



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
27 September, 2020

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship online today. We celebrate our rivers today as the closing Sunday for our season of creation. I take this opportunity to thank Father Alasdair and Father Harry for preaching the last three Sundays as I enjoyed a 'stay-cation.'

Next Sunday is the Feast of St Francis and usually we would be having our Pet's blessing service but due to the COVID-19 pandemic we cannot meet and bring our pets. But we can do the next best thing – send to the parish a photo of your pet and as part of the liturgy next Sunday we will bless our pets online! Please make sure you include the name of the pet you wished blessed.

I reference, in my sermon today, cities and, while on leave, I came across this Sustainable Cities Prayer, written by the Liturgical Commission of the Anglican Church of Australia:

We give you thanks, O God, for lively centres of commerce and learning, for clean industrial zones and green transport systems, for hospitals, law courts, sports grounds and galleries, for gardens, parks and open spaces, and for the melting pot of cultures, races and languages that make our cities sing. Give us wisdom to plan for safe and sustainable cities, to reduce our consumption of energy and resources, and to find homes for everyone. Make us rich in community-builders and generous neighbours. Raise up people of faith to seek the welfare of the cities where they live and to proclaim your peace and presence there, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Creation Season: Jubilee for the Earth River 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.



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

OR go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4E0--49dhA&feature=youtu.be>

Sentence

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him. Hosea 6.1a, 2b

Prayer of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant, and in humility became obedient even to death. For you have highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in everlasting glory. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Genesis 8:20-22; 9:12-17

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ And when the LORD smelled the pleasing odor, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. ²² As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." ⁹ ¹² God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

Psalm: 104:27-33

²⁷ These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;

²⁸ **when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰ **When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.**

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—

³² **who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Second Reading: Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 28, verses 1-10

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

Years Mind

Hugh Beach, William Lowe, Ruth Marshall, Ernest de Bruin, Bill Wright
Bernard Pettman, George Addison, Brian Coulter,
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (Abp Ezekiel Kumor Kondo); Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People); Firbank Grammar School (Jenny Williams, Principal; Christine Croft, Chaplain); All Saints' Kooyong (Kuncoro Rusman, Lachlan Thompson, Daniel Abraham); St John's Bentleigh – Pastoral Service (Abp Philip Freier); Christ Church Berwick – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Michael's Carlton North – Pastoral Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Red Door Church, Parish of Caroline Springs – Pastoral Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for all our clergy and Parish Council.

The World: Give thanks for the blessing of our rivers and waterways.

The Nation: Pray for our police as they perform their job at this difficult 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, Bishop George, Fr. Philip Newman and Dianne.

Prayer of the Week

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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	Job 1.6-22	Ps 17.1-7	Luke 9.46-50
Tuesday	Job 3.1-23	Ps 88.1-7	Luke 9.51-56

Wednesday	Job 9.1-12, 14-16	Ps 88.8-15	Luke 9.57-62
Thursday	Job 19.21-27	Ps 27.9-17	Luke 10.1-12
Friday	Job 38.1, 12-21, 40.3-5	Ps 139.6-11	Luke 10.13-16
Saturday	Job 42.1-3, 5-6, 12-17	Ps 119.65-72	Luke 10.17-24

ABM Pew Reflections

Having sent ten plagues to the people of Egypt, God tests the Israelites ten times as they travel through the wilderness of the Sinai Peninsula to see if they will remain faithful. This time water has run out. The Israelites are seriously peeved with Moses' leadership – the Hebrew word translated as 'quarrelled' really means 'took legal action against'. Moses shrugs it all off, seeing it as the people complaining against God, rather than against him. So God tells Moses to take his staff and strike it against the rock at Horeb. The people's need is answered by their ever-providing God as water gushes out of the rock. Pray that as we wander through times of spiritual desolation we will be alert to God giving us spiritual water from which to drink. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, the Most Rev Geoff Smith, and for the General Secretary of the General Synod, Anne Hywood, and the staff in the General Synod Office.



*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 continues from home.

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

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". 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 phone and talk to someone. Any of the clergy would be happy to listen. (Phone numbers at the end of the Link.) Say well, God bless. Harry

COVID-19 VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

to the FIVE CATHEDRALS of the ANGLICAN PROVINCE of VICTORIA

There is still plenty of time to support Father Shane's virtual pilgrimage as he walks daily, recording the kilometres on the map from St Peter's to the Anglican cathedrals in Victoria and back to St Peter's.

The pilgrimage is also a fundraiser for the Whitehorse Community Centre, which 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

Find out more on the blog about the pilgrimage weekly at: <http://fathershane.org>



Total = 945 km or about 95 days

Pledges can be made into the following account:

BSB 033-135, Account Number: 535329

WHERE IS HE NOW?

