



**ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL**  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
7 February, 2021

# Parish Link

## The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online and in person worship today! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the celebration last Sunday as we farewelled Father Harry and Pam Kerr. We are coming close to the end of the Epiphany season with Lent beginning on Wednesday week 17 February. The focus of this season has been the revelation of Jesus as God's chosen one and this week we have in our Gospel a seemingly simple account of the ministry of Jesus which highlights facets of the ministry we have today as his followers: healing, service, and proclaiming. We should endeavour always to be searching for opportunities to offer God's grace to those gathered around the door of our church; we should endeavour always to be people who serve others; and we should endeavour always to be proclaiming that God's reign is always at hand. It is important to note that here at the beginning of Jesus ministry, his first healing is accomplished through gentle, even tender, touch. One writer has said that "Love not expressed, love not felt, is difficult to trust." We believe that Jesus is the incarnation of God's love, which makes it demanding, if not also frightening, to realise that for some people, we are the only Jesus they will ever meet! As we lead up to Lent may we reflect upon our calling.

We give thanks to God for Bishop George's 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination last Tuesday on the Feast of Candlemas and in honour of this we have this prayer for Candlemas:

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Gregorian Sacramentary, Sarum Missal, 1549 BCP*

### **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

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles. Isaiah 40.31

## Prayer of the Day

Saving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and brought them wholeness of body and mind: inspire us, his disciples, so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by our words and by the dedication and integrity of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Readings

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40.21-31

<sup>21</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup> who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

**Psalm:** 147.1-11

<sup>1</sup> O praise the Lord, for it is good to sing praises to our God:  
and to praise him is joyful and right.

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem:  
he is gathering together the scattered outcasts of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup> He heals the broken in spirit:  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup> **He counts the number of the stars:  
and calls them all by name.**

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and great is his power:  
there is no measuring his understanding.

<sup>6</sup> **The Lord restores the humble:  
but he brings down the wicked to the dust.**

<sup>7</sup> O sing to the Lord a song of thanksgiving:  
sing praises to our God upon the harp.

<sup>8</sup> **He covers the heavens with cloud, and prepares rain for the earth:  
and makes the grass to sprout upon the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup> He gives the cattle their food:  
and feeds the young ravens that call to him.

<sup>10</sup> **He takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse:  
nor does he delight in anyone's legs,**

<sup>11</sup> But the Lord's delight is in those that fear him:  
who wait in hope for his mercy.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9.16-23**

<sup>16</sup> If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. <sup>19</sup> For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark, Chapter 1, verses 29-39

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup> That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup> And he cured

many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup> When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' <sup>38</sup> He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

### Years Mind

J and H Pocket, Marjorie Wright, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Prayer Points

*The Church:* Pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry Chaplaincy (Rob Ferguson, Senior Chaplain & Chaplains); St Philip's Deep Creek (Megan Curlis-Gibson); Church of the Ascension Anglican Church, Burwood East – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Mary's Melbourne North – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Redemption Church, Craigieburn – Pastoral Service (Bishop Kate Prowd).

*The Parish:* Pray for all those ill, despairing or grieving.

*The World:* Pray for the people of Myanmar and their leaders.

*The Nation:* Pray for all those affected by bushfires and for all firefighters.

### Prayer of the Week

Father of all, who gave your only-begotten Son to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Daily Readings

<b>Monday</b>	Genesis 1.1-19	Ps 104.33-37	Mark 6.53-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	Genesis 1.2-.2.4a	Ps 8	Mark 7.1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-17	Ps 104.26-32	Mark 7.14-23
<b>Thursday</b>	Genesis 2.18-25	Ps 128	Mark 7.24-30
<b>Friday</b>	Genesis 3.1-8	Ps 32.1-8	Mark 7.24-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Genesis 3.9-24	Ps 90.9-12	Mark 8.1-10



If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursday 9899 5122 or [anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com)



## April 17, 2021 at St Peter's

This will be a different format to our usual fair and will be during term 1 school holidays and be subject to Government and Diocesan regulations. More information to come.

Watch the Link for information about Parish drives for pies and bulbs, etc.



Services for **Ash Wednesday**, 17 February  
10.30am, 7.30pm  
and streamed online.

### FROM FATHER HARRY

Dear Friends at St Peter's,

I was overwhelmed by your kindness in giving me such a wonderful send off from St Peter's and for your very generous gift. I really appreciate the detailed organisation and hard work that goes into setting up a COVID safe morning tea. It was great that we could have such a get together on my last day. Thank you all for your kindness and friendship over the last 12 years. St Peter's will always have a special place in my heart. I hope to see you all again before too long.

Love and Peace, Harry

### RIP BLUE DYMOND

It is with some sadness that we report the death of Margaret Dymond's dog, Blue. A regular visitor to St Peter's, Blue especially enjoyed the FACS Sundays.

## LENT STUDY February 20

The vicar will be conducting this study which will begin on Saturday, Feb 20 at 10.00am in the church. Theme: "A River Through the Desert".  
Please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of the church.



