



Father Alasdair writes...

The Season of Creation is celebrated during the four Sundays in September prior to St Francis of Assisi Day on the 4th of October. Additionally, in Year “A”, we focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in Creation. Today, the first Sunday in this Season is called Forest Sunday so we will together explore around the nature of the trees and other plants that God created and in so doing, remember that the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, sustains all life, and is indeed present in all things, seen and unseen. This makes every atom of God’s creation, Holy.



Creation Season: Jubilee for the Earth

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.



[SUNDAY SERVICE](#) (Control and click)

OR go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PjD2pjzNC4&feature=youtu.be>

Sentence

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for whoever loves another has fulfilled the law. Romans 13.8

Prayer of the Day

Go before us, O Lord, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; 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: Genesis 2:4b-22

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹² and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” ¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a

helper as his partner. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

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

Psalm: 139:13-16

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

Second Reading: Acts 17:22-28

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 3 , verses 1-16

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence

of God.”³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.”⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.”¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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

Hymn

O for a thousand trees to sing
And join with us this day,
With ferns and frogs and butterflies:
A forest hymn of praise.

Come celebrate with all the land,
Let species rare begin,
With geese and owls and cockatoo:
A choir of country kin.

How can we hear creation groan,
The Outback cry in pain?
With desert dragons we rejoice
When Earth is born again.

Let ev’ry stream and river flow
In song toward the sea;
With whale, and seal and albatross
We thank God we are free!

O for a thousand trees to sing
And join with us this day,
With ferns and frogs and butterflies:
A forest hymn of praise.

Years Mind

Jean Poulter, Stanley Thompson, John Murray, Alice Gledhill, Don Walter, Bill Smith, Kathlyn Toussaint, Ray Bell, Christopher Hill whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (Abp Thabo Makgoba); Diocese of Sydney (Abp Glenn Davies, Regional Bps Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Peter Hayward, Peter Lin, Malcolm Richards, Gary Koo, Clergy & People); Brighton Grammar School (Ross Featherston, Principal; Chester Lord, Chaplain); St Oswald's Glen Iris (Glen Loughrey); St Stephen's Warrandyte – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Paul's Kew East – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Holy Trinity Doncaster – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Pray for Fr Shane on “staycation” and as he continues his pilgrimage.

The World: Give thanks for all the beauty of this planet and for the gifts of nature.

The Nation: Pray for our country as spring and new life begins.

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

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and so great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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	1 Corinthians 5.1-8	Ps 5.3-7	Luke 6.6-11
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 6.1-11	Ps 149	Luke 6.12-19
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 7.25-31	Ps 45.10-15	Luke 6.20-26
Thursday	1 Corinthians 8.1-7	Ps 139.13-18	Luke 6.27-38
Friday	1 Cor 9.16-19, 22b-27	Ps 84.1-7	Luke 6.39-42
Saturday	1 Corinthians 10.14-22	Ps 116.11-18	Luke 6.43-49

ABM Pew Reflections

Today (in the middle of a lengthy discourse on the plagues of Egypt) we read of the Passover, seemingly to scholars a combination of two ancient festivals of two ancient peoples – one agrarian, the other nomadic: part seems to be from an agricultural people who when harvesting their cereal crops destroyed the previous year's yeast and began a new starter; the other seems to be from a peripatetic herder people who propitiated their gods by sacrificing a lamb from the flock as they moved from wet winter pastures to dry summer ones. Pray that we give thanks to God as the seasons change, giving thanks for the beauties and joys of each. Remember with thanks the farmers who grow our food, and those who make foodstuffs out of their products. Give thanks for the work of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy.



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursdays or email the Vicar or cecilia_joyner@hotmail.com*

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED

But office work will continue from home.

SAMARITAN'S SHOEBOXES

I am sure we can deliver a good number of boxes by the end of October, even though we haven't met at church for some time. I have boxes, also starter bags (\$10). These can be picked up from the Undercroft when dropping off groceries and collecting bread on Saturday mornings. The Vicar or I can deliver if not too far away. Alternately I will "do" a box for you. Call Jan on 98906528 or 0425 757 778.

FUNERAL FOR FATHER JOHN STOCKDALE

For those of us who would like to be part of the funeral for Fr John, it will be live-streamed on **Friday 11 at 2.00pm**. This is the link:

[FUNERAL SERVICE FOR FR JOHN](#)

BREAD DELIVERY AND FOOD DONATION

We are still collecting groceries and at this time we are passing them and the bread on to **St Thomas' 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

Many thanks to Fr Alasdair for carrying out this work.

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).

