



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
20 September, 2020

Parish Link

Father Alasdair writes...

In the Season of Creation for this year, we have to date explored the theme of the Spirit of Creation in the trees and in the land. Today we look at the theme of Wilderness, which includes the previous themes, in that wilderness comprises the land and plants, but typically with the absence of humans. This is what wilderness was like in Bible times. In both Testaments, wilderness was always about the absence of humans, about isolation, and usually about deprivation. The surrounding paucity of all kinds of things, I think, was conducive to meditating on all kinds of matters. Our current situation, under restrictions to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, sees us in a kind of wilderness. Just as many of our favourite Bible characters actively sought out wilderness to give them the peace to think about their relationship with God, a God who was not always visible in the created world due to the constant distractions that it presented, so we too can use this time of isolation that we now face, to help us to set aside our distractions and spend some "sabbath" time in conversation with our God. The activity of the Holy Spirit in their creation makes the trees and the land sacred. Wilderness gives us the space, and the time, and the focus, to sit in a sacred place and think about not just the sacred nature of all creation, but about our God-given role in it, and, most importantly, our relationship with God. I pray that everyone can find a way to experience their COVID wilderness and allow it to both enlighten us about our relationship with God, and to be refreshed for the work to which we are called as God's holy people.

Creation Season: Jubilee for the Earth Outback / Wilderness Sunday

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.



(Control and click) [SUNDAY SERVICE 20th September](#)

OR go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ab3MkVoJtAY&feature=youtu.be>

Sentence

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2.8–9

Prayer of the Day

Loving and righteous God, your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve, and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first: liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may be free to love and serve others, and in your service may find our true reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Joel 1:8-10, 17-20

⁸ Lament like a virgin dressed in sackcloth for the husband of her youth. ⁹ The grain offering and the drink offering are cut off from the house of the LORD. The priests mourn, the ministers of the LORD. ¹⁰ The fields are devastated, the ground mourns; for the grain is destroyed, the wine dries up, the oil fails. ¹⁷ The seed shrivels under the clods, the storehouses are desolate; the granaries are ruined because the grain has failed. ¹⁸ How the animals groan! The herds of cattle wander about because there is no pasture for them; even the flocks of sheep are dazed. ¹⁹ To you, O LORD, I cry. For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and flames have burned all the trees of the field. ²⁰ Even the wild animals cry to you because the watercourses are dried up, and fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

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

Psalm: 18:6-19

⁶ In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.
From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

⁷ **Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because he was angry.**

⁸ Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.

**⁹ He bowed the heavens, and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.**

¹⁰ He rode on a cherub, and flew;
he came swiftly upon the wings of the wind.

**¹¹ He made darkness his covering around him,
his canopy thick clouds dark with water.**

¹² Out of the brightness before him
there broke through his clouds hailstones and coals of fire.

**¹³ The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
and the Most High uttered his voice.**

¹⁴ And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;
he flashed forth lightnings, and routed them.

**¹⁵ Then the channels of the sea were seen,
and the foundations of the world were laid bare
at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.**

¹⁶ He reached down from on high, he took me;
he drew me out of mighty waters.

**¹⁷ He delivered me from my strong enemy,
and from those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me.**

¹⁸ They confronted me in the day of my calamity;
but the LORD was my support.

**¹⁹ He brought me out into a broad place;
he delivered me, because he delighted in me.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 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.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 3, verse 13

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.
¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ⁴ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

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

Hymn:

Beauty for brokenness,
hope for despair
Lord, in your suffering
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children,
justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset
sour kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives,
cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen,
trade for their skills;
land for the dispossessed,
rights for the weak;
voices to plead the cause
of those who can't speak.

Refrain... *God of the poor
friend of the weak
give us compassion we pray
melt our cold hearts
let tears fall like rain
come, change our love
from a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars,
havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary,
freedoms to share,
peace to the killing-fields,
scorched earth to green;
Christ for the bitterness,
his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth,
oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned,
our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
carelessness, greed;
make us content with
the things that we need.

God of the poor...

Lighten our darkness,
breathe on this flame
until your justice burns
brightly again;
until the nations
learn of your ways,
seek your salvation
and bring you their praise.

