



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
23 August, 2020

Parish Link

Our Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online worship today. Today in our Gospel reading we are confronted with THE question that defines our lives: *Who do we say Jesus is for us?* Is he our Lord and Saviour? The response to that will transform ALL that we do. As Paul reminds us we, as believers in and followers of Jesus, present ourselves as *living sacrifices*, are not *conformed to this world*, and we live to do what is good and acceptable and perfect. As we worship this morning may our hearts be open to the transforming Spirit of God to do just that. Tomorrow is the feast day of St Bartholomew. We know very little about this Saint and maybe just knowing that he was a servant of God is enough. For us Bartholomew is a reminder that sometimes the most important part of being a disciple of Jesus is just showing up, then we can wait and see how God will use us. We see that God often comes to people in rather ordinary ways and through rather ordinary people. God still comes to us through rather ordinary people - average parents, mediocre priests, undistinguished Sunday School teachers. Yet when we come with an open mind and true heart, we can see the extraordinary presence and experience the extraordinary power of God. When we do, God uses us, ordinary people doing ordinary things, to build up the kingdom and to make a difference in our world. Let us seek to follow Bartholomew's undistinguished faithfulness. Without striving for glory and recognition, let us be content to be faithful, ordinary followers of Jesus. Then there will come a day when we will hear our Lord say, "Well done, you good and faithful servant."

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

Martha said, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' John 11.27

Prayer of the Day

O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Exodus 1.8-2.10

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' ¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her,

'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

Psalm: 124

¹ If the Lord had not been on our side,
now may Israel say: if the Lord had not been on our side,
when our enemies rose against us,

² **Then they would have swallowed us alive:
when their anger was kindled against us.**

³ Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,
and the torrent gone over us:
the raging waters would have gone clean over us.

⁴ **But praised be the Lord:
who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.**

⁵ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:
the snare is broken, and we have gone free.

⁶ **Our help is in the name of the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.**

Second Reading: Romans 12.1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Hymn: God of grace and God of glory

1

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your Church's story,
bring the bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

2

See the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

3

Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 16, verses 13-20

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Years Mind

Val Henley, Effie Kagan, Jeanne Stockdale, Derek Bennett,
Dorothy Strachan, Douglas Baker, Nancy Wright, Win Jackson,
Constance Cox, Ron Bracken
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia (Abp Melter Tais); Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); Tintern Grammar (Brad Fry, Principal; Alison Andrew, Chaplain); St Thomas' Ferntree Gully Upper (Anne Kennedy); St Mark's Forest Hill – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Luke's Sydeham – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd);

The Parish: Pray for Fr Shane as he begins his pilgrimage.

The World: Pray for peaceful relations in the Middle East.

The Nation: Pray for the chief health officers of the nation and the states.

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

Creator God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may

have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through 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	2 Thessalonians	Ps 96.1-6	Matthew 23.13-22
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians	Ps 96.7-13	Matthew 23.23-26
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians	Ps 128	Matthew 23.27-32
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1.1-9	Ps 145.1-7	Matthew 24.42-51
Friday	1 Corinthians	Ps 33.1-8	Matthew 25.1-13
Saturday	1 Corinthians	Ps 33.13-21	Matthew 25.14-30

ABM Pew Reflections

As we all know, government sentiments change and the story we now read is one where the Israelite people found themselves surrounded by prejudice and hostility in Egypt. History repeats itself when Moses is born: like Joseph, he, a Hebrew, will come to live with the Egyptian royal family. Pray for those who are subject to prejudice and hostility because of their ethnic background. May God's Spirit support and encourage them in the face of racism and other forms of irrational hatred. Give thanks for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia



*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 office work will continue from home.

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.
- Save them up and pass them on when you are able.



SUNDAY SERVICE (Control and click)

OR go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TDKfmtcMVw4&feature=youtu.be>

BREAD DELIVERY AND FOOD DONATION

We are still collecting groceries and at this time are passing them and the bread on to **St Faith's Burwood** who are **supporting stranded international students who have no income**. Please ring the Vicar if you want to contribute food but cannot bring it in. Or to find out more. Ph: 0432 681 177



drop off time: 10.00-11.00am

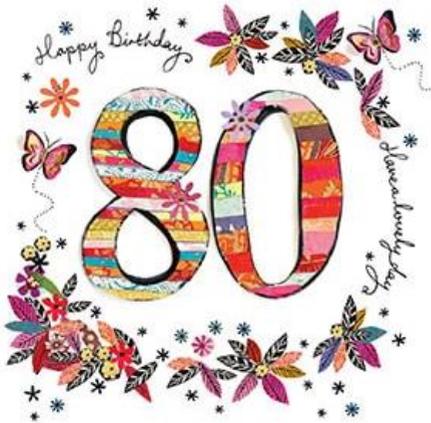
The following items have been requested:

