



**ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL**  
**Second Sunday of Easter Day**  
**11 April, 2021**

**Parish  
Link**

**The Vicar writes...**

Welcome to our online and in-person worship. Welcome also to Father Alasdair who is preacher and celebrant at both our 8am and 9.30am liturgies. Today is traditionally LOW SUNDAY; after all the excitement of the events of last weekend there is the possibility of a flat feeling to our celebrations today as we commence our journey as 'Resurrection People.' But may I suggest that we hold fast to this call to live as God's people – full of joy, life and forgiveness! Eugene Peterson's translation of Jesus' words in today's Gospel text from John provides a very different way of seeing the gift of forgiveness and grace: "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?" One scholar has written that "We cannot keep the Spirit to ourselves. We are gifted with it for the sake of others. God gives the church the spiritual gift of resurrection life so that the church will bring it to bear on the world." It sounds as if a personal, private faith is not what Jesus intends for us, but instead he wants a Spirit-filled church to be his gift to the world. Whenever we're afraid and hiding out, all locked up, God comes to us in the midst of our fear and says, "Peace be with you." Whatever doubts churn in our minds, whatever sins trouble our consciences, whatever pain and worry bind us up, whatever walls we have put up or doors we have locked securely, God comes to us and says, "Peace be with you." Whatever hunger and need we feel deep in our souls, God calls us to the table, feeds us well, and sends us out into the world to be justice and peace, salt and light, hope for the world. We can do it, if we keep our eyes open, our minds limber, and our hearts soft and willing to love. As God sent Jesus, God sends us, this day!



**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  
Kooyoroa Professional Standards  
1800 135 246

## Sentence

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'  
John 20.21

## Prayer of the Day

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. **Amen.**

## Readings

### First Reading: Acts 4.32-37

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. <sup>36</sup> There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). <sup>37</sup> He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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

### Psalm: 133

<sup>1</sup> Behold how good and how lovely it is:  
when families live together in unity.

<sup>2</sup> **It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard:**  
**fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup> It is like a dew of Hermon:  
like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

<sup>4</sup> **For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:**  
**which is life for evermore.**

### Second Reading: 1 John 1.1-2.2

<sup>1</sup> We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup> this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup> we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have

fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup> and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John, Chapter 20, verses 19-31

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**Years Mind**

Harry Laugher, Joe Plumridge, Marjorie Eva Adair, Daniel Chamberlain,  
Joyce Morton, Barbara Mack, John Colliver,

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



## Prayer Points

*The Church:* The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradley Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd, Clergy & People); Evangelism in the Diocese; St David's Moorabbin (Johnsan David); All Saints St Kilda - Confirmation service (Abp Philip Freier); St Luke's Vermont - Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); Casey Anglican Dinka Congregation - Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker).

*The Parish:* Give thanks for our celebration of Easter together.

*The World:* Pray for those in East Timor and Indonesia affected by floods.

*The Nation:* Pray for those distributing the COVID vaccine and all health workers.

## Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may ever seek the things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 4.23-31	Ps 2.1-8	John 3.1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4.32-37	Ps 93	John 3.7-15
Wednesday	Acts 5.17-26	Ps 34.1-8	John 3.16-21
Thursday	Acts 5.27-33	Ps 34.11-18	John 3.31-36
Friday	Acts 5.34-42	Ps 27.1-5	John 6.1-15
Saturday	Acts 6.1-7	Ps 33.17-21	John 6.16-21



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)



**MOTHERS' UNION MEETING** 1.30pm on Wednesday 28 April

Our speaker will be the Reverend Helen McAlley.

Topic: Ministry in Outback South Australia.

Visitors welcome.



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 approach 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 APRIL** or ask if you can make other arrangements.

Please contact Hilary 0400 635 600

*See you all there next Saturday!*

## ANGLICAN CHURCH LAW AND GOVERNANCE

This year, Trinity College Theological School is offering Australia's first and only unit in Anglican church law and governance. It will be held over two 2.5-day sessions on 1–3 July and 22–24 July in Melbourne.

