



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
19 July, 2020

# Parish Link

## Our Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online worship and welcome to the Reverend Harry Kerr who is guest preacher at our 9.30am streamed liturgy. Today's Gospel passage contains another agricultural parable about the Kingdom of God and it containing wheat and weeds. The mixed field of the kingdom may be the church or it may be the world, but in either case, "Thank God that it's only God who judges" - that in the end we won't be the ones who judge ourselves or one another. Still, there is another way to look at this mix of good and evil, and that's to look within ourselves, as several writers suggest. Thomas Long writes, *"It is easy for Christians to look through the church windows at the world and to think of ourselves as God's special insiders, the ones who will 'shine like the sun' in the end. We can relish with smug self-satisfaction the thought of worldly types being rounded up at the great finale, collected like weeds and burned up in the everlasting fire. However, we are, ourselves, a mixture of good and evil. Sometimes we are faithful, and sometimes we are not...." Jesus' parable speaks of the burning of the weeds, as was customary in that time when weeds provided fuel for the fires. It's Matthew's way to read fiery judgment into the story, terrifying us even centuries later. But we could see that fire, Long writes, as a purifying of all that "deadens humanity or corrupts God's world. Whatever is in the world, or in us, that poisons our humanity and breaks our relationship with God will, thank the Lord, be burned up in the fires of God's everlasting love" (Matthew, Westminster Bible Companion).* These are strangely, vividly reassuring words, strengthening words, sustaining words for us today just as they were for the very first Christians struggling to survive against the odds. Our job, in a mixed field, is not to give ourselves to the enemy by devoting all our energy to the destruction of the weeds, but to mind our own business, so to speak – our business being the reconciliation of the world through the practice of unshielded love. If we will give ourselves to that, God will take care of the rest.

### 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

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Psalm 86.15

## Prayer of the Day

Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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:

Genesis 28.10-19a

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' <sup>18</sup> So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

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

**Psalm:** 139.5-10, 23-24 (sung by Fr Shane as Hymn 87)

You are before me, Lord, you are behind,  
and over me you have spread out your hand;  
such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too high to grasp, too great to understand.

Then where, Lord, from your presence shall I go,  
and from your Spirit where, Lord, shall I fly?  
If I ascend to heaven you are there,  
and still are with me if in hell I lie;

and if I take my flight into the dawn,  
or if I dwell on ocean's farthest shore,  
your mighty hand will rest upon me still,  
And your right hand will guard me evermore.

Search me, O God, search me and know my ways;  
try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;  
keep me from any path that gives you pain,  
and lead me in the everlasting way.

## Second Reading: Romans 8.12-25

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew, Chapter 13, beginning at verse 24

## Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>24</sup> He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" <sup>28</sup> He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" <sup>29</sup> But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you

would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” <sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ <sup>37</sup> He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

### Years Mind

Nellie Berry, Adele Hearn, Jim Bartlett, Wallace Fowler, Doris Edwards, Marjorie Mason, Reverend Ray Starling, Estella Smith and Thelma Langley whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Rest in peace: Kim Penwill

### Prayer Points

*The Church:* Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (Bp Joel Atiwag Pachao); Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy and People); Angliss Health Services; Parish of Caroline Springs (Jonathan Smith); Parish of St Martin's, Belgrave Heights w. All Saints, The Carlotta Tye Memorial Church Selby – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker).

*The Parish:* Pray for all those without work and for those cut off from family.

*The World:* Pray for those living in poverty with little or no medical assistance.

*The Nation:* Pray for all senior students returning to school in Victoria and pray for their teachers and younger students learning from home.

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

Emma, Eric and Bev, Miriam, Phil and Sandra, Joan, Alistair, Freya, John, Lauren, Mark, Sue, Christine, Nola, Lorraine, Neville, June, Gayle, Nigel, Eliza, Nancy, Kate, Gwen, Russ, Betty, Jessie, Don, Jim, Alma, Muriel, Faye, Eileen, Nola W, Margaret.

### Prayer of the Week

O God, you alone can order our unruly wills and affections: teach us to love what you command, and to desire what you promise, that, among the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer in time of an pandemic

*Lord Jesus Christ, healer and friend, come and care for all of us through the danger and uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic. 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>	Micah 6.1-4, 6-8	Ps 50.20-24	Matthew 12.38-42
<b>Tuesday</b>	Micah 7.14, 18-20	Ps 85.1-7	Matthew 12.46-50
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jeremiah 1.1, 4-10	Ps 71.1-6	Matthew 13.1-9
<b>Thursday</b>	Jeremiah 2.1-3, 7-8, 12-13	Ps 36.7-12	Matthew 13.10-17
<b>Friday</b>	Jeremiah 3.14-17	Ps 72.8-14	Matthew 13.18-23
<b>Saturday</b>	Jeremiah 7.1-11	Ps 84.1-9	Matthew 13.24-30

## ABM Pew Reflections

Today we read of hungry Esau throwing away his birthright for a mess of potage, a lentil stew, cooked by his brother, Jacob. It was an expensive deal: The son who had the birthright became the family leader on his father's death and inherited twice as much as any other brother (Deuteronomy 21.15-17). What valuable things have we thrown away for short-term gain in our lives? Pray that we can see the true value of the people and relationships we have in each facet of our lives, and that we can give thanks to God for everything that is precious. Give thanks for the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente*, the Philippine Independent Church.

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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)*

## CHURCH CLOSED

With the new coronavirus restrictions, there will **be no attendance at services at St Peter's** until further notice. The Sunday morning service will be streamed on YouTube as usual at 9.30am each Sunday morning.