Long Life Milk, Tea & Coffee, Cereal, Breakfast

Spreads: Jams, Honey, Vegemite, **Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Rice, Lentils, Chick peas, Tinned Meals** (ring top preferred), **Tinned Vegetables/Fruit** (ring top preferred), **Toiletries, Toilet Paper, Tinned Tuna** (ring top preferred), **Washing Powder, 2 Minute Noodles, Tinned Soups** (ring top preferred).

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



Birthday congratulations

to Jan Gunst!
80 on August 24

*Also, to Jenifer McKenzie,
who turns 80 on the same day*

COVID-19 VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

to the FIVE CATHEDRALS of the ANGLICAN PROVINCE of VICTORIA

by the Reverend Shane Hubner, Vicar of the Anglican Parish of Box Hill

From 20 August (just before St Bartholomew's Day) to 22 November (Christ the King), I will endeavour to walk a pilgrimage from my parish of St Peter's in Box Hill to each of the five Cathedrals of the Province. Obviously while in lockdown I can't do this for real so it will be a VIRTUAL pilgrimage. I will walk 10 km a day around my home and will plot my progress on a map as if I were walking around the Province. I will virtually visit each Cathedral along the way, receive a virtual welcome from the Dean and community of each Cathedral and build the relationship between Box Hill and these Cathedrals. I will blog about the pilgrimage weekly at: <http://fathershane.org>

I will also use this pilgrimage as a fundraiser for the Whitehorse Community Centre, who assists the homeless in my local parish. In this lockdown period it is the homeless and rough sleepers who are doing it hard and any money raised will go far. People may like to sponsor me 1 cent a kilometre. Details of where donations can be made and further information can be found by emailing me

vicar@anglicansboxhill.org.au

Ph: 0432 681 177

Pledges can be made into the following account:

BSB 033-135, Account Number: 535329

The pilgrimage route is:

- St Peter's Parish, Box Hill to St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne: 14 km
- St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne to Christ Church Cathedral, Ballarat: 114 km
- Christ Church Cathedral, Ballarat to St Paul's Cathedral, Bendigo: 113 km
- St Paul's Cathedral, Bendigo to Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta: 205 km
- Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta to St Paul's Cathedral, Sale: 272 km
- St Paul's Cathedral, Sale to St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne: 213 km
- St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne to St Peter's Parish, Box Hill: 14 km

Total = 945 km or about 95 days

MOTHERS UNION FUNDRAISING

You can buy tickets in the Mothers' Union raffle for \$2 each. 1st Prize colourful crocheted rug and 2nd prize a knee rug. Any donations from parishioners would be well received. This will go towards our current Australian projects.

Donations and raffle money can be transferred via the Parish bank account 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



Richard Rutt, Bishop, linguist, knitter

Cecil Richard Rutt was born on 27th August 1925. During the war he worked as a Japanese translator. After completing his studies he was ordained as an Anglican priest in 1952 and in 1954 moved to Korea as a missionary, beginning work as a parish priest working in rural areas.

Fr Rutt was deeply interested in the history of Korea, and proved himself an expert linguist, becoming fluent in Classical Chinese and Korean. He was very active in publishing articles and translations, and building up a library of books related to Korea. His *Korean Works and Days: Notes from the Diary of a Country Priest*

published in 1964, proved to be very popular. It is a personal account of his interest in Korean traditions, which were being rapidly abandoned during the time he worked there. His other publications included both historical accounts, including one on Korean martyrs, but also translations of classic novels and also *sjjo*. This is a form of Korean poetry with just 14-16 syllables divided into three lines, which developed around 1200, and is still practised today. His translations are considered by experts to be among the best available in English. Here is an example

*The white snow has left the valleys where the clouds are lowering,
Is it true that somewhere the plum trees have happily blossomed?
I stand here alone in the dusk and do not know where to go.*

YI SAEK (1328-1396)

After several years heading the theological school he was made an Archdeacon, and in 1968 Bishop of Daejeon. The following year he married Joan Ford, whom he had met in Hong Kong. By 1974, feeling that it was time for local Anglican clergy to control the church, he sought to resign the Bishopric, and return to being a parish priest, but this was disallowed. Instead he was offered a post on Cornwall as Suffragan bishop of Truro. Here again his linguistic skills led him to learn Cornish

so that he could celebrate the sacraments in that language – he even became a Cornish Bard.

