



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL  
Fourth Sunday of Easter Day  
25 April, 2021

# Parish Link

## The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Amid Jesus' discourse on being "the good shepherd," we have his bold assertion that, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd." There are three points to note: First, God continues to call people from all walks of life, from every nation on the face of the earth, and from each and every generation across the nearly two thousand years since Jesus first uttered those words until today. If that were not true, you and I would not have come to faith and we certainly would not be giving our lives to the task and joy of proclaiming the Gospel. Second, God is at work in our midst and through us and our congregations to extend the invitation to abundant life offered by the Good Shepherd. Do we imagine that God is using our lives and words to invite others to faith? Can we imagine that simply by praying for someone or inviting someone to church we might be the vessel by which God continues to reach out and embrace God's beloved sheep from beyond this fold? Third, the members who will one day constitute Jesus' flock are beyond our imagining. There is a tremendous expansiveness to Jesus' statement here, and we do not know – for neither Jesus nor John tells us – just what are the limits of the fold Jesus describes. All we know is that Jesus – and therefore God – isn't done yet. Jesus is still calling, God is still searching, and in time we will all be, as Jesus says, one flock under one shepherd. So perhaps this week we might name some of the anxieties we have and concerns we hold regarding those who have left the faith, or seem on the edge of our community, or have not heard of or yet believed in the good news of God's grace. And, having named them, perhaps we might also pray for them, praying that God would work in us and through us to share the abundant life we've experienced. But we might also pray that we grow to trust to God the fate of all God's children and sheep simply because of the faith God showed in us by sending the Good Shepherd, the one who lays down his life for us and all people out of nothing other than sheer, abiding, and eternal love. Thanks to be God.

### **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

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.'  
John 10.14

## Prayer of the Day

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Readings

First Reading: Acts 4.5-12

<sup>5</sup> The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." <sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

## Psalm: 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore can I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> **He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> He will refresh my soul:  
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days  
of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## Second Reading: 1 John 3.16-24

<sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup> How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John, Chapter 10, verses 11-18

### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>11</sup> ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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

### Years Mind

Kathleen Anthoni, Paul Wiltshire, Trevor Frost and Cyril White, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Prayer Points

*The Church:* The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens; Ministries to Youth; Parish of Oakleigh - Holy Trinity & Emmanuel (Colleen Arnold-Moore); St Luke’s Frankston - Pastoral Service (Bp

Paul Barker); RAFT Anglican Church Rowville – Confirmation Service (Bp Paul Barker); St John’s East Malvern – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

*The Parish:* Give thanks for the fact that we can meet together in praise.

*The World:* Continue to pray for the people of Papua New Guinea.

*The Nation:* Pray for our Prime Minister and the Premiers of all the states.

### Prayer of the Week

God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 11.1-18	Ps 42.1-5	John 10.1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11.19-26	Ps 87	John 10.22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12.24-13.5	Ps 67	John 12.44-50
Thursday	Acts 13.13-25	Ps 89.19-25	John 13.16-20
Friday	Acts 13.26-33	Ps 2.6-11	John 14.1-6
Saturday	Acts 13.44-52	Ps 98.1-4	John 14.7-14



*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)*

### AUTUMN MARKET

Congratulations to all our parish for a successful Pandemic Autumn market last week. Your prayers, support with staffing to set up, clean up and on the stalls was wonderful.

Your contributions included over 50 varieties of fresh and preserved goods.

Crafts (sewn, knitted, woven, crocheted and cards) were wonderful.

We had a spectrum of green and colourful plants, as well as the always popular home made cakes, slices and biscuits along with our tea and coffee with sandwiches, were very welcome.

We had two raffles. Jan’s terrific home made biscuits prize was won by Myf from Tullamarine. The parish Gourmet Food Hamper was won by our parishioner Dilys Smith. The consolation food hamper was won by a Box Hill visitor, Keith.

We hope that families attending concerts at the Town Hall enjoyed some of our goods and remember that we are a welcoming local church.

Profit at the end of Saturday was \$5,677.15

Thank you Box Hill Anglicans.

Our speaker will be the Reverend Helen McAlley.

Topic: Ministry in Outback South Australia. Visitors welcome.

## 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.

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)

## THANK YOU

Dilys Smith wants to thank all those who contributed to the fabulous food hamper that she won in the Autumn Market Fair raffle. She was thrilled to have won.