The unit is designed for anyone interested in church law and governance, including bishops, chancellors, advocates, registrars, parish officers and clergy (you do not need to be ordained to register). This intensive can be taken for credit or audited as a single unit, or as a unit within the Graduate Certificate of Divinity, specialising in Advanced Church Leadership. Limited bursaries are available.

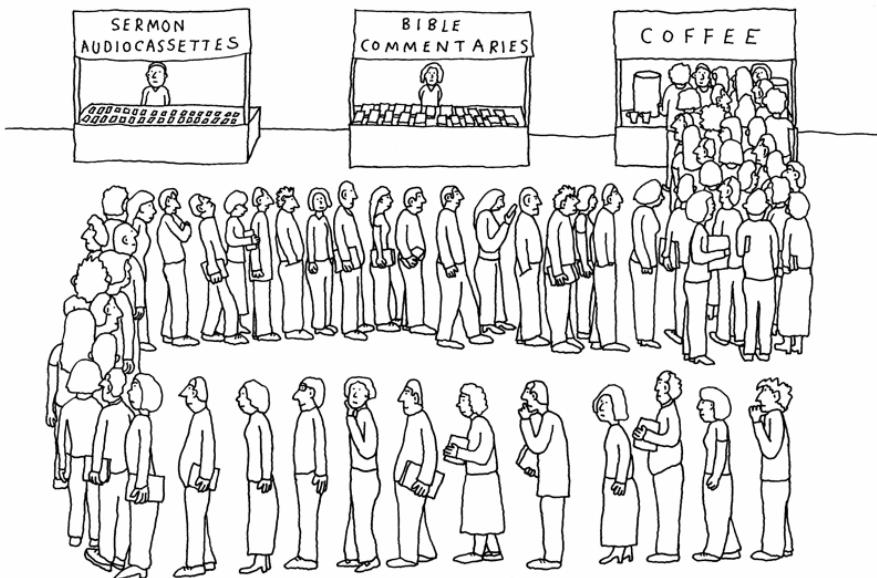
For more information about what the unit covers and to view the list of teachers (led by Prof the Hon Clyde Croft AM SC), visit [www.trinity.edu.au/church-law](http://www.trinity.edu.au/church-law) or contact [tcts@trinity.edu.au](mailto:tcts@trinity.edu.au)

### TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A Sunday school teacher asked her class to draw a picture of something about the baby Jesus. One little boy drew a picture of a jet airplane with four people inside. When asked who the people were, he said, "That's Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus on the flight to Egypt." "Okay," she replied, "but who's the fourth person?" "Oh," he responded, "that's Pontius the pilot."

## THE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

A TYPICAL SCENE



## This Week

**SUN 11.4.21**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**8.00am, 9.30am Eucharist**

**11.30am Mandarin service**

**2.30pm Dinka service**

**MON 12.4.21**

**TUES 13.4.21**

**8.00-11.00am Men at Work**

**8.30am – 12.30pm Office open**

**WED 14.4.21**

**10.30am Eucharist**

**10-11.30am Tai Chi hall**

**5.30-8.00pm Concert, church**

**THU 15.4.21**

**10am – 2pm Office open**

**FRI 16.4.21**

**7.30am Eucharist**

**5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group**

**SAT 17.4.21**

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

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

**SUN 18.4.21**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**8.00am, 9.30am Eucharist**

**11.30am Mandarin service**

**2.30pm Dinka service**

## For the Diary

**April 14**

**Concert church, 2.00-500pm**

**April 17**  
**Autumn Market Fair**  
**9.00am-2.00pm**

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



*Hallelujah*

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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.

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

## Roster 9.30am Service

	<b>Today 11.4.21</b>	<b>Next week 18.4.21</b>
<b>SIDESPEOPLE</b>	Ted G Sandra L	Michele M, Barbara P
<b>SERVERS</b>	Garry M, Sophia E	Elizabeth B, Sophia E
<b>READERS</b>	Edwin C, Rosemary S	Janet H, Linda B
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	Elizabeth B	Janet H
<b>COUNTING</b>	Michele M, Lyn B	Charles B, Margaret R