In 1979 he was named Bishop of Leicester. According to the *Church Times* he succeeded a “*a very traditional bishop in the liberal Evangelical style, (who had been the Bishop there for 27 years) and one of the last to wear gaiters regularly. The diocese was ready for innovation and a change of direction, but this was a dramatic contrast — an Anglo-Catholic bishop attired in a sports jacket and one of his own hand-knitted pullovers.*” However, despite some friction Bp Rutt’s gifts for preaching (without notes) and strong pastoral care were respected.

After retirement in 1990 he returned to live in Cornwall, and continued publishing on Korean and Chinese literature. However he had become increasingly opposed to changes within the Anglican Church, including the ordination of women, and in 1994 he and his wife were received into the Roman Catholic Church, and he was priested in 1995. In 2009 he was given the title of Monsignor by Pope Benedict. He died in 2011.

Did you note the reference to his “hand-knitted pullovers”? Bp Rutt’s other passion was for knitting, and in 1987 he published *A History of Hand Knitting*. This book, with its basis in both scholarly research and practical knowledge remains, astonishingly enough, the definitive text on hand knitting. The dedication is

To Joan

She sayd as her whytte hands

Whytte hosen were knyttynge,

What pleasure yt ys to be married

He must have delighted in the fact that some of the earliest surviving hand knits are beautiful cotton, and later silk, gloves, worn by Bishops called *chirotheca* “worn when the mitre was worn, but taken off when the bishop went to the altar to consecrate the bread and wine.” These are known in a relatively simple form from the 13th c, but by the 16th they were elaborately patterned, usually in red and gold silk.

Moreover, the earliest images we have of knitting actually being done, which date from the 14th c in

Germany and Italy, are of Mary at work – on four needles- knitting a garment for her little son. In the most famous, known as the Buxtehude Madonna by Master Bertram of Minden “she has almost finished the garment, and is ready to cast off round the neck. Three balls of yarn lie in a straw basket beside her...The boy Jesus lies on the grass in the garden with an open book before him...He does not look at his mother, but turns his head to look at two angels who stand behind him, one carrying a cross and three nails, the other a spear and a crown of thorns.” The allusion, in this garment knit in the round, is unmistakably to the “seamless robe” for which the soldiers cast lots at the Crucifixion.



Bp Rutt also assembled a wonderful collection of early knitting books, including many rare items, and donated them to the Winchester School of Arts at

Southampton University. They have been digitalized, and are readily available to anyone interested.

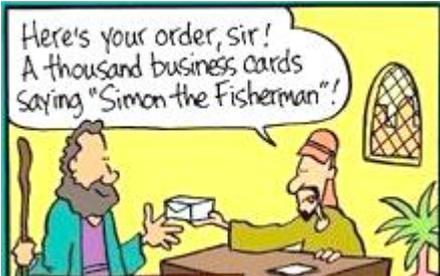
On the cover of *A History of Hand Knitting* Bp Rutt, flanked by an impressive collection of books, wears a beautiful knit jacket, and holds an elaborate rug of figured squares. No mere scholarly theorist he – he knitted the mitre for his consecration. Someone who saw it reported that it was knit of gold thread“ and when the light shone on it, it looked as though it had been made of beaten gold.”

PUZZLING...

The first letter of each answer forms the name of one of the great Jewish feasts.

1. That which we are to do without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
2. The man God knew would command his household after him (Genesis 18:19)
3. A bird God notices as it falls to the ground (Matthew 10:29)
4. A church mentioned in Revelation (Revelation 3:1)
5. The number of times Christ offered up Himself for sin (Hebrews 7:27)
6. That which Jesus calls Himself in John 15:1; "the true _____"
7. A man who kissed his brother who had wronged him (Genesis 33:4)
8. The last book in the New Testament.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...



AND
LATER
THAT
DAY...



This Week

SUN 23.8.20

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Streamed live service

(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 24.8.20

TUES 25.8.20

Office closed

WED 26.8.20

THU 27.8.20

Office closed

FRI 28.8.20

SAT 29.8.20

Food drop off and bread collection

Between 10 – 11.00am

SUN 30.8.20

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Streamed live service



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