## NAMES FOR INTERCESSIONS

To help keep this list current, it would be very helpful if you could contact Cecilia in the office or the Vicar or Fr Alasdair and let us know either new names to add or names that can be removed when appropriate. Many thanks for your help with this.

## TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

THE SHEPHERD IS GOOD  
BECAUSE HE "LAYS  
DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS  
SHEEP." I LIKE THAT.



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YES, AND BECAUSE HE  
HAS THE POWER TO  
TAKE IT UP AGAIN.



OOOH! THAT IS  
GOOD!

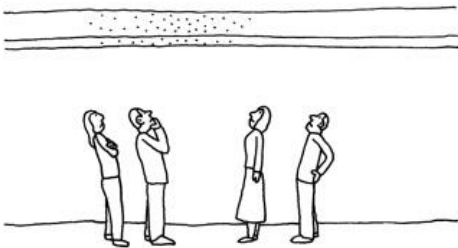


JOHN 10:11-18

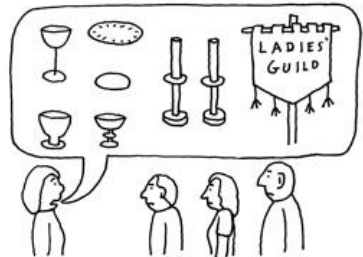


A famous professor of surgery died and went to heaven. At the pearly gate he was asked by the gatekeeper: 'Have you ever committed a sin you truly regret?' 'Yes,' the professor answered. 'When I was a young candidate at the hospital of Saint Lucas, we played soccer against a team from the Community Hospital, and I scored a goal, which was off-side. But the referee did not see it so, and the goal won us the match. I regret that now.' 'Well,' said the gatekeeper. 'That is a very minor sin. You may enter.' 'Thank you very much, Saint Peter,' the professor answered. 'I'm not Saint Peter,' said the gatekeeper. 'He is having his lunchbreak. I am Saint Lucas.'

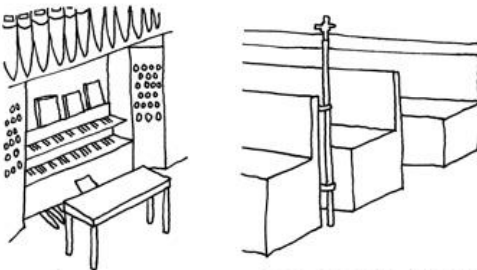
# TERRIBLE DISCOVERIES



THE BEAMS ARE ROTTEN AND COULD COLLAPSE AT ANY MOMENT



OUR MOST PRECIOUS ARTEFACTS HAVE BEEN STOLEN



THE ORGANIST AND THE CHURCHWARDEN HAVE GONE MISSING SIMULTANEOUSLY



SOMEONE HAS EATEN ALL OF THE BISCUITS

## This Week

**SUN 25.4.21**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**8.00am, 9.30am** Eucharist

**11.30am** Mandarin service

**2.30pm** Dinka service

**MON 26.4.21**

**9.30-10.30am** Tai Chi *hall*

**6.30-6.30pm** Tai Chi *hall*

**TUES 27.4.21**

**8.00-11.00am** Men at Work

**8.30am -12.30pm** Office open

**5.30-7.30pm** Bellydancing, *hall*

**WED 28.4.21**

**10.30am** Eucharist

**10-11.30am** Tai Chi *hall*

**THU 29.4.21**

**10am - 2pm** Office open

**6.30-9.30pm** Crossways ESL, *hall*

**FRI 30.4.21**

**7.30am** Eucharist

**5.30-9.30pm** Mandarin Prayer Group

**SAT 1.5.21**

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

**4.00-9.30pm** GWS Concert, *church*

**SUN 2.5.21**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**8.00am, 9.30am** Eucharist

**11.30am** Mandarin service

**2.30pm** Dinka service

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## For the Diary

**May 1**

Grainger Wind Symphony Concert, *church*

4.00-9.30pm

**May 19**

Dream Stitches Meeting, *St Aidan's*

**May 23**

Pentecost

**June 5**

VMTA concert, *church*

1.30-5.00pm

**June 27**

Patronal Festival





## 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.

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

### Roster 9.30am Service

	Today 25.4.21	Next week 2.5.21
SIDESPEOPLE	Felicity H, Martin F	Rosemary S, Judy J
SERVERS	Sophia E, Rosemary S	Sophia E, Michele M
READERS	Charles B, Barbara P	Jan G, Margaret D
INTERCESSOR	Betty B	Sophia E
COUNTING	Elizabeth B, Hilary B	Daryl P. Ken McD