



Our Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online worship today. Our Gospel reading this morning contains what has been described as a very difficult passage for our understanding of Jesus. Did Jesus get it wrong? Regardless of the answer to that question, there is no doubt that the Kingdom of God is enlarged as a result of the encounter between the Canaanite woman and Jesus! There are certain features of this woman's behaviour we can reflect upon this morning. She was not shy; she was not swayed; she was not stopped; and in the end she was satisfied. May she be an inspiration to us today as we never forget that God's Kingdom is always bigger than what we think!



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

Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.' Isaiah 56.1

Prayer of the Day

God of freedom, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 45.1-15

¹ Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm: 133

¹ Behold how good and how lovely it is:
when families live together in unity.

**² It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard:
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,
that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

³ It is like a dew of Hermon:
like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

**⁴ For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:
which is life for evermore.**

Second Reading: Romans 11.13-32

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry ¹⁴ in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!

¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy. ¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹ You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.' ²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. ²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³ And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree. ²⁵ So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, 'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.' ²⁷ 'And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.' ²⁸ As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 15, beginning at verse 21

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Years Mind

John Hobba, Douglas Cliff, Ruby Beaumont, Irene King, Trish Thomson
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Rest in Peace *Robert (Bob) Pockett*, who passed away on
10th August at the age of 98. (Younger brother of Elvie Orange)



Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church (Bp Mark Strange); Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, General Secretary Anne Hywood, the General Synod & the Standing Committee); St Michael's Grammar School (Terrie Jones, Principal; Kenyon McKie, Chaplain); St Mark's Dromana (Paul Woodcock); St John the Baptist Church Lilydale – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); Christ Church Melton – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Give thanks for all the work and efforts of those who lead the parish.

The World: Pray for the people of Beirut as they deal with the horror of death and destruction after the explosion.

The Nation: Pray for our Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, and for our Premier, Daniel Andrews, and for capable leadership at this time.

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, Nancy, Kate, Gwen, Russ, Betty, Jessie, Don, Jim, Alma, Muriel, Faye, Eileen, Nola W, Margaret, Fr. Philip Newman and Louis.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same 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	Ezekiel 24.15-24	Ps 78.55-70	Matthew 19.16-22
Tuesday	Ezekiel 28.1-10	Ps 36.1-6	Matthew 19.23-30
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34.1-11	Ps 23	Matthew 20.1-16a
Thursday	Ezekiel 36.23-28	Ps 51.10-17	Matthew 22.1-14
Friday	Ezekiel 37.1-14	Ps 107.9	Matthew 22.34-40
Saturday	Ezekiel 43.1-7a	Ps 85.8-13	Matthew 23.1-12

ABM Pew Reflections

Oddly, today we jump over all of Joseph's experiences in Egypt – from prison to virtual prince – and find ourselves towards the end of the story with his brothers where he reveals who he is and says was sent ahead by God to ensure his brothers' continued existence because of the famine that has beset the area. Joseph has made meaning out of his ghastly experience and forgives his once-murderous brothers. Pray that all those who have life experiences which are horrid can find some kind of meaning and thrive, just as Joseph did. Give thanks for the Nippon Se Ko Kai, the Anglican Church of Japan.



*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*

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED – but the Link goes on!

With the new coronavirus restrictions, **the office at St Peter's has had to be closed.** The Link from is being produced from home so please still send emails to the Vicar (vicar@anglicansboxhill.org.au) and he will forward them as necessary. You can contact Cecilia directly at cecilia_joyner@hotmail.com.

GIVING ENVELOPES.

Now the office is closed and with the new lockdown, anyone who dropped off their weekly giving envelopes will not be able to do so. You can now:

- drop them off to the Undercroft on a Sat morning and give them to Fr Alasdair.
- Fr Shane can collect them from your house.
- post them to: The Vicar, Anglican Parish of Box Hill, P.O. Box 1199, Box Hill, 3128.
- Make a deposit to the parish account. NAB,
BSB: 083 004, Acc. No: 3468 14183, Reference: WFO.



[Sunday Service](#) (Control and click)

OR go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EV8ywREcx&feature=youtu.be>

SHARING

Please let the Vicar or Cecilia know of any news, anniversaries, birthdays that can be shared in the Link amongst our church community. The Link remains available online and is delivered to anyone who can't access the website and does not use a computer.

ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS FOR 2021

Orders are now being taken for the 2021 Anglican Church Calendars – they remain at \$12 each and orders can be given to Michele Mitchell either by phone 9890 4387 / 0408 531 045 or email, themitchells01@bigpond.com.



to **Joan Simmons**
Many congratulations!

