



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Fourth Sunday of Advent
20 December, 2020

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our on-line and in-person worship today! While Christmas is fast approaching we still pause this morning and enjoy the fourth and final Sunday in Advent! Like Mary we have a choice. Our choices often boil down to yes or no: yes, I will live this life that is being held out to me or no, I will not; yes, I will explore this unexpected turn of events, or no, I will not. We can take part in a thrilling and dangerous scheme with no script and no guarantees. We can agree to smuggle God into the world inside our own bodies. As Advent comes to an end and Christmas approaches, we look at our lives and the life of our church and ask, what is God doing today, here in our midst, too wonderful for our imaginations or our words? What is the hope of our congregation on this last Sunday in Advent? What extraordinary and grace-filled things have happened in our lives, and what extraordinary and grace-filled things may yet happen? Are we willing to say "yes" to what God is doing? What is our role in the midst of what God is doing?

God's blessings from Janet and me to you and yours this festive season!

A prayer for use: Most gracious Father, we most humbly pray for your church. Fill it with all truth; in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error direct it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it. For your Kingdom's sake. Amen.

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 [Here](#)

Or: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKOc3UjhgBw&feature=youtu.be>



The Fourth Candle of Advent: Love

Sentence

This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Luke 1.32–33

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 7.16

¹ Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' ³ Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' ⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

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

Psalm: 98

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

² **The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

⁸ **Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy**

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: Romans 16.25-27

²⁵ Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — ²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 1, verses 26-38

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive

in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵ The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸ Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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

Years Mind

Jean Lemont, Thelma Leggett, Athol Kennedy, Christopher Hill, Mary Wood whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Flowers are in loving memory of George Boshnakoff,
and David, Elvena & Thomas Orange



Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world; Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia; Camberwell Grammar School (Paul Hicks, Principal; Charles Butler, Chaplain); St John's Bentleigh (David Powys); Holy Trinity Service Coburg (Abp Philip Freier); St David's Anglican Church, Moorabbin – Diocesan Service (Bishop Paul Barker); St Thomas' Anglican Church, Upper Ferntree Gully – Pastoral Service (Bishop Paul Barker); Holy Trinity Coburg – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Parish of St Alban the Martyr, St Albans – Pastoral Service (Bishop Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for our clergy as they enter this Christmas season.

The World: Pray for refugees and for the homeless.

The Nation: Pray for all affected by severe weather conditions.

Names of those in our parish who need our prayer:

Emma, Val, Miriam, Phil and Sandra, Joan, Alistair, Freya, John, Lauren, Mark, Sue, Nola, Lorraine, June, Gayle, Nigel, Nancy, Kate, Russ, Betty, Jessie, Don, Alma, Muriel, Faye, Eileen, Nola W, Margaret, John W, Colin, Wendy and Judy, Annette, Dot, Rohan, Anok, Reverend Betty, Bishop George.

Prayer of the Week

O Lord, raise up your power and come among us, and with great might succour us, that, whereas through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Song of Songs 2.8-14	Ps 33.17-21	Luke 1.39-45
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1.24-28	Song of Hannah	Luke 1.46-56
Wednesday	Malachi 3.1-4, 4.2-3	Ps 25.3-9	Luke 1.57-66
Thursday	2 Samuel 7.1-16	Ps 89.19-29	Luke 1.67-69
Friday	Isaiah 9.2-7	Ps 96	Luke 2.1-20
Saturday	2 Chronicles 24.17-22	Ps 31.1-8	Matthew 10.17-22



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursday*
anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com

Service Times at Christmas (please book)

24 Dec **Christmas Eve**

6.00pm Children's Service

9.30pm and **11.30pm**, Eucharist

25 Dec **Christmas Day**

8.00am, 9.30am, Eucharist



As we have restricted numbers allowed in the church building at any one in time, parishioners are asked to ring or email the office and "book" for your preferred time.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If anyone would like to give a small donation towards flowers in memory of a loved one, please let Margaret Rockow know by Monday 21st December. Money can be given to Cecilia in the Church Office - please place in an envelope, with the name of the person/s to be remembered, included.

You can leave a message on 9723 4097, or email: orangerocks54@hotmail.com.

