



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
11 October, 2020

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online worship! Thanks to all who participated in our St Francis Day service last Sunday and I express my special thanks to Rosemary for the PowerPoint and Kevin for the technical help to show the PowerPoint as part of last weeks streamed service. This week finds our parish community continuing to live as God's people under lockdown. It is an understatement to say that we live at the moment with uncertainty. Where is God in all of this? Our reading this week from Exodus, chapter 32 finds the people of God in the wilderness, the Israelites beginning the process of truly understanding that they could not control God or contain God in any image. For years, in Egypt, they had seen gods worshipped that were visual and measurable. Now, this God they were following into the wilderness was wild and unpredictable. In their uncertainty, they reached for what was familiar, and tried to make God more predictable. However, a predictable God is not what they got. So for us in our challenging time I ask - How do we try to contain and measure God? Why is it easier to reach for a God we can predict than for one we can truly experience? May God continue to guide us and bless us in the days ahead.

**give thanks
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS
LOVE endures
forever.**

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=QxWPRXtPtRE&feature=youtu.be>

Sentence

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.
Matthew 22.21

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: grant that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to life eternal; 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 32.1-14

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' ² Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' ⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' ¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to

them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' 14 And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm: 106.1-6, 106.20-24

¹ Praise the Lord;

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.

² **Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord:
or fully voice his praise?**

³ Blessed are those who act according to justice:
who at all times do the right.

⁴ **Remember me, O Lord,
when you visit your people with your favour:
and come to me also with your salvation,**

⁵ That I may see the prosperity of your chosen:
that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people,
and exult with those who are your own.

⁶ **We have sinned like our ancestors:
we have acted perversely and done wrong.**

²⁰ At Horeb they made themselves a calf:
and bowed down in worship to an image.

²¹ **And so they exchanged the glory of God:
for the likeness of an ox that eats hay.**

²² They forgot God who was their saviour:
that had done such great things in Egypt,

²³ **Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham:
and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea.**

²⁴ Therefore he thought to destroy them:
had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach,
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

Second Reading: Philippians 4.1-9

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel,

together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 22, verses 1-14

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.’

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

Song

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrimage journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, oh, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me; when I'm troubled, Lord walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, oh, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Years Mind

Walter Kuhn and Joyce Brown, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda (Abp Stephen Samuel Kaziimba); Diocese of The Northern Territory (Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People); Evangelism in the Diocese; St Augustine's Mentone (Ben Soderlund); St Augustine's Mentone – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); Healesville with Yarra Glen – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Peter's Brighton Beach – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); Diocesan service at Moorabbin (Bp Paul Barker); St Faith's Burwood – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Philip's Collingwood – Pastoral Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Pray for Barbara and the Play Group as they have continue contact online.

The World: Pray for the US as it seeks to unite its society and for its coming election.

The Nation: Pray for the government of Victoria and for its people.

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, June, Gayle, Nigel, Nancy, Kate, Russ, Betty, Jessie, Don, Jim, Alma, Muriel, Faye, Eileen, Nola W, Margaret, Bishop George, Fr. Philip Newman and Dianne.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by sight: give us such trust in your fatherly care that in the face of all perplexities we may give proof of our faith by the courage of our lives; 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	Galatians 4.22-5.1	Ps 113	Luke 11.29-32
Tuesday	Galatians 5.1-6	Ps 119.41-48	Luke 11.37-41
Wednesday	Galatians 5.18-25	Ps 1	Luke 11.42-46
Thursday	Ephesians 1.1-10	Ps 98.1-7	Luke 11.47-54
Friday	Ephesians 1.11-14	Ps 33.6-12	Luke 12.1-7
Saturday	Ephesians 1.15-23	Ps 8	Luke 12.8-12

ABM Pew Reflections

As with last week's Gospel parable, today's parable was originally aimed at the Jewish religious leaders who rejected Jesus. Going into the thoroughfares reflects Jesus' ministry to the marginal and excluded. The very people who are found unacceptable by the leaders of Jesus' day. The final twist of the guest without a robe points to the need for us to not only turn up as followers of Christ, but to be willing to participate fully in the ways of his Kingdom. We pray that we may express our discipleship of Jesus by authentically following in his Way.



*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.

FUNDRAISING OCTOBER

Our Apologies for Spring Fair postponement due to Covid 19 issues, however we will be offering something else for sale.

This will not involve making, baking, cooking, cleaning, pricing or cleaning up. What will it be? Details in next week's Link!

PARISH BOOK

The parish is planning to produce a book about our experiences and the life of the parish during the COVID time. If you would like to contribute some personal reflection, we will be sending out a list of questions to guide you and these are also available online. We are hoping the book will be available for sale in the future.





SAMARITAN'S SHOEBOXES

Shoebox Sunday is coming up on **Sunday 25 October**. All shoeboxes should be at the church by Sat 24. Please Call Jan for assistance or more information.
Ph: 98906528 or 0425 757 778.

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 fringed shaw/stole (made by Jen Walker)

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

Thanks to all who 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.



GIVING ENVELOPES

New envelopes are now available from the church. Contact the Vicar to arrange for their collection. Fr Shane: 0432 681 177.

