



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
26 July, 2020

Parish Link

Our Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online worship as we continue to be God's people in community in Box Hill. Welcome also to Father Alasdair who is guest preacher at the 9.30am liturgy. Today's Gospel passage contains wonderful images of what the kingdom of heaven is like – treasure hidden in a field and a pearl of great price. Items for which one is tempted to give up everything! Is that how we approach our faith in God? Is it at the heart and soul of who we are or something else? We also have in Romans a wonderful passage. I appreciate what William Loader has to say on this passage:

Finally Paul's flourish in 8:38-39 is a wonderful assertion of love over against the competing and threatening powers which in their persuasiveness or power have the capacity to enslave us. Paul does not give us detailed predictions about the future. He doesn't have to have "knowledge-control", that is, answers which pretend to know the unknown. He doesn't have to pretend the powers don't exist or present no menace. Paul can face up to his own vulnerability without deceit and without magic. He does so simply because he is convinced that God, the God of Jesus is loving. That gets him through. Paul stakes everything on God's goodness. That is also the heart of the gospel which he preaches.

I would suggest that it is the heart of the Gospel we preach and endeavour to live out in these challenging times as well!

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

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38–39

Prayer of the Day

O God, the fount of wisdom, you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask this 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 29.15-28

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' ¹⁹ Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. ²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' ²⁶ Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' ²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

Psalm:105.1-11

¹ O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.

² **Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.**

³ Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

**⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.**

⁵ Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,

**⁶ O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.**

⁷ For he is the Lord our God:
and his judgements are in all the earth.

**⁸ He has remembered his covenant for ever:
the word that he ordained for a thousand generations,**

⁹ The covenant that he made with Abraham:
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

**¹⁰ And confirmed it to Jacob as a statute:
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

¹¹ Saying 'I will give you the land of Canaan:
to be the portion of your inheritance'

Second Reading: Romans 8.26-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God 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 13, beginning at verse 44

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' ⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. ⁵⁴ He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?' ⁵⁷ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.' ⁵⁸ And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

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

HYMN TIS 392 (Sung by Fr Shane)

We rejoice to be God's chosen
not through virtue work or skill,
but because God's love is generous
unconformed to human will
And because God's love is restless
like the surging of the sea
We are pulled by heaven's dynamic
to become not just to be.

We rejoice to be God's chosen
to be gathered to God's side
not to build a pious ghetto
or be steeped in selfish pride
but to celebrate the goodness
of the One who sets us free
from the smallness of our vision
to become not just to be.

We rejoice to be God's chosen
to align with heaven's intent
to await where we are summoned
and accept where we are sent.
We rejoice to be God's chosen
and amidst all that we see
to anticipate with wonder
that the best is yet to be.

Years Mind

Jessie Rennie, Joan Kruger, Colin Yonge, Hazel Mereweather,
Winifred Ebbs, John Braybrook

whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for the team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to be taking place now – please pray for them as they consider the implications of its postponement in light of the COVID-19 pandemic; Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy and People); Inner West Church Kensington (Peter Greenwood); St James' Dandenong – Patronal festival (Bp Paul Barker); Yarraville Parish – pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for the safety and health of all parishioners.

The World: Pray for success in the search for a vaccine against coronavirus.

The Nation: Pray for those without work and income and those in dangerous jobs.

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, Fr. Philip Newman

Prayer of the Week

O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer in time of a 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

Monday	Jeremiah 13.1-11	Ps 78.55-63	Matthew 13.31-35
Tuesday	Jeremiah 14.17-22	Ps 79.8-13	Matthew 13.36-43
Wednesday	Jeremiah 15.10, 16-21	Ps 59.1, 18-20	Matthew 13.44-46
Thursday	Jeremiah 18.1-6	Ps 146.1-7	Matthew 13.47-53
Friday	Jeremiah 26.1-9	Ps 69.6-14	Matthew 13.54-58
Saturday	Jeremiah 26.11-16, 24	Ps 69.32-38	Matthew 14.1-12

ABM Pew Reflections

Having tricked his older brother out of his birthright, Jacob is himself tricked. Having served Laban for seven years on the understanding that he would be allowed to marry Laban's younger daughter, Rachel, Jacob finds that the veiled woman he went to bed with was in fact Leah, the older sister, not nearly as pretty in Jacob's eyes. Complaining, Jacob is forced to hear Laban saying that giving the younger daughter in marriage before the first is not the done thing. Jacob then works for another seven years in order to enter into a (polygamous) marriage with Rachel. Pray for all who find themselves to have been tricked or swindled by wily, unscrupulous operators. Give thanks for the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.



