzle:

Books of the New Testament Word Unscramble

1. Corinthians 2. Galatians 3. Philippians 4. Hebrews 5. Titus 6. Matthew
7. Timothy 8. Luke 9. James 10. Romans 11. Revelation 12. Colossians 13. Jude
14. Thessalonians 15. Ephesians 16. Mark

New Puzzle

The title of the puzzle below is Genesis People and there are 15 of them hidden in the array. Start with any letter and move vertically, horizontally, or diagonally to a neighbouring letter, trying to form possible words. You cannot use the same letter twice consecutively, but you can use a letter and return to it if you wish. All answers are three or more letters in length.

Can you find all 15 Genesis people?

M	L	M	H	C
A	B	E	A	S
D	U	K	R	I
J	A	B	E	N
H	C	O	N	V

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...



'A good-looking man who achieved success in everything he set out to do... his untimely death was a comfort to us all'

So did you hear the one about the group of Anglicans who decided to read through the entire Bible one year? They were quite impressed with it, on account of it containing so much of the Book of Common Prayer.

In the course of his sermon the minister asked anyone who had never sinned to stand up. To his amazement an elderly gentleman promptly got to his feet.

'Are you sure you've never sinned?' the minister asked.

'Oh yes, I've sinned sure enough,' the man replied. 'I'm standing up on behalf of my wife's first husband!'

BEFORE THE SERVICE

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This Week

SUN 28.6.20

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Streamed live service

(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 29.6.20

TUES 30.6.20

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

WED 1.7.20

THU 2.7.20

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

FRI 3.7.20

SAT 4.7.20

Food drop off and bread delivery

SUN 5.7.20

ST PETER'S DAY CELEBRATION

9.30am Streamed live service



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

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