9.30am Sunday

**CHURCH  
ONLINE**

St Peter's Anglican Church Box Hill



[SERVICE THIS SUNDAY 19 July](#) (Control and click)

OR go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Rrs3pXNXE0&feature=youtu.be>



## SAMARITANS PURSE

I have collected boxes and brochures, also a DVD to view this week. Anyone wanting a box and a starter bag (\$10), please let Jan know and these can be left in church office if you are visiting with food or envelopes. Or I can drop it off. Alternately give me a ring to arrange for me to "do" a box for you. More information in "Good News". Jan Gunst 98906528

## SHAWL RAFFLE

Congratulations to Elizabeth Burton who is the winner of the shawl raffle held to support people affected by the bushfires. Her beautiful shawl was made and kindly donated by Jenny Walker. With thanks to all who bought tickets.

## Good News

In the May **Good News** several people contributed news about how things were going for themselves and for the parish. It was still early days with autumn weather and people were cheerful and upbeat.

Where are we now? It would be good to have some more news of how people are going and what is happening now that things have got harder and we are asking *How Long?*

All contributions for August **Good News** welcome.

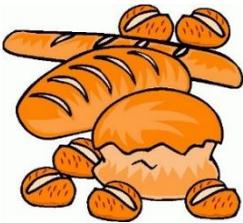
Send to Harry, [ahmkerr@hotmail.com](mailto:ahmkerr@hotmail.com) by July 27<sup>th</sup>

## 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.



## 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 bread 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.**

# PUZZLING...

Answer to last week's puzzle:

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## Quick Quiz (answers below)

1. What relationship was Ruth to Naomi?
2. In which book of the bible would you find Rachel?
3. Who was Jacob's mother?
4. In which book of the bible would you find Gideon?
5. Who did Abram marry?
6. What was the name of the sister of Moses?
7. Which woman was a seller of purple goods?
8. With whom did David commit adultery?
9. Which female judge described herself as "a mother of Israel"?
10. In which book of the bible would you find Enoch?

Answers: 1. Daughter in law 2. Genesis 3. Rebekah 4. Judges 5. Sarai 6. Miriam 7. Lydia 8. Bathsheba 9. Deborah 10. Genesis

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...



*'In order to accommodate all religions, we're going to sacrifice Derek, the school hamster, to Zarg, Lord of Darkness, after school'*

OK, we all know that 666 is the Number of the Beast.

But did you know that:

1010011010 Binary of the Beast

DCLXVI Roman numeral of the Beast

\$665.95 Retail price of the Beast

\$732.60 Price of the Beast plus 10% GST

\$769.95 Price of the Beast with all accessories and replacement soul

Route 666 Way of the Beast

666 F Oven temperature for roast Beast

668 Next-door neighbour of the Beast

6.66 Word Processor of the Beast

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A. Ruthless.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

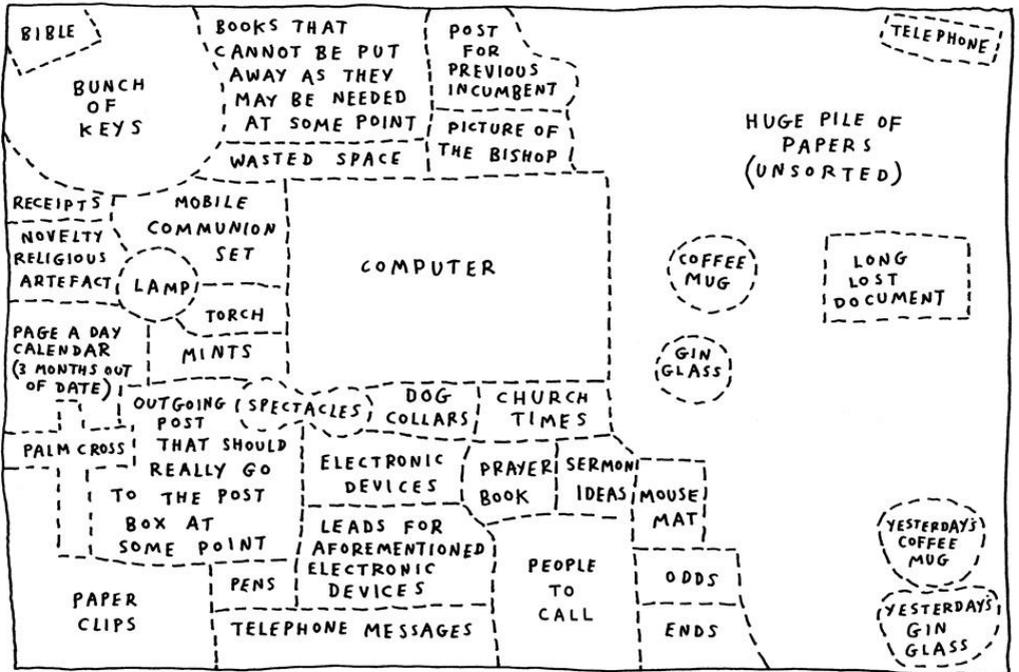
A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

# THE CLERGY DESK

THE TRIED AND TESTED WAY TO ARRANGE IT





It was Edna's first day as stand-in for the recording angel and already her spelling was causing problems

As the boat was sinking, the Captain raised his voice to ask. 'Does anyone here know how to pray?'

One man said, 'Yes, I do. I'm a Vicar.'

'Good,' said the Captain. You go ahead and pray while the rest of us put on the life-jackets. We're one short.'



## This Week

**SUN 19.7.20**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**MON 20.7.20**

**TUES 21.7.20**

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

**WED 22.7.20**

**THU 23.7.20**

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

**FRI 24.7.20**

**SAT 25.7.20**

Food drop off and bread delivery

**SUN 26.7.20**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

9.30am Streamed live service



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