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

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.



[Sunday Service this Sunday 26 July](#)
(Control and click)

OR go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nVHjwTvSt0&feature=youtu.be>

JAN'S BISCUITS

Jan has made a supply of yummy biscuits in different varieties and sizes which are for sale for \$5 and \$7 per tub as a parish fundraiser.

The containers are in the office and you can help yourself or come in on a Tuesday or Thursday. Correct money would help!



Jan has also kindly volunteered to make a special batch of favourites if you let her know and even to deliver them.

If you would like some biscuits but can't come, then please ring Jan.

Ph: 9890 6528

Thanks, Jan!

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

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 by Monday, July 27th



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 for collection until Thursdays.

Today we start a new series of pieces titled "Journeys at Home" which will cover a variety of topics and provide us with thoughtful and encouraging reading.

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. **Items can be collected from you if you let Fr Shane know.**

Drop off time:10.00-11.00am

Items required: rice, pasta, pasta sauce, full-cream milk, flour, breakfast cereal.

JOURNEYS AT HOME

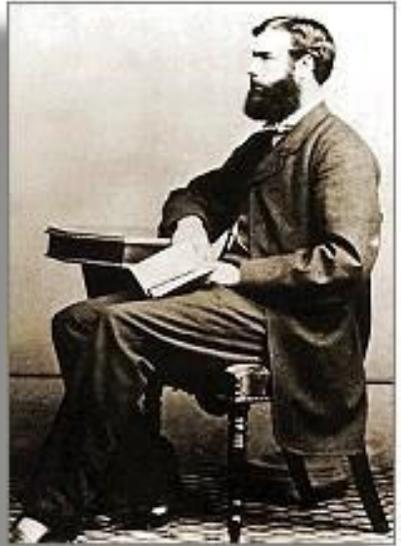
There was nothing really out of the ordinary about the life of Francis Kilvert in the mid 19th century. Born in 1840, his father a Church of England minister, Francis was ordained in 1863 and spent most of the rest of his life as a not too well paid curate in England and Wales. In 1879 he married, but had scarcely returned from his honeymoon when he died, aged 38, of peritonitis. Also typical of his time and place were his interest in nature, his love of the beauty and innocence of children, and his enjoyment of his limited social activities and vacations walking in England. Less ordinary, perhaps, was the diary he kept for 9 years, eventually filling 22 notebooks.

In it he recorded a medley of details about what he saw and did, people he met, the weather....

On 3 November 1874 he wrote

‘Why do I keep this voluminous journal? I can hardly tell. Partly because life appears to me such a curious and wonderful thing that it seems a pity that even such a humble and uneventful life as mine should pass altogether away without some such record as this.’

The diaries were inherited by the niece of Kilvert’s sister. Between 1938 and 1940 sections transcribed by the poet William Plomer were published – about one-third of the whole. In 1954, when Plomer returned to visit the owner he found that she had moved to a nursing home, and had destroyed all but three of the books. These extracts were very popular in the post war period, offering what some interpreted as a peaceful 19th century idyll, but this is far from being the complete picture.



In a recent article Canon Rod Garner mused on the life of Rev. Francis Kilvert, as revealed to us in these diaries. Garner describes him as “a conscientious and complex priest with a pastoral heart and a surging appetite for life.”

Two things stand out in the available extracts, which seem to capture the very texture of life in the English and Welsh countryside 150 years ago. The first is the writer’s keen observations of the physical world, from the beautiful and lyrical to the painful. The writer Peter Conradi has noted that although Kilvert “has no shortage of macabre subject-matter” he somehow managed to pull off the feat “a knack, mastered by few” of writing evocatively about happiness. On a 6 mile walk with his father in 1872 they “were casting piteous glances at all quarters of the heavens to catch any gleam of hope... The rain fell piteously. The Harbour below us in the Vale of Arrow was a welcome sight, a haven of refuge. In spite of the wild weather on the mountain we could not help noticing the beautiful effect produced upon the steep slopes by the vast sheets of brilliantly green young fern spreading among the old black heather.”