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).

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

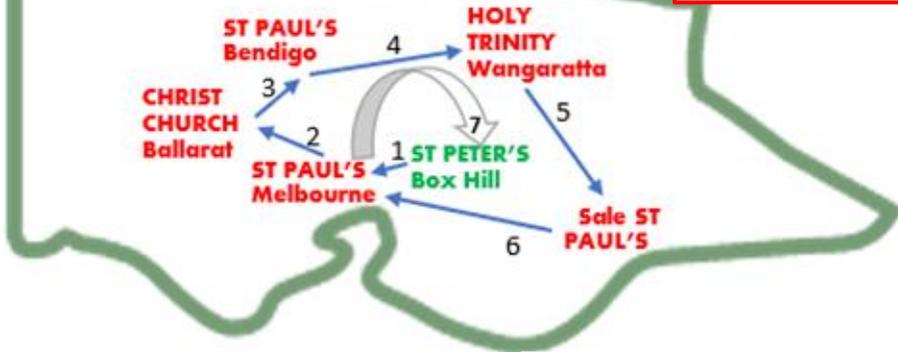
to the FIVE CATHEDRALS of the ANGLICAN PROVINCE of VICTORIA

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.

Pledges can be made into the following account:
BSB 033-135
Account Number:
535329

The pilgrimage is also a fundraiser for the Whitehorse Community Centre. 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

WHERE IS HE NOW?

This week Fr Shane is on his way (virtually) to St Paul's, Sale

JOURNEYS AT HOME

The Book in the Cathedral

2020 marks the 900th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the Cathedral, and the 850th anniversary of his murder. As part of the commemorations associated with this Allen Lane published a tiny book – just 58 pages - by Christopher de Hamel – *The Book in the Cathedral. The Last Relic of Thomas Becket.*



Thomas Becket icon in Monreale

Dr Christopher Francis Rivers de Hamel is an expert on manuscripts, and has written a series of engaging books on this area, aimed at the non-expert reader. He begins *The Book in the Cathedral* by reflecting on the role of relics, a topic which continues to engage scholars with great intensity. He pointedly notes that the post Reformation ridicule of religious relics as “an aspect of the credulity of the unreformed Middle Ages” peaked in the 18th c – at a time when “secular relics” – locks of hair, bits of wood from Nelson’s *Victory*, “souvenirs” of Napoleon etc. proliferated and are now likely to be objects associated with rock stars or sporting identities, as witness recent auction prices. (I vividly recall being told by a jeweler of a girl who had come in wanting a gold setting for a small coin. She breathlessly explained that it was a souvenir of a then-popular pop star. Rather puzzled, he asked if it had been a gift. No, she explained radiantly “He trod on it”.)

Relics of Becket – robes, bedclothes, gloves, sandals – all items which had touched the saint’s body – as well as bodily secretions – Erasmus records with fastidious distaste being asked to kiss a scrap of dirty handkerchief

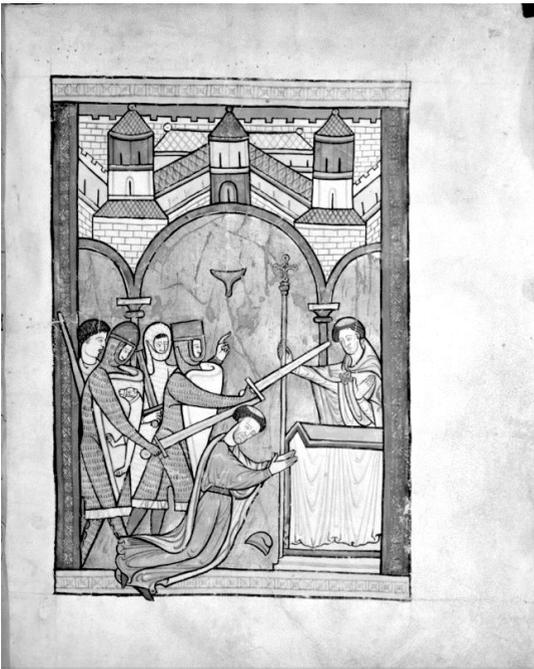
when he visited the shrine in 1512 – and of course parts of his body were avidly preserved. It is likely that none of these exist any longer – although the Vatican has a robe claimed to be that in which Becket was killed. The shrine at Canterbury, the focus of innumerable pilgrims for centuries - was demolished and the bones probably burnt in 1538. This kind of devotion was standard, and had existed from at least the 4th century. What puzzles de Hamel – and probably us also – is that books were not regarded as relics.

Becket’s library went to the general collection of the priory of Canterbury. 150 years after his death an inventory of them – about 75 volumes was drawn up. They were being kept in the slype, an open passageway off the cloister. Some are still in existence.