ANGLICARE VICTORIA TOY AND FOOD APPEAL

Our parish is urging all parishioners and friends to support the annual Anglicare Victoria Christmas appeal. Normally we would ask for donations to be brought to the church but this year are asking for you to go online and make a donation:

<https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/donation/anglicare-victoria-toy-and-food-appeal-2020/>

MEN AT WORK

This hardworking and dedicated maintenance band of men have worked tirelessly throughout the year securing buildings and making necessary repairs. Many thanks to Alasdair, Garry, Rob, Kim and Len as well as John, Phil and Laurence. Anyone wanting to join in the fun (they do stop for morning tea!) is welcome on Tuesdays 8.00am – 11.00am from February 2021. Well done and many thanks!

WHITEHORSE FARMERS MARKET

Congratulations to Hilary and Margaret Dooley for all their hard work at the market. An amazing total of \$2258 was made with the sales of jam, chutneys, cakes and biscuits. Lots of goodwill and contact made with people also.



CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING GOODS FROM JAN

With no fete, Jan has still been busy making things. These hand towels are for sale and come in a variety of designs for \$5 each or \$6 a double.

Contact Jan 042 575 7778.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

In a local church Sunday morning the preacher said, "Anyone with special needs who wants to be prayed over, please come to the front." With that, Bill got in line and when it was his turn the preacher asked, "Bill, what do you want me to pray about for you?" Leroy replied, "Preacher, I need you to pray for help with my hearing." The preacher put one finger of one hand on Bill's ear, placed his other hand on top of Bill's head, and then prayed and prayed and the whole congregation joined in with much enthusiasm. After a few minutes, the preacher removed his hands, stood back and asked, "Bill, how is your hearing now?" "I don't know," the man said. "It ain't 'till Thursday"

AND JUST LIKE
THAT, MARY SAYS
"YES."



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NO, JUST LIKE
THAT, MARY
BELIEVES.



THAT SEEMS
HARDER.

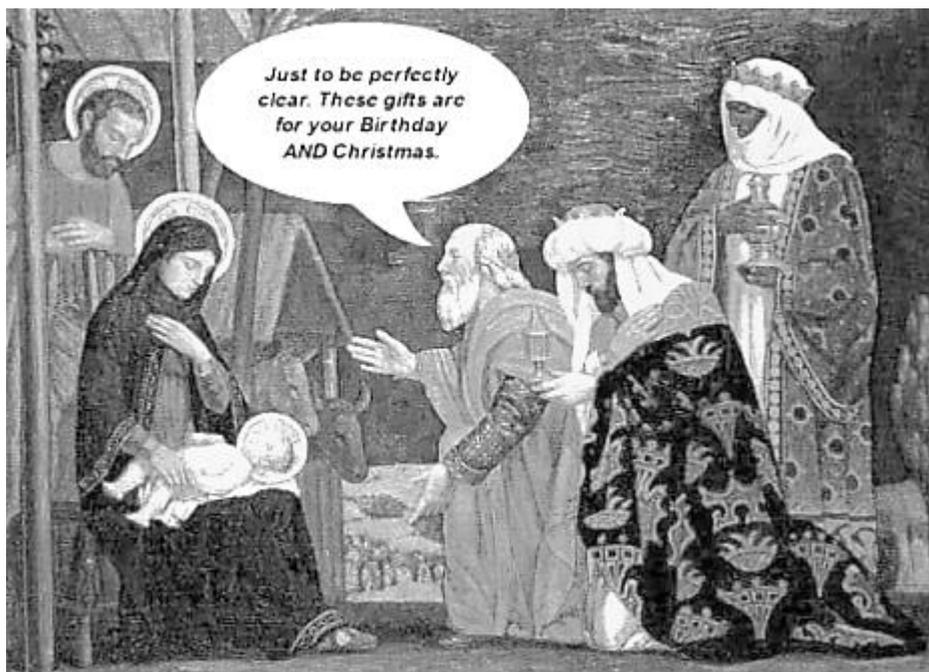


YES.



LUKE 1:26-38

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This Week

SUN 20.12.20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30am service

11.30am Mandarin Christmas service

2.30pm Dinka service

4.00pm Advent Study, Office

MON 21.12.20

TUES 22.12.20

8.00-11.00am Men at Work

8.30am – 12.30pm Office CLOSES

WED 23.12.20

1030am Eucharist

THU 24.12.20

Please “book in” for Christmas

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Children's Service

9.30pm Christmas Eucharist

11.30pm Christmas Eucharist

FRI 25.12.20

Christmas Day

8.00am. 9.30am Eucharist

SAT 26.12.20

St Stephen's Day

SUN 27.12.20

First Sunday after Christmas

Eucharist **8.00am, 9.30am**

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

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Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported.

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