NEWS OF MURIEL SMITH

Happy Birthday to Muriel who turns 91 on 7th September. Muriel is currently staying with her son Laurie, and enjoying the company of some of her grandchildren, who are mostly at home during the current lockdown restrictions. Muriel's second Great Grandson - Lincoln Thomas Dorling - was born on Sat 1st August

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday also to Kim Cornish & Michele Mitchell, who share a birthday on 8th September!

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.

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

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

- 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

WHERE IS HE NOW?

This week Fr Shane is on the (virtual) road to St Paul's Cathedral, Bendigo

JOURNEYS AT HOME

Maria Sibylla Merian and Metamorphosis

In her beautifully written *Chrysalis* (2007) Kim Todd explores the extraordinary life of Maria Sibylla Merian (1647-1717) a Dutch artist and naturalist. Many aspects of Merian's life still remain a mystery, but the insects she studied with such meticulous attention and dedication are themselves still mysterious. Although a million species have been described, this may account for less than a quarter of the earth's insect population, and their amazingly diverse forms and life cycles still astound researchers.

Maria was born in Frankfurt, into a family of Calvinists who had fled from religious persecution in Belgium. The family operated a flourishing printing workshop specializing in expensive illustrated books on a wide variety of topics including natural history, geography and religion. Her stepfather was a painter specializing in still life. In spite of the disruptions of the Thirty Years War she was well educated.



Women however were not admitted to the oil painters guild, but were able to work in watercolour. Already at 12 she was putting her skills to work studying and documenting the life cycles of silkworms. It was only in the later 17th c that the old theories of spontaneous generation of insects were beginning to be challenged by detailed observation and the use of the microscope. Maria began an almost lifelong habit of entering her own observations in small study books, fascinated by the transition from grub to pupa to mature insect.

At 16 she married, and in 1668 gave birth to her first daughter. Yet although occupied in the demanding work of running a household she continued to study and draw plants and animals. In 1670 the family moved to Nuremberg. It was a thriving city, but, like much of Germany, gripped at that time by witch-hunting. Both insects and metamorphosis were suspect, potentially evil. Maria sought protection in alliance with the respectable and powerful including leading painters and engravers like Sandrart. She taught classes on flower painting, and in 1675 published her first book, pages of blossoms, but her real love, insects, continued unabated. One specimen she struggled for five years to raise before succeeding. By 1679 she was ready to publish *The Caterpillar's Wondrous Metamorphosis*. Despite her humble demurral to "gentleman scholars" she went on to produce two more volumes, recording the life history of hundreds of species.

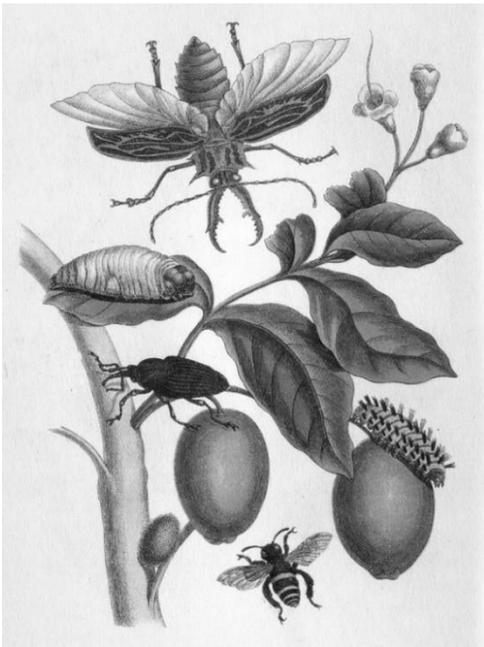
Merian's half-brother had become deeply involved with one of the Pietist sects of the time. This was a highly influential movement within Lutheranism which stressed individual piety based on a personal encounter with the Bible and visible

manifestation of belief. Uneasy with her own preoccupation with “new discoveries (so that) I was not able easily or unwaveringly to contemplate or enjoy God either in himself or in his creatures” and with her 20 year marriage unravelling, Merian travelled, with her mother, and her 7 year old daughter, to Weiwert in Holland, far from any town, to join a Labadist colony. Unfortunately such colonies tended to tilt the quest for plain and holy living toward coercion and punishment. In her first years there Merian copied out and ordered her past notes and sketches, but from 1689 she resumed fresh studies

On August 27, a black and yellow caterpillar grew still, preparing to shed its skin
On August 28, a green-dotted, willow-eating caterpillar changed into a pupa

The Labadists also had a colony in Surinam, a Dutch colony in tropical north east South America. The Dutch population there did not flourish; climate, disease and privation took their toll, and in 1688 soldiers mutinied and killed the governor. Horrific reports returned to Wiewert – but also reports of the astonishing, fecund, unknown plants and animals of the territory.

