



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
First Sunday in Lent
21 February, 2021

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online and in present worship today! We give thanks to God that the lock down has for the time being done the job and we are able to worship together in our church! Welcome also to the season of LENT – an opportunity for us as individuals and as a community to reflect upon our Christian lives and to prepare ourselves for the tremendous events of Holy Week, Good Friday and of course, Easter Day! On Wednesday many in our parish attended online our Ash Wednesday service and the symbolic placing of an ashen cross on our foreheads reminded us of our mortality and the need to deepen our faith and relationship with God – the Creator of all. I was particularly moved by one of the alternative readings set from the prophet Isaiah and I believe it is a good reflection for Lent: (Isaiah 58.6-9)

*Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?*

*Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear-guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.*

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

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1.15

Prayer of the Day God of the new and eternal covenant, as the forty days of the great flood swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life: grant to us, who are washed clean and born again in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace, that your gift of new life may flourish once again; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Genesis 9.8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' ¹² God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' ¹⁷ God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

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

Psalm: 25.1-10

¹ In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope: in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

² **Let none who wait for you be put to shame:
but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.**

³ Show me your ways, O Lord:
and teach me your paths.

⁴ **Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:
for you are the God of my salvation.**

⁵ In you have I hoped all the day long:
because of your goodness, O Lord.

**6 Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:
for they are from of old.**

7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:
but according to your mercy think on me.

**8 Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore will he direct sinners in the way.**

9 The meek he will guide in the path of justice:
and teach the humble his ways.

**10 All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:
for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark, Chapter 1, verses 9-15

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' ¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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

Years Mind

Jim Wright, Norman King, Dot Bartlett, Kathleen Mary Gavey, Leah Keenan, Susan Chamberlain, Victor Jesudhason whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Church of the Province of Central Africa (Abp Albert Chama, Primate); Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Brotherhood of St Laurence (Conny Lenneberg, CEO, Michelle Trebilcock, Debra Saffrey-Collins, chaplains); Footscray Anglican Parish (Chaplain Soma, Gabriel Mayen); Christ Church Dingley – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St James' Old Cathedral – Reception Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Geelong Grammar School – Pastoral Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for all our clergy as they continue to lead and support us.

The World: Pray for an efficient rollout of the Covid vaccine to all countries.

The Nation: Pray for all those in quarantine and for those who run the programs.

Prayer of the Week

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey your godly will in righteousness and true holiness; to your honour and glory, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18	Ps 19.7-14	Matthew 25.31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55.10-11	Ps 34.11-18	Matthew 6.7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3.1-10	Ps 51.6-9	Luke 11.29-32
Thursday	Addns to Esther 14.3-14	Ps 138.1-3	Matthew 7.7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18.21-28	Ps 130	Matthew 5.20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26.16-19	Ps 119.1-8	Matthew 5.43-48

ABM Pew Reflections

After the Flood God makes a covenant with Noah never to destroy all flesh again, the sign of which is God's bow in the sky, the rainbow. Baptism is a bit like the flood: dying and rising in water. At Jesus' own baptism, the Spirit descends and a voice from heaven pronounces Jesus' sonship. But then something unexpected happens. Instead of basking in the acclamation, Jesus is immediately driven into the wilderness, tempted by Satan. After the temptation he is ready to preach repentance. Holy Jesus, because of your death and resurrection we too can be baptised in the Spirit. Grant us the wisdom and courage to proclaim: repent, and believe in the good news! Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines



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.

LENT STUDY

The vicar is conducting this study which will continue on **Saturdays at 10.00am**. Feb 27, March 7, 13, 20, **not** 27 and April 3 at 10.00am in the church. Theme: "A River Through the Desert".

DIXON HOUSE FOOD APPEAL

Our food collection is now being directed back to Dixon House and Mission House. 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 Saturday, 27 February, Undercroft

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

Please book with Ken McDonald. 9077 8809

Breakfast

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...

Isaac has worked hard for years to give his son a good education and finally manages to get the money together to send him to Israel for his gap year before university.

When the son returns from Israel he announces to his father that he has become a Christian.

Isaac goes to the synagogue and prays: "God, I have spent all my money giving my son a good education and now he goes to Israel and becomes a Christian."

A voice comes back from heaven: "Isaac, I know how you feel, it was the same for me!"



LENT

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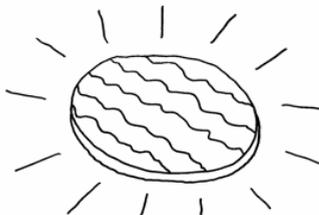
PARISH BREWERY TRIPS



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HAVING TOO MUCH FUN



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Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns

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This Week

SUN 21.2.21

First Sunday in Lent

8.00am, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 22.2.21

9.30-1030am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-6.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 23.2.21

8.00-11.00am Men at Work

8.30am – 12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 24.2.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.00am Tai Chi *hall*

THU 25.2.21

10am – 2pm Office open

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 26.2.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 27.2.21

8.00am Men's Breakfast, Undercroft

10am-1.30pm Saturday School, hall and Undercroft

SUN 28.2.21

Second Sunday in Lent

8.00am, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

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