God of the poor...

Graham Kendrick

Years Mind

Margaret Hart, Nellie Stuckey, Norman Langley, Fr Richard Southey,
James Toussaint
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Abp Justin Badi Arama); Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Weatherill, Clergy & People); Caulfield Grammar School (Ashleigh Martin, Principal; Ryan Holt, Amanda Lyons and Kate Jacob, Chaplains); Parish of St Paul's, Inverleigh w. St John's, Bannockburn and Church of the Epiphany, Meredith (Tim Smith); Parish of St John's, Cranbourne w. Christ Church, Tooradin – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul



Barker) ; St Agnes Glenhuntly – Pastoral Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Christ Church Newport – Pastoral Service (Bp Kate Prowd)

The Parish: Pray for Fr Shane as he returns from his leave.

The World: Pray for our wilderness and forests and for the protection of our land.

The Nation: Pray for all those affected by family violence.

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.

Prayer of the Week

Loving Father, whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, and yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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	Proverbs 3.27-34	Ps 15	Luke 8.16-18
Tuesday	Proverbs 21.1-6, 10-13	Ps 119.33-40	Luke 8.19-21
Wednesday	Proverbs 30.5-9	Ps 119.97-104	Luke 9.1-6
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 1.2-11	Ps 90.1-6	Luke 9.7-9
Friday	Ecclesiastes 3.1-11	Ps 144.1-4	Luke 9.18-22
Saturday	Ecclesiastes 11.9-12.8	Ps 90.13-17	Luke 43b-45

ABM Pew Reflections

Even though God was already providing for the Israelites as they were journeying out of Egypt, the people nonetheless complained, remembering their enslavement as an idyllic time when they sat by fleshpots eating their fill of bread. So, having provided for their needs, God now provides for the ungrateful people's wants,

sending them manna in the morning and quails in the evening. God gives freely to sustain life in a foretaste of the Eucharist. 'In Exodus, through food and water, the people are transformed, as they grow from adolescence to adulthood – into being God's people, obedient to him.' – Chris Haslam. Pray that we will be committed to sharing God's generosity throughout the world. Give thanks for all those who generously care for others, especially remembering Anglicare and all other church caring agencies throughout Australia.



*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.

COVID-19 VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

to the FIVE CATHEDRALS of the ANGLICAN PROVINCE of VICTORIA

Starting on 20 August (just before St Bartholomew's Day) to 22 November (Christ the King), Father Shane is walking on a pilgrimage from our parish of St Peter's in Box Hill to each of the five Cathedrals of the Province. He will walk 10 km a day around his home and will plot the progress on a map as if he were walking around the Province. He will virtually visit each Cathedral along the way, and write a blog about the pilgrimage weekly at: <http://fathershane.org>

The pilgrimage is also a fundraiser for the Whitehorse Community Centre, who assists the homeless in our local parish. People may like to sponsor him 1 cent a kilometre. Details of where donations can be made and further information can be found by emailing him:

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 now on the (virtual) road to Holy Trinity, Wangaratta

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

SAMARITAN'S SHOEBOXES

We plan to have all the shoeboxes in the church for the service at the end of October. Call Jan to discuss or for collection. 98906528 or 0425 757 778.

LOCKDOWN BLUES?

Are you experiencing “Lockdown Blues”? If this resonates, you might be interested in an article: ***Acedia: the lost name for the emotion we're all feeling right now*** by Jonathan Zechner of the Australian Catholic University in “The Conversation”. He identifies what we're feeling with Acedia which has been identified as what Psalm 91 describes as *the sickness that destroys in the Noonday*. The article can be found at <https://theconversation.com/acedia-the-lost-name-for-the-emotion-were-all-feeling-right-now-144058>

If you are feeling blue the best answer is to lift the phone and talk to someone. Fr. Alasdair and I would be happy to listen as would Fr. Shane after the 23rd.

Say well, God bless. Harry

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).



Did you know that you can join in the ZOOM fellowship after the service at 11.00am **by phone** as well as on your computer?

Dial by your location 7018 2005 Australia
Meeting ID: 980 8701 5658

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.