BREAD DELIVERY AND FOOD DONATION



The bread and food deliveries will still take place. Please deliver your groceries as usual and pick up bread. Food emergency relief is important and permitted at this time by the government.

Please ring the Vicar if you want to contribute food but cannot bring it. Or to find out more. 0432 681 177

Thanks to all those who are donating items to our Sudanese families. Here is a list of additional items to supplement the basics which are requested.

Foods: Peanut Butter, crunchy. Biscuits, eg. Milk arrowroot, Teddy bear or Savoys. Full cream milk. Milo.

Household needs: Toothpaste. Soft toothbrushes. Paper towel. Toilet paper. Spray cleaner, home brand. Dishwashing liquid.

Drop off time: 10.00-11.00am

MOTHERS UNION FUNDRAISING

I have crocheted a single bed rug in rainbow colours to **raffle**, with a knee rug as 2nd prize. \$2 per ticket. Any donations from parishioners would be well received. This will go towards our current Australian projects, such as supporting parenting programmes in PNG, and northern outreach, which facilitates people going to remote communities to share the Word of God.

If you have been transferring your Free Will Offering to the church account, then donations and raffle money can be transferred this way also, with the reference MU donation or raffle. Tickets will be done for you or talk to Jan, 98906528. Thank you. Jan Gunst, MU Leader.



JOURNEYS AT HOME

Chocolate and Religion

Chocolate is produced from the fruit of a small tree originating in the Amazon Basin, *Theobroma cacao*. Theobroma is derived from Greek and means “Food of the Gods”, while cacao is a European adaption of its Mesoamerican name. In this region it was probably being cultivated from around 2000 BC. “Food” in the name is something of a misnomer: for around 90% of its history the product derived from the beans was drunk – and drunk only by elites. The now-familiar “chocolate” bar is very recent indeed.



To prepare the fruit for consumption involved – and still does – fermentation, drying, roasting and winnowing - the brief germination of the seeds in the cacao pod during the first process is responsible for the distinctive chocolate flavor. We have abundant evidence from texts, images and grave goods that in Pre-conquest cultures the resulting substance was prepared with a wide variety of flavourings – vanilla and chilli

among them - that the drink was preferred with a frothy head, and that special containers were made for its storage, preparation and consumption. It was also an important part of marriage ceremonies, and Bishop Landa described a ritual in which children were anointed with chocolate mixed with flowers, a ceremony which he compared to baptism. The numerous gods of the various pantheons were offered both beans and chocolate drinks as part of rituals, and in particular the Mayan “God L”, the god of the merchants – is named as the “Cacao God”, probably since the pods had to be transported over long distances to lowland cultures.

It is hardly surprising that the Spanish invaders were intrigued by the substance. They described the Aztec ruler as drinking chocolate from gold vessels, and became aware that part of the tribute demanded by him was paid in cacao, each pod being valued at around \$20 in our currency. However, those who tasted it were not impressed by this bitter drink - Benzoni, wrote in 1575 “It seemed more a drink for pigs than for humanity.” By Europeans it was classified as a drug, and debate raged over its benefits, but by the later 17th c it was widely used by wealthy Spaniards and Italians. However, consumption also had to weather a raging debate over whether it was to be classed as a drink or a food – if the latter then it could not be consumed from midnight before taking communion, or on fast days, including Fridays and during Lent. No less than seven successive Popes were consulted on this matter – all agreed that chocolate did not break the fast.

An important factor in the spread of the drink was the Jesuits who were among the most important missionaries to the New World, took to chocolate drinking with enthusiasm, and became heavily involved in the cacao trade. The Jesuit Tommaso Strozzi even wrote a long – and highly fanciful - poem (in Latin) on chocolate in 1689. The increasing demand for cacao led to a search for new growing areas and plantations were set up in Ecuador. Here inferior varieties which required heavy sweetening were set up, but the cost of production was very low, since both the cacao and sugar were produced by slave labour. The Jesuits concentrated on Paraguay where the local populations were controlled in “reductions” to labour on crops which produced income; in Brazil they were similarly forced into collection of wild cacao.

The 19th c saw rapid and far reaching changes in the processing of cacao beans. In 1828 a Dutch chemist, Van Houten, took out a patent for his method for expelling about 62% of the cacao “butter” – the fat content of the bean – and treating the resultant material with alkaline salts to make it more soluble. “The aged, thick and foamy drink was de-throned by easily-prepared, more easily

digestible cocoa”. (*The True History of Chocolate*).

