



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

Christmas
24-25 December, 2020

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

I express my deepest warm greetings to all the parishioners of Box Hill this Christmas season. As is the want of many in society today the lead up to Christmas is the important matter and Christmas ends tomorrow and we are on to the next secular events: New Year's Eve and then Australia Day! For us in the Church however we need to realise that this night/day marks the start of this Christmas season – not the end! Having experienced a holy Advent – waiting in eager anticipation - we can now 'let our hair down' and rejoice and celebrate 'God-with-us' – Emmanuel. We finally have the opportunity to sing (with masks) the Christmas carols with gusto and we remind ourselves of the truth that God is always with us – in all the mess of our daily living; in all the disappointments and sorrows; in all the joys and triumphs; in all the ordinary and extraordinary moments – God is with us. We recall that Jesus did not stay the cuddly babe wrapped in swaddling bands in the manger – a lovely scene but one that does not move or challenge us. Jesus grew up and in his life and in his death and in his resurrection we find our life! May this blessed Christmas season be the time for all of us to take stock of God's gracious gift to all and may our faith be deepened as we start 2021.



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.

Sentence

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Luke 2.10–11

Prayer of the Day

Give us, O God, such love and wonder that, with shepherds and pilgrims unknown, we may come to adore the holy Child, the promised King, and with our gifts worship him, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 9.2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

Psalm 96

1 O sing to the Lord a new song:
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

3 Declare his glory among the nations:
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:
it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 **Majesty and glory are before him:
beauty and power are in his sanctuary.**

7 Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:
render to the Lord glory and might.

8 **Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:**

bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

10 **Say among the nations that the Lord is king:
he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved;
and he shall judge the peoples with equity.**

11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:
let the sea roar, and all that fills it:

12 **Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:
then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord;**

13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading: Titus 2.11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 2, beginning at verse 14

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And

suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

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

Years Mind

Christopher Hill, Mary Flowers, Alan Andrewartha, Warwick Sheffield, Nellie Packer, Margaret Robinson, Jean Smith, Ellen Fenton Crooks whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Flowers are in memory of Elvena and David Orange, and George Boshnakoff.

Prayer Points

The Church: Christmas Day, the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ; The Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Weatherill, Clergy & People); Royal School of Church Music (Roslyn Carolane, Chair); St Paul's Boronia (Vaughn Spring); Christmas Day Service (Abp Philip Freier); St John's Croydon – Pastoral Service (Bishop Paul Barker); The Parish of St Matthew's, Glenroy/Hadfield w. St Linus', Merlynston (Bishop Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for all members of our congregation and their families.

The World: Pray for Christians throughout the world.

The Nation: Pray for the lonely and the homeless to find comfort.

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, Marion and Doug, Eliza, Reverend Betty, Bishop George.

Prayer of the Week

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

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| 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 |
| Sunday | Isaiah 61.10-62.3 | Ps 148 | Luke 2.22-40 |
| Monday | Jeremiah 31.15-20 | Ps 124 | Matthew 2.123-18 |
| Tuesday | 1 John 2.3-11 | Ps 96.1-6 | Luke 2.22-35 |
| Wednesday | 1 John 2.12-17 | Ps 96.7-9 | Luke 2.36-40 |



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

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/>

FOOD DONATIONS

Please continue to donate food during January if you are able as our food will go to St Thomas' Burwood to support international students until February. That ministry will conclude then, and at that time we will revert to our food donation to Dixon House.

Drop off: Saturday mornings, Undercroft, 10.00am – 11.00am.



TO MAKE YOU SMILE...



CHURCH SERVICE
after Christmas and January 2021

are as usual:

8.00am, 9.30am **Sundays**

10.30am **Wednesdays**

7.30am **Fridays** (but **not** New Year's Day)



**Any notices or announcements
should be provided to the Vicar
(in writing)
while the office is closed.**

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING,
AS NO-ONE IN THE
MUSIC GROUP CAN
PLAY THE GUITAR

FIVE GOLD
BISHOPS' RINGS
IN THE SAFE
IN THE VESTRY

FOUR CALLING
BIRDS BEING
SILENCED BY A
CHURCHWARDEN

A PARTRIDGE
IN A PEAR
TREE - THE
VERGER FORGOT
TO ORDER
A CHRISTMAS
TREE

THREE FRENCH HENS-
PROPS FOR THE
SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAY

NINE LADIES DANCING
DURING ONE OF THE
MORE MODERN CHORUSES

TWO TURTLE DOVES
TRAPPED IN
THE ROOF

TWELVE DRUMMERS
DRUMMING, TO THE
CONSTERNATION OF
THE CHOIR

SIX GEESE
A-LAYING
IN THE
ECO-AREA
OF THE
CHURCHYARD

EIGHT MAIDS
WHO HAD BEEN
A-MILKING, BUT
WHO MANAGED
TO COMPLETE
THEIR DUTIES
IN TIME FOR
THE 10AM

TEN LORDS
A-LEAPING
OVER THE
MOAT DUG
BY THE
YOUTH GROUP

SEVEN SWANS
A-SWIMMING
IN THE FONT



This Week

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

MON 28.12.20

TUES 29.12.20

WED 30.12.20

1030am Eucharist

THU 31.12.20

FRI 1.1.21

New Year’s Day

Dinka Prayer and Praise



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Reporting Child Abuse
All child safety concerns must be reported.

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