JOURNEYS AT HOME

Paper Cuts #2

Mary Granville Pendarves Delany (1700-1788)

Canadian poet Molly Peacock gave her wonderful 2010 memoir/biography an attention-getting title: *THE PAPER GARDEN. MRS. DELANY {BEGINS HER LIFE'S WORK} AT 72.*

Her subject is now best known for the 985 extraordinary collage images of plants and flowers which she created, but there is certainly much more to her life than that.

Mary Delany was born into minor English nobility who supported the current Queen, Anne. She had a good early education, and was taken into the house of her childless aunt to be trained as a royal Maid of Honour, learning languages, history, embroidery and music – during this time she became acquainted with Handel, and continued to be a close friend of the composer all her life. Her families' fortunes changed with the accession of the Hanoverian dynasty, and at 17 she was urged into marriage with a 60 year old MP, Alexander Pendarves, basically as a political alliance. From this time onwards Mary and her sister Anne, one year her junior, corresponded voluminously, and these letters provide a vivid picture of both her life



and the society of her time. Anne kept them – over 3000 pages full of sparkling details and wit.

Her marriage lasted seven years, with her husband becoming increasingly disabled and drinking heavily, and she was then left with only minimal resources. Like other widows and unmarried women of the time she was reliant on the support of friends and family. Among the close friendships she developed was one with the Duchess of Portland, Margaret Cavendish Bentinck. The Duchess was not only extremely wealthy in her own right, and well connected, she was a passionate and omnivorous collector and patron of scientific endeavours. Her main property, Bulstrode Hall, was known as “the Hive” for its promotion of scholarly work especially on botany, but also on shells and birds. Through her Mary met Sir Joseph Banks, and was able to examine material from Cook’s voyages, which she recorded in painting and needlework. She also met, and came to admire, Dean Jonathan Swift, who also admired her; one of her letters, he wrote, amused him for three days.

During this period she refused several offers of marriage (probably including one from John Wesley). While visiting a friend in Ireland she met Dr Patrick Delany, an Irish clergyman 14 years her senior. They married in 1743, after the death of his first wife, and moved to Dublin in 1745. This marriage was also vehemently opposed by her family, who tried to prevent it. Mary wrote *"I could not have been so happy with any man in the world as the person I am now united to; his real benevolence of heart, the great delight he takes in making everyone happy about him, is a disposition so uncommon, that I would not change that one circumstance of happiness for all the riches and greatness in the world."* When her husband became Dean of Down they set up house at Mount Panther, where they enjoyed gardening; their home at Glasnevin, Dellville, became the basis for the National Botanical Gardens. Mary continued to do embroidery and painting, and also worked on a shell grotto, a popular occupation at the time.



In a letter to her sister during her marriage she describes their day

‘We rise about seven, have prayers and breakfast over by nine. In the mornings D.D. makes his visits, and I draw; we dine at two; reading and talking amuse us till supper, and after supper I make shifts and shirts for the poor naked wretches in the neighbourhood . . . ’

However, Dr Delany’s last years were ones of declining health, and financial difficulties, in part due to his openhanded hospitality. He died in 1768. Her sister Anne had died in 1761. Mary Delany entered a period of deep grief. Molly Peacock describes her as “an absolute wreck...she was dislocated, indecisive....” The

Duchess of Portland, now herself a widow, continued to provide support. It was at Bulstrode, one day in 1772, that Mrs Delany noticed a piece of red paper, the exact colour of a flowering geranium in a pot nearby. She picked up scissors, cut out shapes, placed them on a sheet of black paper – the first of her “paper mosaicks” as she called them.

All of the 985 are on black grounds, painted a deep velvety black with watercolour.

Against this ground both the astonishingly vivid colours and the minute details stand out, sometimes with an almost hallucinatory power. Many of them involve hundreds of minute pieces of coloured papers. Not only do they have a compelling aesthetic, they are botanically accurate, a characteristic shared with her flower embroideries which enriched both her surroundings and her dress. The collages were labelled with the Latin name of the plant, and it is probable she dissected specimens to understand their structure. Sir Joseph Banks wrote that looking at her work one could ‘describe botanically any plant without the least fear of committing an error’.