## Breakfast

**8.00am 27 February, Undercroft**

**Topic:** Visiting Russia and the Baltic States  
**Speaker:** Harry Kerr

Please book with Ken McDonald. 9077 8809



**Choir practice** will resume next Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February in the Undercroft at 8:00pm, but only if COVID-19 rules permit, that is if we still need to wear masks indoors, practice will be cancelled.

## The World Day of Prayer 2021 host country is Vanuatu Theme: "Build on a Strong Foundation"

This year's service has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu. It would be great to have some of our congregation present on the day.

**Place:** St Andrew's Uniting Church, 909 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill (opposite tram terminal)

**Date:** Friday, March 5, 2021

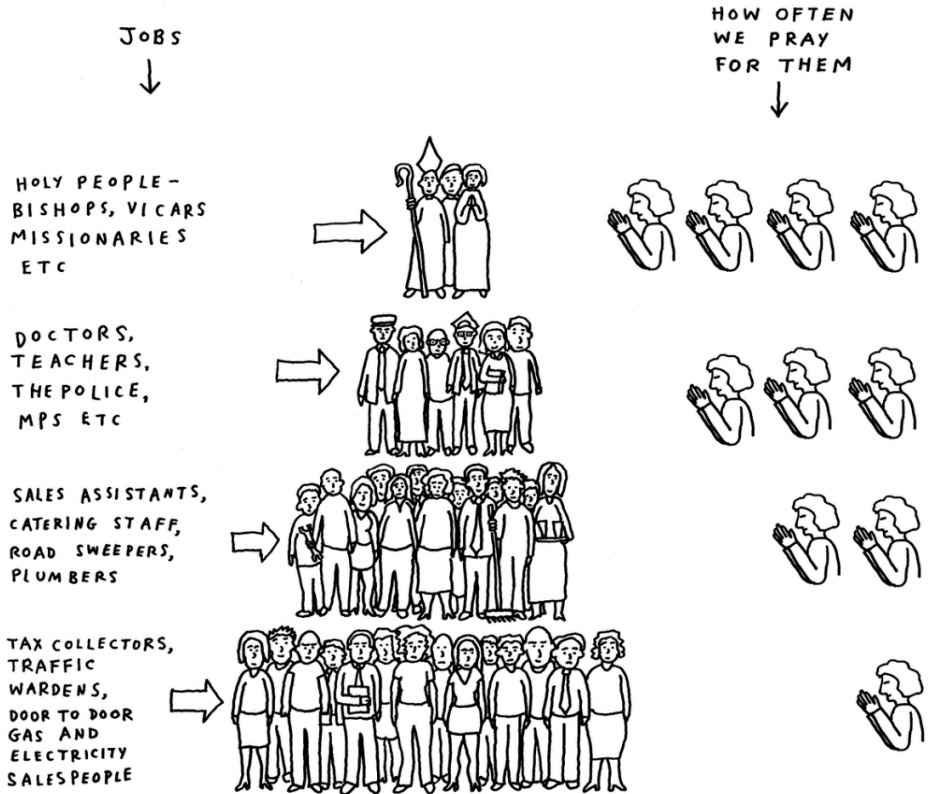
**Time:** 2.00pm

## TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

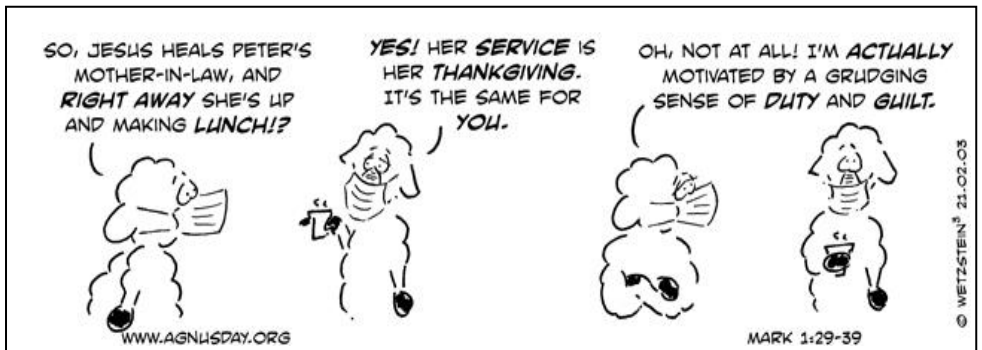
*Why did God require of Abraham that he sacrifice his son Isaac on the altar when Isaac was twelve years old?*

*Quite simply as had he waited till Isaac was a teenager it would not have been a sacrifice.*

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## This Week

**SUN 7.2.21**

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**8.00am, 9.30am** Eucharist

**11.30am** Mandarin service

**2.30pm** Dinka service

**MON 8.2.21**

**TUES 9.2.21**

**8.00-11.00am** Men at Work

**8.30am – 12.30pm** Office open

**WED 10.2.21**

**10.30am** Eucharist

**THU 11.2.21**

**10am – 2pm** Office open

**FRI 12.2.21**

**7.30am** Eucharist

**SAT 13.2.21**

**SUN 14.2.21**

**Transfiguration**

**8.00am, 9.30am** Eucharist

**11.30am** Mandarin service

**2.30pm** Dinka service



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