In 1691 Maria moved back to Amsterdam – as with many details of her private life, we don't know the reason. Here she was at the epicenter of the flood of wealth, information and specimens pouring into the Netherlands from colonies and trading ventures. She needed to establish herself anew; divorced by Graff she took back her father's name and thereafter signed and published as Merian. Collectors were avid for specimens of all kinds, but when she visited these collections she found them devoid of documentation of life cycles. She gained work painting botanical portraits, was able to discuss natural history with leading researchers, but these contacts consumed her time, and her study book entries dropped away sharply.



Still, after 8 years in Amsterdam she and her daughter were financially well off. In 1699 she and the 21 year old Dorothea embarked for Surinam. The two month voyage itself was dangerous and uncomfortable, the colony no less so. Yet there was a feast of “vigorous observation” to be had – the very

houses were full of unknown insects, and it has been noted that her paintings expand, become less ordered, glow with colour. To a European the astonishingly prolific natural life, the “eternal Spring” of the tropics and the profusion of new foodstuffs, which Merian both ate and painted, were delightful, but disorderly.

Eventually, she penetrated to the more remote parts of the colony, discovering ever new wonders.



She had intended to remain 5 years, but after 2, ill with fever, she reluctantly set out on her return. In the next three and a half years she worked hard, producing illustrations for two volumes on shells and crabs. They interested her little – she did not sign the paintings – but the work paid well. By 1702, she was working on a bold project – a book of 60 folio plates of engravings after her paintings of Surinamese subjects – by 1705 it was done. She revised and republished her earlier books, and increasingly received interested visitors, but struggled financially. In 1711 she made her last study book entry.

In 1717, on the day she was buried, Peter the Great's agent purchased all the items left in her studio from her daughter and shipped the paintings and books to the Tsar in St Petersburg. The study books he kept for himself. Published and republished her plates from her Surinam book became degraded and

muddled. In the mid 19th c they were used to harshly criticize her "wrong" and "amateur" observations. In a bitter struggle for professionalization of sharply defined fields of research she was a casualty of ambitious "professionals", blamed for images which she had never drawn.

However, in the 1970s the Soviet Academy of Sciences began to issue facsimile volumes of the works in St Petersburg. They proved captivating, and her fame grew.

In the Introduction to her revised caterpillar book Meriam wrote of the "miraculous being and beauty in such tiny little Animals that no Painter with Brush and Paint can reach it." Perhaps not, but her work encourages us to look afresh at the infinite natural surprises all around us.

PUZZLING...

The answer to last week's cryptogram: *hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection*

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

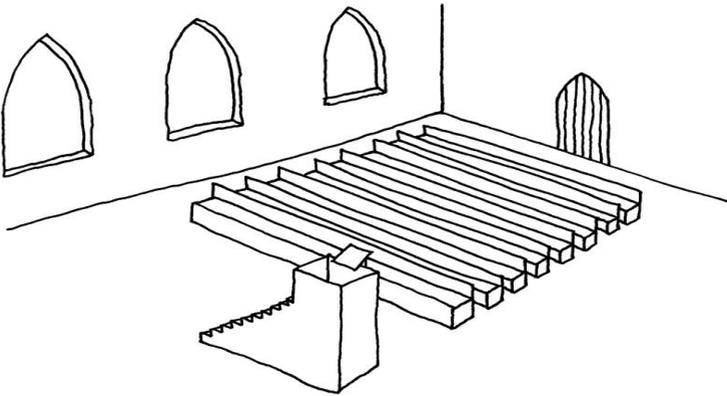
Think of all the amazing things Paul accomplished for the Kingdom. He did it all without coffee.



WE HAVE COFFEE.
Just imagine what we're capable of.

AdamHd

THE CHURCH IS EMPTY



THIS IS BECAUSE EVERYONE IS BUSY



HELPING AT THE
FOOD BANK



DELIVERING
PRESCRIPTIONS



CREATING
ONLINE WORSHIP



RUNNING THE
DEBT ADVICE CENTRE

This Week

SUN 6.9.20 9.30am Streamed live service
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 7.9.20

TUES 8.9.20
Office closed

WED 9.9.20

THU 10.9.20
Office closed

FRI 11.9.20

SAT 12.9..20
Food drop off and bread collection
Between 10 – 11.00am

SUN 13.9.20
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9.30am Streamed live service

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