“I have invented a new way of imitating flowers” she wrote to her niece. The Duchess provided enthusiastic support, and as she created more, and they became known, admirers flocked to see them, and present her with blooms. King George 111, and Queen Charlotte visited in 1776, and asked to see her work. Delighted by their approbation, she doubled her output that year. In 1783, however, declining sight caused her to stop creating her “paper garden”, just short of her goal of 1000 sheets. When the Duchess died in 1785 the King presented Mrs Delany with a cottage at Windsor and a stipend – and a special sedan chair so that she could attend Morning Prayer each day.

Eventually the ten volumes of plates which she had had bound as the “Flora Delanica” passed to family members who in 1895 presented them to the British Museum. Digital images of all of them have been placed online.

I hope it is not only the beauty and variety [of the natural world] that delights me; it is impossible to consider their wonderful construction of form and colour, from the largest to the most minute, without admiration and adoration of the great Author of nature.” (Mary Delany to Bernard Granville, October 10th 1774)

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Jesus said, "Who do people say that I am?"

And his disciples answered and said, "Some say you are John the Baptist returned from the dead; others say Elijah, or one of the prophets.

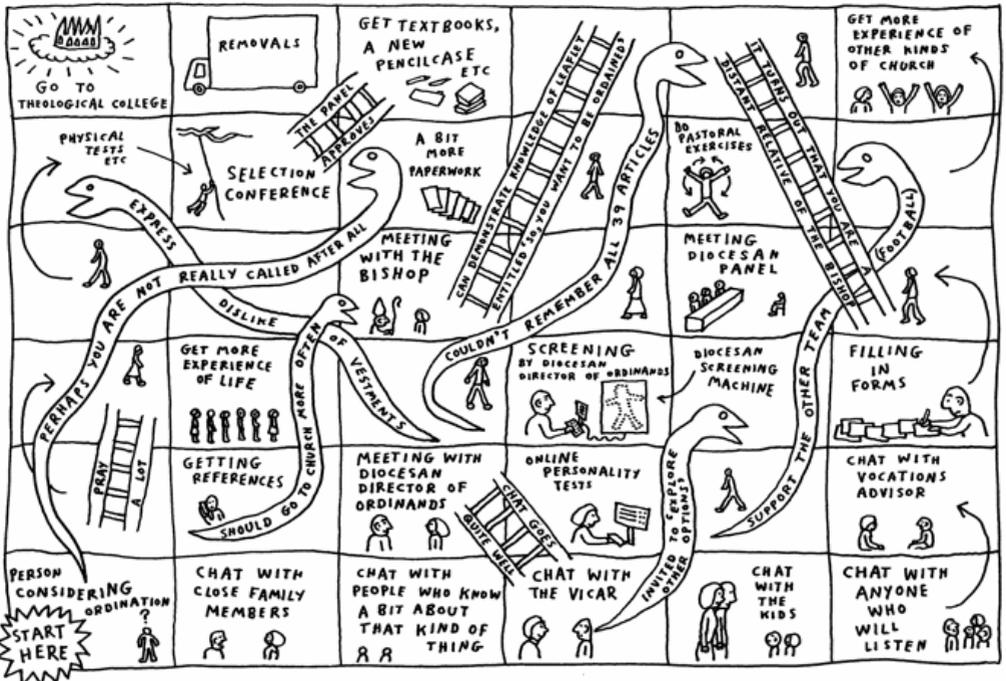
And Jesus answered and said, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Logos, existing in the Father as His rationality and then, by an act of His will, being generated, in consideration of the various functions by which God is related to his creation, but only on the fact that Scripture speaks of a Father, and a Son, and a Holy Spirit, each member of the Trinity being coequal with every other member, and each acting inseparably with and interpenetrating every other member, with only an economic subordination within God, but causing no division which would make the substance no longer simple."

And Jesus answered and said, "What?"

THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS

HOW TO BE SELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY





This Week

SUN 13.9.20 9.30am Streamed live service
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 (Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 14.9.20

TUES 15.9.20
 Office closed

WED 16.9.20

THU 17.9.20
 Office closed

FRI 18.9.20

SAT 19.9..20
 Food drop off and bread collection
 Between 10 – 11.00am

SUN 20.9.20
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 9.30am Streamed live service



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