Becket was born into a middle class family of Norman origin, and trained as a lawyer at the expense of Theobald Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, who recommended him to Henry II as his Chancellor in 1154/5. In 1164 Henry appointed Thomas as Archbishop, assuming he would combine the roles. The two soon came to open enmity, however, and in 1164 Becket fled to exile in France, where he remained for six years. At his appointment as Archbishop he was not even ordained; as de Hamel wryly notes, he had a lot of theological catching up to do. During his time in France he had the advice of two learned men, who clearly guided his acquisition of books. Apart from volumes of Latin classics, which Becket probably never read (but they did) the emphasis was on volumes which would give quick and easy reference, notably “glossed” Scriptures, equivalent to our modern “annotated Bibles.” As books were such valuable items they were often bound as

“textus” – that is, in elaborate metal and jeweled covers, something Becket is recorded to have enjoyed.

de Hamel had worked for years at the Parker Library, the rare books and manuscripts library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, an astonishing collection of over 600 mss, the majority of which were bequeathed by Archbishop of Canterbury (1559 – 1575) Matthew Parker, a former Master of the College. (It includes a Gospel Book probably brought to England by St Augustine when sent out by Pope Gregory in 597, which is used at the enthronement of every Archbishop.) Because of the conflicted religious period in which he was Archbishop Parker was ideally placed to “acquire” books from the dissolved monasteries, and he did so with great zeal.



In 2016 de Hamel was chatting with biblical historian Eyal Poleg at Corpus Christi College, and talking about the strange omission of books from the ranks of relics. Dr Poleg said he knew of an exception, and brought up on his laptop the Sacrist’s Roll of Canterbury Cathedral (the Sacrist was responsible among other things for both relics and books used in the liturgy, and needed to regularly keep stock of them.) It listed a missing book “Item, a binding with the Psalter of Saint Thomas, bound in silver-gilt....”. de Hamel writes “I had one of those sudden heart-stopping shivers of recognition that make our lives as historians worthwhile, for I remembered seeing those words before” on MS 411, a Psalter in the Parker Library. The two scholars

“breathlessly” rushed to the Library, brought out the book from the vault, and “sat in the reading room looking at it together, trembling with excitement”.

The book has a 16th c note, claiming that the Psalter had been owned by “N”, Archbishop of Canterbury, and later by Thomas Becket. As recently as 2013 this note was dismissed as “almost certainly a complete fiction.” However, de Hamel builds a case that this book was, in fact, Becket’s Psalter, an identification now widely accepted.

The Psalter, now stripped of its cover, was produced around 1000. Special inclusions in the list of saints suggest that Archbishop Aelfric, a Benedictine, (Archbishop 995-1005) was the original owner. It would then have passed to his successor, Alphege (1006 – 12). de Hamel argues that the mysterious, untraceable

“N” is in fact a misunderstood “AE”, the initial letters of Alphege’s Anglo Saxon name, which resembles an N when written. Alphege was kidnapped during the Danish invasions, held prisoner, and finally beaten to death. His early biographer noted him “joyfully” reciting the Psalms in captivity. In 1023 his possessions were returned to the monks of Canterbury, and in 1078 he was canonized as a martyr. At the end of MS 411 a note has been added “On the passion of Saint Alphege.”

When Becket fled to France he asked for “a particular book of his” to be brought to him. His advisor in exile urged him to “ponder the Psalms.” As de Hamel notes, the Psalms, which have so nourished believers for centuries, might have been found particularly apt by the Archbishop e.g. 146: 3 “put not your trust in princes, in the children of men, in whom there is no salvation.”

On Christmas Day 1170, three days before his death, Becket preached on St Alphege, predicting a new martyrdom, clearly a fate which he envisaged for himself. When Henry’s knights arrived he went to his rooms, and put on his regalia of office before entering the Cathedral. Two of the witnesses of his death mention him calling on St Alphege as he died. De Hamel concludes “the biggest question, then, which is unanswerable, is whether Becket actually was holding the Psalter when he was killed.” If he was, that would make that particular book a relic in both the medieval and the modern sense. de Hamel notes that when, as Librarian, he would show students a book owned – but likely never read – by Becket “remarkably often one would furtively reach out a finger to touch the edge of a page.”

In the very earliest representation of St Thomas, in the apse mosaic of Monreale Cathedral in Sicily, dating within a few years of his canonization, he is shown holding a book, the size of a Psalter, with a jeweled cover. Perhaps MS 411 is the book.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Spoonerisms are named after the Reverend William Archibald Spooner (1844-1930) an Anglican priest and Warden of New College, Oxford. Many prize spoonerisms are claimed to have occurred during his sermons. “Which of us”, he demanded, “has not discovered in his heart a half-warmed fish?” The Prodigal Son he described as being on the busy drink of destruction. And “Yes indeed,” he intoned, “the Lord is a shoving leopard.”

(Source: Margaret Visser *The Way we Are*)

God is talking to one of his angels and says, “Do you know what I have just done? I have just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn’t that good?”

The angel says, “Yes, but what will you do now?”

God says, “I think I’ll call it a day.”

This Week

SUN 11.10.20 9.30am Streamed live service
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 12.10.20

TUES 13.10.20
Office closed

WED 14.10.20

THU 15.10.20
Office closed

FRI 16.10.20

SAT 17.10..20
Food drop off and bread collection
Between 10 – 11.00am

SUN 18.10.20
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
9.30am Streamed live service

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