4. This week Fr Shane is on the (virtual) road to Holy Trinity, Wangaratta



SAMARITAN'S SHOEBOXES 25 October

Shoebox Sunday is coming up on the last Sunday in October. On that day it is hoped that the shoeboxes will be present in the church to be blessed. Call Jan to discuss or for collection. 98906528 or 0425 757 778.

BREAD DELIVERY AND FOOD DONATION

Groceries are being collected and passed on to St Thomas' Burwood who have a food bank for in-need international students.

Drop off time: 10.00-11.00am Sat morning, Undercroft

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).

GIVING ENVELOPES

Anyone who wishes to give their weekly giving envelopes to the church can contact the Vicar arrange for their collection. Fr Shane: 0432 681 177.

ST FRANCIS and Pet's Blessing Service

To celebrate this day, the Vicar is asking that we send to the parish a photo of your pet and as part of the liturgy next Sunday we will bless our pets online! Please make sure you include the name of the pet you wished blessed.



Sampson

Send to

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MOTHERS UNION RAFFLE

You can buy tickets in the Mothers' Union raffle for \$2 each.

1st Prize colourful crocheted rug

2nd Prize a crocheted knee rug

3rd Prize black curly wool shawl/scarf (made by Jen Walker)

4th Prize mauve/plum scarf (made by Jen Walker)

Thanks to all have bought tickets already.

Don't forget that all proceeds 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

Alexander von Humboldt



Dozens of geographic features – rivers, mountains, streets, even a current and a site on the moon, 300 plants, and over a hundred animals have been named for this one man. Charles Darwin was in awe of his achievements, and owed much of his thinking to him. Yet von Humboldt, from being a celebrity in his own lifetime, passed into relative obscurity, until quite recently it came to be realized how prescient some of his observations of nature were.

He was born in 1769, into a Prussian family, one of two brilliant brothers. Apparently, however, their widowed mother was never satisfied with their achievements, and her expectations probably helped to shape Alexander's life. In their teens the brothers travelled in Europe, and

were especially excited by London, where Alexander met Bligh and Joseph Banks. His thirst for travel was already set, but he was sent to train as a mining engineer, completing the three year course in eight months, and then working for several years in mining. His observations during this time, both of natural phenomena, and of working conditions, also helped to shape his later ideas. His almost febrile speech, intelligence and phenomenal memory were by this time already developed.

A turning point in his life were periods spent in Jena and Weimar (1794-1797), in close contact with the great author Goethe, who later commented that a few days in Humboldt's company was like "having lived several years" with anyone else. With Goethe and others Humboldt made observations and collected specimens ranging across plants, animals, minerals, geology, ecology and cosmic phenomena – and made numerous experiments.

Yet he continually longed to expand his researches outside Europe, and from 1796 was planning a "great voyage" before finally, in 1799, acquiring enough money and permissions to set sail, with one companion, for Venezuela. It would be 1804 before he returned to Europe, having travelled through much of the northern areas of Latin America and Mexico as well as Cuba. Fortunately his fellow botanist and investigator Bonpland remained calm under all circumstances which included boat capsize, relentless heat and humidity, constant insect and occasional snake, jaguar, electric eel and other wild animal encounters.



Already during his time in the German mines von Humboldt had made observations of the damaging effects of tree felling. In the New World, as he saw forested areas being razed for commercial purposes, he came to the conclusion that this was occasioning changes in the environment, with consequences far wider than the local scale. He had an unusual capacity to link ideas, and make connections. On 23 June 1802, he and Bonpland with two companions climbed up the Andean inactive volcano, Chimborazo. At 21,000 ft, it was then believed to be the highest mountain in the world. They reached 19,413 ft – higher than any balloon ascent had yet achieved – before being forced to turn back by an impassible crevasse. But this was a scientific, not an athletic feat; they carried a barometer, a thermometer, a sextant, an artificial horizon, and a device to measure the colour of the sky.

It seems to have been this experience which crystallized von Humboldt's grasp of the interrelatedness of nature; "in this great chain of causes and effects no single fact can be considered in isolation" – an idea which may now strike us as almost a cliché, but which was then radically new. He expressed it in part by his extraordinary "Naturgemalde", which roughly translates as "painting of (whole) nature". Did I mention that von Humboldt was also talented in drawing, able to record specimens in works both accurate and beautiful before photography was available? Here, in the side columns, he tied specific altitudes to the type of flora and fauna and other physical phenomena which obtained, not just in one location, with Chimborazo as the reference point, but worldwide.

