



The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today! Welcome to the feast of the Transfiguration now commonly celebrated on this the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday. All of Epiphany has been a celebration of the revealing of Jesus to the Gentiles and this morning we hear in Mark's Gospel the great story of Jesus' transfiguration in all its glory on the mountain top. Mark records Jesus speaking to Moses and Elijah but in Luke's Gospel we hear of what they are saying – about Jesus departure and what he had to do in Jerusalem. The story is a good reminder to us, as we begin Lent, of the need to come down from the mountain top into the valleys. Yes we rejoice in the revealing moments of intimacy with God; the moments that take our breath away; the moments that show us the true glory and nature of God – but we don't keep them to ourselves – we don't stay there on the mountain top – but we use them as inspiration for our ordinary life down on the plain. We use them to keep us going when life is hard and difficult as we know it can be, especially in a post-COVID world! May we remember those moments in our life when the veil was removed and we saw Jesus for who he is truly is and may that be our inspiration as we begin this Lenten journey towards the cross and beyond.



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

It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4.6

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: 2 Kings 2.1-12

¹ Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' ⁴ Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰ He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

Psalm: 50.1-6

¹ The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken:
and summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.

**² From Zion, perfect in beauty:
God has shone out in glory.**

³ Our God is coming, he will not keep silent:
before him is devouring fire, and tempest whirls about him.

**⁴ He calls to the heavens above:
and to the earth, so he may judge his people.**

⁵ 'Gather to me my faithful ones:
those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.'

**⁶ The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness:
for God himself is judge.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.3-12

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹ For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark, Chapter 9, verses 2-9

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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



Years Mind

Jan Smale, John Morris, Leonard Miller, Allan Gale, Lily Tigue, William Bailey, Peter Senior, and “Billie” Kennedy whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: The Anglican Church of Canada (Abp Linda Nicholls, Primate); The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People); Anglican Overseas Aid (Bob Mitchell, CEO); St Mark's, Emerald (Andrew Bowles, Jerome Dias, Vivianne Dias); Holy Trinity Hampton Park – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); Deep Creek Anglican – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Philip's Collingwood – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Luke's Sydenham – Confirmation and Baptism Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for the Saturday School as it resumes its programs at St Peter's.

The World: Continue to pray for the people of Myanmar.

The Nation: Pray for all those in quarantine and those who support them.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Genesis 4.1-1.5, 25	Ps 50.20-24	Mark 8.11-13
Tuesday	Genesis 6.5-8, 7.1-5, 10	Ps 29.5-10	Mark 8.14-21
Wednesday	Joel 2.1-2, 12-17	Ps 51.1-17	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30.15-20	Ps 1	Luke 9.22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58.1-9a	Ps 51.15-19	Matthew 9.14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58.9b-14	Ps 86.1-7	Luke 5.27-32



*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*

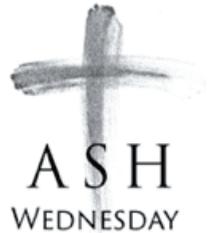


April 17, 2021 at St Peter's

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.

Services for Ash Wednesday February 17

10.30am and 7.30pm
and streamed online.



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 indicate your interest on the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

DIXON HOUSE FOOD APPEAL

Our food collection is now being directed back to Dixon House and St Mark's Fitzroy. There is a detailed list of favoured groceries at the back of the church but here are some items: baked beans, baby food, peanut butter, jam, honey, vegemite, long life milk, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, cooking oil, sugar, flour, canned meat, tuna, sardines, tinned fruit, toothpaste and toothbrushes.



8.00am 27 February, Undercroft

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

Please book with Ken McDonald. 9077 8809

Breakfast



Best wishes to **Marjorie Walker** who reached the fabulous age of 97 on Friday February 12.

Also to **Dianne Armstrong** who celebrates her 79th birthday on Monday February 15 and **Daphne de Livera** who also celebrates her birthday that day.

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...

What do you guys think of my idea to abstain from working with spreadsheets for 40 days before Easter?

Because personally, I think it's Excel Lent.

My wife told me to take the spider out instead of killing him. We went out. Had a few drinks. Nice guy, he's a web designer.

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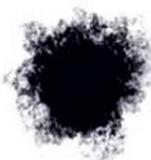
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AN EPISCOPAL ASH GUIDE



First in Line



The Blob



The Hasty



Rorschach



Father's Revenge



The Mini



The Hipster



Load Toner



The Hindu



The Franciscan

CHURCH POLITICS

EXPLAINED USING CHESS PIECES



BISHOP:
MOVES DIAGONALLY.
COMES INTO PLAY
EVERY NOW AND
THEN FOR
CONFIRMATIONS
ETC



VICAR:
FOR EVERY
STEP FORWARD
TAKES TWO
TO THE SIDE.
LOOKS A BIT
LIKE A HORSE



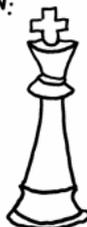
**CHURCH
FIXTURES AND
FITTINGS:**
MAY NOT BE
MOVED
WITHOUT
A FACULTY



**ORDINARY
CHURCHGOER:**
LOTS OF THEM,
MOVE SLOWLY
IN ONE
DIRECTION.
FAIRLY
DISPENSABLE



CHURCHWARDEN:
MOST
POWERFUL
PIECE.
CAN ATTACK
IN ANY
DIRECTION



**THIS PIECE
IS THE ONE WE
ARE TRYING
TO PROTECT.
I FORGET WHAT
IT IS CALLED**

This Week

SUN 14.2.21

**Last Sunday after Epiphany-
Transfiguration**

8.00am, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 15.2.21

TUES 16.2.21

8.00-11.00am Men at Work

8.30am – 12.30pm Office open

WED 17.2.21

Ash Wednesday

10.30am and **7.30pm** Eucharist

THU 18.2.21

10am – 2pm Office open

FRI 19.2.21

7.30am Eucharist

SAT 20.2.21

SUN 21.2.21

First Sunday in Lent

8.00am, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service



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SERVERS	Today 14/2/21 Sophia E, Michele M	Next week 21/2/21 Sophia E, Kim C
READERS	Today 14/2/21 Hilary B, Kim C	Next week 21/2/21 Martin F, Janet H
INTERCESSOR	Today 14/2/21 Sophia E	Next week 21/2/21 Michele M
COUNTING	Today 14/2/21 Lyn B, Ted G	Next week 21/2/21 Elizabeth B, Charles B