



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL  
Second Sunday in Lent  
28 February, 2021

Parish  
Link

## The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship online and in person today! Welcome also to Father Alasdair who is our celebrant and preacher this morning. I have often mentioned that LENT is like a Christian boot camp. Here are four actions we can do on 'camp': 1) Confess your sins and amend your life! 2) Open yourselves to being fed (nurtured) by God, in reading the scriptures and praying and attending to your personal relationship with God. 3) Stand firm in the faith, in the love and call of God to be all that you can be as 'Citizens of Heaven.' 4) Allow God to show you the next step along the path, and be not afraid because we know the promise and power of God to change and comfort us. As additional food for thought I give the following poem by Wendell Berry entitled: *Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front*. The last line is of particular note.

*Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay. Want more of everything ready-made. Be afraid to know your neighbours and to die. And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery any more. Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer. When they want you to buy something they will call you. When they want you to die for profit they will let you know. So, friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Denounce the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands. Give your approval to all you cannot understand. Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed.*

*Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest. Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mould. Call that profit. Prophecy such returns. Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years. Listen to carrion — put your ear close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come. Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. As soon as the generals and the politicians can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn't go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction.*

**Practice resurrection.**

## Sentence

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. Mark 8.34

## Prayer of the Day

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Readings

First Reading: Genesis 17.1-7 and 15-16

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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

## Psalm: 22.24-32

<sup>24</sup> O praise the Lord, all you that fear him: hold him in honour,  
O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.

<sup>25</sup> **For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery:  
nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.**

<sup>26</sup> From you springs my praise in the great congregation:  
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

<sup>27</sup> **The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied: and those who seek  
the Lord shall praise him - may their hearts rejoice for ever!**

<sup>28</sup> Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:  
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

**29 For the kingdom is the Lord's:  
and he shall be ruler over the nations.**

<sup>30</sup> How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:  
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

**31 But he has saved my life for himself:  
and my posterity shall serve him.**

<sup>32</sup> This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:  
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

## Second Reading: Romans 4.13-25

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup> Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark, Chapter 8, verses 31-38

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves

and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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



### Years Mind

Phyllis Mills, Stella Alice Mellor and George Van Twest whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Prayer Points

*The Church:* Anglican Church in Central America (Abp Julio Murray); The Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People); Calling Melbourne2Prayer Group (Jill Firth, Rachel McDougall, Jamie Miller, Philip Trowse); St Paul's, Geelong (Nigel Pope); Chinese Mission of the Epiphany – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

*The Parish:* Pray for all those ill or in hospital at this time.

*The World:* Give thanks for the work of doctors, nurses and all health workers.

*The Nation:* Pray for our state and federal leaders and for wise leadership.

### Prayer of the Week

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Daily Readings

<b>Monday</b>	Daniel 9.4-10	Ps 79.8-13	Luke 6.36-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 1.100, 16-20	Ps 50.16-22	Matthew 23.1-12
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jeremiah 18.18-20	Ps 31.1-5	Matthew 20.17-28
<b>Thursday</b>	Jeremiah 17.5-10	Ps 1	Luke 16.19-31
<b>Friday</b>	Genesis 37.3-4, 12.28	Ps 105.16-22	Matthew 21.33-46
<b>Saturday</b>	Micah 7.14-15, 18-20	Ps 103.1-5	Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



*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](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.

### **LENT STUDY**

The vicar is conducting this study which will continue on **Saturdays at 10.00am**.  
March 7, 13, 20, 27 at 10.00am in the church.  
Theme: "A River Through the Desert" .

### **TESSELAARS BULB DRIVE**

We know the promise of new life is at the end of our Lenten journey. Perhaps as a symbol you may like to plant some bulbs as a reminder!  
We offer the successful Tesselaars bulbs for you to buy while supporting our parish. The order forms will be at church on Sunday 28 February.  
Last Dates for orders 28 March. Bulb orders are delivered directly to your home.  
If you are uncomfortable with ordering on line please contact Hilary Blakeman on 9899 7553 or 0400 635 600 for support.

### **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.

### **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



## ST AIDAN'S GROUP

Has the last year left you or people you know feeling isolated, troubled or confused?

How about joining a group to learn more about God and how to relate faith and life?

A group will soon be starting to meet weekly, **beginning 16<sup>th</sup>**

**March, on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm** at St Aidan's, 10 Surrey St, Box Hill. It will include people from both Chinese and English backgrounds, and will be led by Rev. Esther Zhang and Sophia Errey. Some study, some sharing, and the opportunity to connect with others and grow in belief.

If this appeals to you, or you have a friend who might like to join, please have a word with Esther or Sophia.

## TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A little boy asked his father, "What does it mean when the preacher takes off his watch and puts it on the pulpit when he starts his sermons?" His father replied, "Absolutely nothing son, absolutely nothing."

# LENT BOOKS

SEVEN DEADLY SINS



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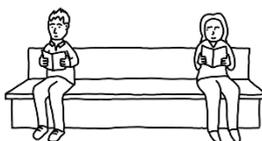
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WRATH

## This Week

### SUN 28.2.21

#### Second Sunday in Lent

8.00am, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

### MON 1.3.21

9.30-1030am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-6.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

### TUES 2.3.21

8.00-11.00am Men at Work

8.30am – 12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

### WED 3.3.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.00am Tai Chi *hall*

### THU 4.3.21

10am – 2pm Office open

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

### FRI 5.3.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

### SAT 6.3.21

10am-1.30pm Saturday School, hall and Undercroft

### SUN 7.3.21

#### Third Sunday in Lent

8.00am, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

#### 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 the Diary

### March 6

Lent Study, 10am, church

### March 17

Dream Stitches Meeting, St Aidan's

### March 27

VMTA concert 1.30-5.00pm, church

Movie Evening 4.00-7.00pm, hall

### April 7

Autumn Market Fair

### HOLY WEEK and EASTER

#### Thursday, April 1

7.30 pm Washing of feet,  
celebration of the Last Supper,  
and stripping of the altar.

9.00 pm Watch of the Passion

#### Friday, April 2

9.30am Good Friday service

#### April 4

6.00 am Lighting of New Fire,  
Renewal of Baptismal Vows  
& First Eucharist of Easter.

9.30 am Celebration Easter Eucharist.

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## ST PETER'S

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### Office Hours:

Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm  
 Thu 10.00am – 2.00pm

### 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.

### Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to Kooyoora Professional Standards 1800 135 246

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*Baptism, marriage & funeral by arrangement. Clergy are available for confession / counselling by appointment.*

### Roster 9.30am Service

	Today 28/2/21	Next week 7.3.21
<b>SIDESPEOPLE</b>	Ken McD, Judy J	Ted G, Martin F
<b>SERVERS</b>	Garry M, Sophia E	Elizabeth B, Sophia E
<b>READERS</b>	Rosemary S, Jan G	Linda B, Edwin C
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	Elizabeth B	Janet H
<b>COUNTING</b>	Margaret R, Hilary B	Daryl P, Michele M