The second is his love for, and service to, his parishioners, many of them suffering deep poverty and disease. His prayers, administration of the sacraments and pastoral sympathies were accompanied by the gathering and distribution of food and clothing, and the securing of pensions for ex-servicemen of the Napoleonic wars. In a period with no government support for the poor, the unemployed, the disabled or the mentally ill these were vitally important activities.

“Monday 14th February. St Valentine’s Day

A pretty flower Valentine from Incognito. Walked to Hay with Mr V. (*a local Vicar*). We went to Williams’ the drapers and looked at blankets, sheets and coverlets, as we propose to spend some of the surplus Communion alms in bedding for the poor people who want it much in this vigorous weather.” On the previous day he had baptized a baby “in ice which was broken and swimming about in the Font.”

On Christmas Eve 1878 he went to comfort and pray with a family whose child had died, and on Christmas Day, with a temperature overnight of -17, he conducted the morning service, had “Christmas dinner” with the local gentlewoman at 1.30, and at 2.15 returned to the church to conduct the funeral, followed by Evening Prayer.

It is clear from the diary entries that Kilvert was a patient and sympathetic listener for the people of his parishes, even those who were difficult and aggressive, and he was frequently the recipient of confidences. He heard many stories of great sorrow and in September 1873 after meeting a man coming from night work reflected “Herriman has only three day’s holiday during the year, while to me every day is a holiday and enjoyment and delight. And for no desert of mine.”

He enjoyed hearing about old stories and old songs and going to talk with an elderly resident at Clyro Hannah Whitney, about her memories – often startlingly violent - of “the old days” in the early part of the century. On Wednesday 5th March 1873 he wrote “After Church I went to see Hannah Whitney, and she received the Holy Communion for the first time at the age of fourscore years and ten.”

Conradi again

“He makes us experience the physicality of his world as if we were at his side. Here he is, watching lapwing: ‘The peewits were sweeping...in the hot blue air about the tall trees with a strange deep mysterious hustling and quavering sound from their great wings.’ Kilvert’s acuity of eye and ear, his art of catching life on the wing and of communicating a tenderness of feeling our more cynical age has forgotten: these are moving skills from which we can still learn.”

At the base of the cross on Rev. Francis Kilvert’s grave we read Hebrews 11.4 “He being dead yet speaketh” – a most appropriate text for a voice which continues to speak wonder and encouragement to us.

PUZZLING...

Anagrams to do with the bible.

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ahorstu _____

acehprst _____

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

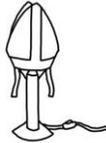
Saint Peter addresses this man, "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?" The guy replies, "I'm Joe Cohen, taxi driver, of New York City." St. Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven." The taxi driver goes into Heaven with his robe and staff, and it's the minister's turn. He stands erect and booms out, "I am Joseph Snow, pastor of Calvary for the last forty-three years." St Peter consults his list. He says to the minister, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven." "Just a minute," says the minister. "That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff. How can this be?!" "Up here, we work by results," says Saint Peter. "While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."

MITRES

USES DURING A PANDEMIC



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LAMPshade



POPCORN HOLDER



HANGING BASKET



GLOVE



PIPING BAG



MEASURING DEVICE



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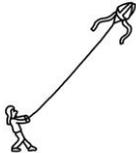
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BUNTING



WASTE PAPER BASKET



KITE



PUPPET



BELLOWS



RAINBOW

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I'M SUPPOSED TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING AND MAKE THE KINGDOM OF GOD MY **TOP PRIORITY**, RIGHT?



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ACTUALLY, JESUS IS THE MAN WHO **SELLS IT ALL*** TO BUY FIELD WHICH IS THE WORLD. HIS **PEOPLE** ARE HIS **TREASURE****.



*PHIL 2:7 **PS 135:4



YOUR TOP PRIORITY IS NOT TO **HAVE** TREASURE, BUT TO **BE** TREASURED.



MATTHEW 13:13-33, 44-52

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This Week

SUN 26.7.20

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Streamed live service

(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 27.7.20

TUES 28.7.20

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

WED 29.7.20

THU 30.7.20

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

FRI 31.7.20

SAT 1.8.20

Food drop off and bread delivery

SUN 2.8.20

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Streamed live service



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