On his return via Philadelphia Von Humboldt visited the then President, Jefferson. The two men agreed strongly on issues of agriculture and science, but differed on the issue of slavery, to which Von Humboldt was totally opposed. On his return to Paris he was hailed as a hero – during his travels he had not ceased to send back letters – it is estimated he wrote 50,000 during his lifetime – as he unpacked his trunkloads of drawings, notes and 60,000 plant specimens, 2000 species of which were completely new to European botanists, to add to the mere 6000 then identified. He worked furiously on publications in Paris and then Berlin- eventually his South American material filled 34 volumes. In *The Geography of Plants* (1807) he published a refined version of the Naturgemalde, making it widely known. His major publication, Kosmos, promoted the idea of the unity of science and aimed to provide a comprehensive account. The first two volumes were published between the years 1845 and 1847 but he was still working on a fifth volume at his death.

Convinced that science needed to be democratized, in 1827 he offered 77 free lectures. At a time when university lectures required fees, and women were not admitted to them, his attracted equal numbers of men and women from all sorts of backgrounds, and so swamped were they with attendees that police had to be called to control the crowds.

Yet, while working, becoming involved in politics, and developing his ideas in a less materialist, more humanist direction, (a movement which has led to criticism of his “Romanticism”) von Humboldt still craved to travel. Finally, in 1829 he was able to undertake a 10,000 mile trip across Russia and into Siberia in spite of a virulent anthrax outbreak along the way. This trip confirmed him in his view that the human species was affecting the climate by deforestation, ruthless irrigation, and the use of steam and gas in industrial production.

In his last years – he died in 1859, aged 89 – he continued to read, to correspond, to strive for scientists of the world to work collaboratively, not as competitors.

While some writers have been happy to characterize von Humboldt as a “godless revolutionary” this seems inaccurate. His combination of high moral standards with Deism are characteristic of a strand of thought prominent in the Enlightenment milieu in which he grew up; his later researches do not seem to have modified this.

Andrea Wulf’s *The Invention of Nature. Alexander von Humboldt’s New World* (2015) is a well-researched, evocatively written account, which also includes chapters on von Humboldt’s influence on (among others), Emerson, Thoreau and Haeckel as well as Darwin and many explorers. She even visited major areas of his research, including climbing Chimborazo and concluded that “he revolutionized the way we see the natural world.”

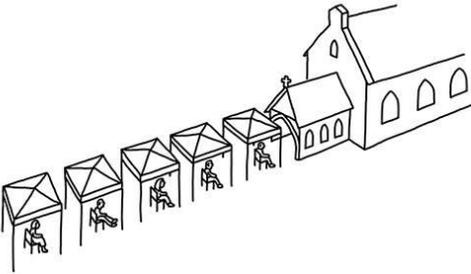
TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Because the parish cut his salary, the devout pastor took a job delivering pizzas to make ends meet. On his first day on the job he was walking past a big construction site when he heard the workers using the foulest language he'd ever heard. He stopped and asked the man closest to him, "Do you know Jesus Christ?"

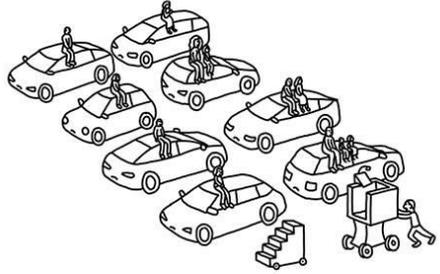
The worker bellowed to his colleagues, "Hey, does anybody know Jesus Christ?" After a pause he added, "His pizza is here."

EXTENDING YOUR CHURCH

TO FIT MORE PEOPLE IN AT A TWO-METRE DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER



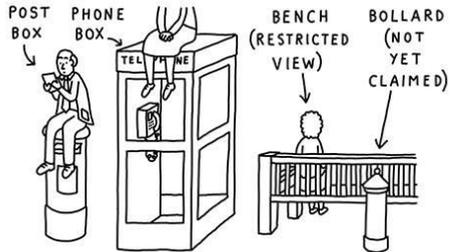
GAZEBO PORCH-EXTENSIONS



SPREAD OUT INTO THE CAR PARK



CHURCHYARD SERVICES



MAKE USE OF STREET FURNITURE

This Week

SUN 27.9.20 9.30am Streamed live service
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 28.9.20

TUES 29.9.20
Office closed

WED 30.9.20

THU 1.10.20
Office closed

FRI 2.10.20

SAT 3.10..20
Food drop off and bread collection
Between 10 – 11.00am

SUN 4.10.20
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9.30am Streamed live service

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