In 1847 the Fry manufactory blended this cocoa powder and sugar with melted cacao butter to produce bar chocolate. The family of J.S.Fry and Sons were Quakers, and an important part of their rationale was to wean consumers from alcohol. By the end of the century they were the largest producers of chocolate in the world, with an exclusive contract to supply the Royal Navy. Their great rivals, Cadbury and Rowntree, were also Quakers. George Cadbury obtained the patent for the van Houten process, marketing what is now called “drinking chocolate.” In 1868 his brother introduced the first box of chocolates – with a painting of his daughter holding a kitten on the box, a very far cry from New World images. Also in marked contrast to earlier practices the Cadburys established a model town – Bourneville – for their workers, where employees were still in the 1990’s



being presented with a Bible when they married. The Frys anticipated 21st century concerns by boycotting Portuguese West Africa, where cacao was being grown under extremely harsh working conditions.

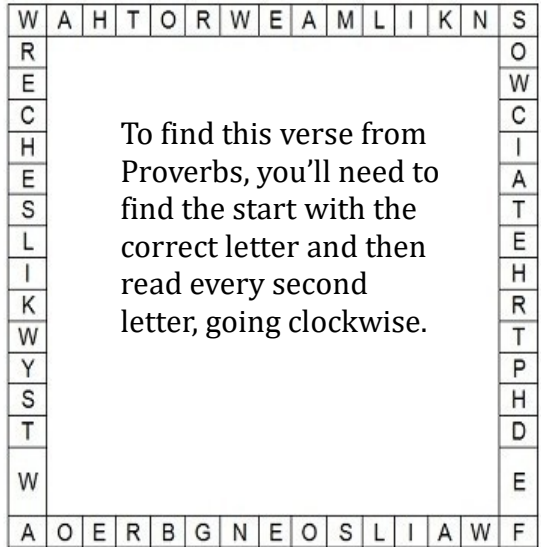
The early 20th century saw the epicenter of chocolate production shift to America under the aegis of Milton Snavely Hershey, a Mennonite from Pennsylvania, who developed a complete town – including five churches – for his thousands of employees. Total mechanization of production, and the emphasis on “milk chocolate” undergirded his success.

Oxfam International was formed as an NGO for famine relief internationally in 1947. From the 1970s emphasis was increasingly placed on Fair Trade,

encompassing a variety of initiatives to better support Third World producers. Cacao is one such commodity. Farmers are estimated to receive about 3.2% of the final cost of a chocolate bar, and many earn under 50 c US a day – below poverty level. The widespread use of child labour is linked to this system. In the 1990's an independent company, Green and Blacks was somewhat successful in supporting growers fairly. In 2005 the company was purchased by Kraft Foods (now Mondelez International). The international chocolate market is currently estimated at around 100 billion US per annum.

PUZZLING...

To find this verse from Proverbs, you'll need to find the start with the correct letter and then read every second letter, going clockwise.



TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Bill Gates dies and goes to the pearly gates. St. Peter tells him that he has done both good and bad things...so they are letting him tour heaven and hell to choose where he will go. He goes to hell and sees beautiful beaches and women and computers and loves it. He visits heaven and spends time there – lots of harps and angels. When St Peter asks where he wants to be, he says hell. St Peter agrees. A week later, Bill is in anguish and being tortured. “Where are all the beaches and women?” he asks. The devil laughs, “That’s just a screensaver.” (PS. Jesus is always a better computer techie because Jesus saves!)

HEALTH AND SAFETY

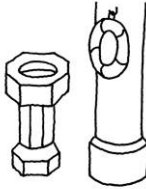
GUIDANCE FOR CHURCHES: THINGS YOU NEED TO DO



RISK ASSESSMENTS BEFORE EACH SERVICE



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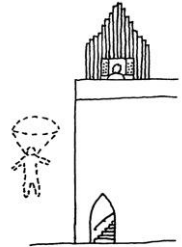
HARD HATS FOR ANYONE CARRYING A STICK



GLOVES TO BE USED BY ALL BISCUIT-ARRANGERS



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YOU CAN HARDLY **BLAME PETER**. IT'S NOT LIKE HE'D WALKED ON WATER **BEFORE!**

TRUE.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO SEE IS THAT EVEN THOUGH PETER TAKES HIS EYES OFF JESUS, JESUS NEVER TAKES HIS EYES OFF OF PETER.

I'M SUPPOSED TO FIND SOMETHING PROFOUND IN THAT AREN'T I?

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MATTHEW 14:22-33

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This Week

SUN 16.8.20

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Streamed live service

(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 10.8.20

TUES 11.8.20

Office closed

WED 12.8.20

THU 13.8.20

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FRI 14.8.20

SAT 15.8.20

Food drop off and bread delivery

SUN 23.8.20

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