



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Fifth Sunday of Easter Day
2 May, 2021

Parish
Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our in person and online worship today! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Before we reflect upon the readings I take this opportunity to congratulate Bishop George who is celebrating 40 years as a Bishop in the Church of God today. Bishop George has been a tremendous teacher of the faith and leader in God's church. His faithfulness is an inspiration to all and we pray God continues to richly bless him for years to come.

We have such a treasure trove of readings this day that many a sermon could be preached and insight gained for our continuing discipleship but one cannot go past the command to abide in God. However those early followers may have heard and experienced Jesus' words, we today can see them for the radical, challenging, and inclusive message they bear. This is no sugar-coated dream, but rather a communal mandate for how we as disciples are called to live, bearing fruit and thriving in the vineyard of this world. And it's all about love. Not a saccharine-sweet pop song love, but the radical death-defying love of Jesus the saviour of this world. It's not about earning or deserving love either. It's about a love so amazing and so limitless that it continues to pour forth in bread and wine, Word and water, and Spirit-wind. Love is, in fact, the very nature and essence of God, and we are only able to love because God first loved us. In a world so broken and bruised, this love of God made real in Jesus and extended to us is the only antidote to death and darkness. Indeed, we are commanded to love our brothers and sisters and to constantly draw a wider and more inclusive circle in which Christ's healing love may be found. No one ever claimed this divine love business would be easy, but we have the promise that in loving one another God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us. We individually and in community must choose to abide in God, to be connected to the source of love and life. For it is only in this vital abiding in Christ that we bear the fruits of love, kindness, mercy, and hope. In the face of any pain and suffering the world may dish out, by the grace of God we are equipped and empowered to love: One small act at a time, one person at a time, on moment at a time. Thanks be to God!

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.

Reporting Child Abuse

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

Sentence

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4.10–11

Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

First Reading: Acts 8.26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Psalm: 22.26-32

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

²⁷ **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!**

²⁸ 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.**

³⁰ 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.**

³² 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: 1 John 4.7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 15, verses 1-8

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to

you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

Years Mind

Sandy Wilson, Thomas Orange, Bonnie Fowler, Frances Allen, Frank Groom, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East; The Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Weatherill, Clergy & People); University of Divinity (Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor); The Anglican Parish of Pascoe Vale/Oak Park (vacant incumbency); Church of the New Guinea Martyrs Anglican Church, Croydon South - Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Augustine's Moreland – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Paul's Cathedral – Tintern Grammar (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Christ Church Melton – Pastoral Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Give thanks for service of Bishop George, bishop for 40 years.

The World: Pray for the people of India and for their doctors and health workers.

The Nation: Pray for children in foster care and for their carers and families.

Prayer of the Week

Saving God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died for us and rose again and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 14.5-18	Ps 115.1-7	John 14.21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14.19-28	Ps 145.10-13	John 14.27-31
Wednesday	Acts 15.1-6	Ps 122	John 15.1-8
Thursday	Acts 15.7-21	Ps 96.1-6	John 15.8-11
Friday	Acts 15.22-31	Ps 57.8-12	John 15.12-17
Saturday	Acts 16.1-10	Ps 100	John 15.18-21



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



to Joyce Frost, who celebrated her birthday last Monday (26/4).

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 or contact tcts@trinity.edu.au

PRAYER AND HYMN BOOKS

If hands are sanitised on entry, we are now permitted to use prayer and hymn books again. Hooray!

CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP GEORGE

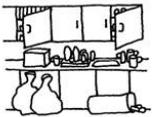
*40 Year anniversary of
Consecration
as Bishop*



TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly sidesperson greeted her at the door and helped her up the steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely. "The front row, please," she answered. "You really don't want to do that," the sidesperson said, "the minister is really boring." "Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. "No," he said. "I'm the minister's mother," she replied indignantly. "Do you know who I am?" he asked. No," she said. "Good," he answered.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS



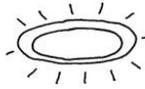
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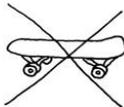
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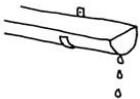
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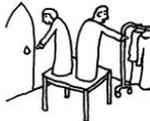
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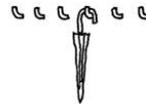
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This Week

SUN 2.5.21

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 3.5.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-6.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 4.5.21

8.00-11.00am Men at Work

8.30am -12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 6.5.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

THU 7.5.21

10am - 2pm Office open

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 8.5.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 9.5.21

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

SUN 2.5.21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

For the Diary

May 19

Dream Stitches Meeting, *St Aidan's*

May 23

Pentecost

June 5

VMTA concert, *church*

1.30-5.00pm

June 27

Patronal Festival

July 18

Family and Children's Service (FACS)

10.00am

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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 2.5.21	Next week 9.5.21
SIDESPEOPLE	Rosemary S, Judy J	Ken McD, Ted G
SERVERS	Sophia E, Michele M	Sophia E, Kim C
READERS	Jan G, Margaret D	Michele M, Garry P
INTERCESSOR	Sophia E	Michele M
COUNTING	Daryl P, Ken McD	Michele M, Ted G