



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Easter Day
4 April, 2021

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today on Easter Day! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! A real stumbling block to faith for many is the question: 'How can an all-loving and all-powerful God allow suffering and evil in the world? It's a very-real question for all who suffer violence. The writer Elie Wiesel describes in his book 'Night' the hanging of a boy he witnessed in Auschwitz. When someone asked 'Where is God now?' a voice within him replied, 'He is here. He is hanging here on the gallows.' And this, of course, is the meaning of Good Friday, so called because this is the day God entered the suffering of humanity and all of creation, through the death of his Son Jesus who was nailed to a cross. Through this most cruel and agonising of deaths, Jesus entered our suffering – and allowed himself to experience all the terror and evil of such a slow and painful death. Through this great act of self-sacrifice Jesus demonstrated his supreme love for all humankind, and in the deepest personal way for you, and me, and indeed every human being. But the darkness of evil and death did not overcome the light of Jesus. As St John says in the prologue to the Gospel, "The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it" (Gospel of John, Chapter 1 verse 5). One of the most beautiful and moving services of Easter Day is the Vigil service, with the rising of the Sun dispelling the darkness of night, and the lighting of the Easter fire, and then the Easter Candle, to symbolise the light of Christ. An ancient prayer of the Church, the Benedictus, captures the profound joy of this coming of the Light:

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break up upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
And the shadow of death:
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Jesus said "I am the light of the world, and whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (Gospel of John, Chapter 8 verse 12). Easter is an invitation from the living, risen Christ to open our hearts to the light of his love, so as to dispel the darkness of whatever is holding us back from living by this light, and living as we are truly meant to be. May the light of Christ warm our lives and guide us into the way of peace this Easter, and may we always have the joy of knowing the Risen Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer!

Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News Nurturing and sharing faith
Telling the story afresh Equipping to serve
Expressing God's love 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.

Reporting Child Abuse

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

Sentence

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.
The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia! 1 Corinthians 5.7–8

Prayer of the Day

Brightness of God's glory, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison: as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit; let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the First and the Last, the Living One, our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

Easter Anthem in place of psalm: Hymn to the Risen Christ

1 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Response: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

2 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
Death has no more dominion over him.
In dying he died to sin once for all;
in living he lives to God.

Response: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

3 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.

Response: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4 For as by one man came death:
by another has come also resurrection of the dead;
for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Response: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

¹ Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 20, verses 1-18

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that

he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Years Mind

Alma Locke, Irene Watson, Anne Johnson, Jess Hodges, Samuel Scott and Barbara Morris whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Flowers today are in Loving Memory of Anna Ross, Trevor Frost, Andrew McDonald, also David, Elvena & Thomas Orange



Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); Ecumenical Affairs Committee; Christ Church Melton (Neil Taylor, Ruth Li); St Paul's Cathedral – Easter Sunday Service (Abp Philip Freier); St Matthews Wheelers Hill – Easter Sunday Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Mary's Camberwell South – Easter Sunday Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Anglican Parish of St George, Queenscliff and St James Point Cook – Easter Sunday Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Give thanks for being able to come together for worship this Easter.

The World: Pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

The Nation: Pray for vulnerable children and those who care for them.

Prayer of the Week

Lord of all life and power, who, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise, honour and thanksgiving, now and for all eternity. **Amen**

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 2.14, 22-32	Ps 16	Matthew 28.8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2. 36-41	Ps 33. 4-9	John 20.11-8
Wednesday	Acts 3.1-10	Ps 105.1-7	Luke 24.13-35
Thursday	Acts 3.11-26	Ps 8	Luke 24.35-48
Friday	Acts 4.1-12	Ps 118.21-29	John 21.1-14
Saturday	Acts 4.13-21	Ps 118.14-19	Mark 16.9-15

ABM Pew Reflections

Adam to Jesus. Death to life. God swallowing up death. Tears wiped away. Dead to sin, alive to God. Disbelief to belief. The transition from a fallen world to a heavenly existence. We waited for his death and resurrection, we needed it. We are a people not of death but of the resurrection. We are saved, we are holy in the sight of God, death scares us no longer. God loves us, wants us, and waits for us. Rejoice! Praise God! Go with haste to tell others that the Lord is risen for he is risen indeed! Alleluia! Loving God, let us rejoice in the knowledge that you are the God of all, loving and nurturing all your children, let us be safe in the knowledge that through the death and resurrection of your only child we have all entered into life with you. Give thanks for the ministry of the Cathedral Church of the Resurrection in Popondetta, Papua New Guinea and for the ministry all churches dedicated to Christ's rising from the dead. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Primate, the Most Rev Geoffrey Smith, as he heads the Anglican Church of Australia, and for the work and witness of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev and Rt Hon Justin Welby, as he leads the Anglican Communion – our family of Churches in more than 165 countries.



*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*

THANK YOU

To all who ordered Tesselaar's Bulbs. Delivery has started and we hope that you have great joy watching them appear through the ground and enjoy their flowers. Our profit is \$329. 20!

Happy Birthday



to Judy Jensen who has a significant birthday on Easter Day!



Plants, cakes jams,
home produce and
craft!

Thanks to all who have been able to volunteer either time or goods. We value all your prayers as we work towards the date.

Gourmet Hamper still needs contributions. Please check the list near the basket.

Advertising flyers will be available for you to letterbox if you are able or to put in a window.

Labels for food

Please note all cake and biscuit makers, jam and chutney makers.

We can do labels for you. All labels must have the name of the food, all ingredients listed with the greatest proportion of ingredient listed first. Possible **allergens** typed in bold: dairy, any nuts, sesame seeds, wheat, rye, barley and oats.

We also include a **best before** date. Chutneys 6 months from making, jams 1 year. If you are unsure please contact either Margaret Dooley or Hilary.

Plants

Have you been potting up plants? Labels would be most helpful for their sale. Do you need any pots?

Craft

All items need to go to Barbara Plumridge or Michele Mitchell who will seamlessly organise your donations for the stall.

We can collect any items which you are unable to bring to the church.

Any deliveries of goods can come to the church on Friday 16 May, you can make other arrangements.

Please contact Hilary 0400 635 600



This Week

SUN 4.4.21

Easter Day

6.00am, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 5.4.21

TUES 6.4.21

8.00-11.00am Men at Work

8.30am – 12.30pm Office open

WED 7.4.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.00am Tai Chi *hall*

THU 8.4.21

10am – 2pm Office open

FRI 9.4.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 10.4.21

10am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall* and *Undercroft*

SUN 11.4.21

First Sunday after Easter

8.00am, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

For the Diary

April 10

Composers' League Concert *church*,
12.00-5.30pm

April 14

Concert *church*, 2.00-5.00pm

April 17

Autumn Market Fair 9.00am-2.00pm

Flute Guild concert, *church*, 5.30-8.00pm



He is Risen



Hallelujah

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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.

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

Roster 9.30am Service

	Today 4.4.21	Next week 11.4.21
SIDESPEOPLE	Ken McD, Dianne A	Ted G Sandra L
SERVERS	Sophia E, Kim C	Garry M, Sophia E
READERS	Kim C, Martin F	Janet H, Rosemary S
INTERCESSOR		Elizabeth B
COUNTING	Ken McD, Ted G	Michele M, Lyn B