



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Sixth Sunday of Easter Day
9 May, 2021

Parish
Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our in person and online worship today! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! As this joyous Easter season draws to a close with the celebration of the Ascension on Thursday we hear a wonderfully comforting Gospel passage from John 15 this morning. We are chosen by God! For a moment today just let that fact sink in. We are chosen by the creator of the entire cosmos to be in relationship – to be supported, enriched and loved! To be considered the *doulos* (slave or servant) of God was thought to be a high honour in the ancient world and here today our relationship extends beyond being *slaves* and *servants* of God, to us being in Christ being *friends* of God!! No matter how lonely, isolated and alone we may *feel* from time to time – the reality is that we are *always* in relationship with God and this relationship is more than just a passing nodding acquaintance as if God is just someone we ride the train with each day or meet at the store each week. The real question to ponder today is how to develop our friendship with God – how to allow the Spirit of God, whom we celebrate soon at Pentecost, to fully transform us into the people God wants us to be.

Also congratulations to all Mothers today as we celebrate Mothers' Day. It is good to announce the fact that we are able to reuse the Undercroft for morning teas after the 9.30am service. Please consider being involved in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative this year. Information is available on the back table in the church.

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

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.' John 15.16

Prayer of the Day

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Acts 10.44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm: 98

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;

² **His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.**

³ The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.

⁴ **He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.

⁶ **Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.**

⁷ With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.

⁸ **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.**

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;

**¹⁰ For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

Second Reading: 1 John 5.1-12

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ There are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 15, verses 9-17

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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



Years Mind

John Noble, Lilian Law, Peter Reynolds, Elizabeth Gell, George Knack, Mildred Stork, Ella Sheldrick whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: The Anglican Church of Kenya (Abp Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate); The Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People); Melbourne Grammar School (Philip Grutzner, Principal; Hans Christiansen, William Peacock, Malcolm Woolrich, Chaplains); The Parish of All Saints, Rosebud w. St Katherine's, McCrae (Stephen Pollard); Chinese Congregation Mitcham – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Oswald's Glen Iris – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St John's Blackburn – Reception Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Paul's Inverleigh – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St John's Bannockburn – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Give thanks for our choir and for our organists.

The World: Continue to pray for the people of India.

The Nation: Pray that compassion and justice may be hallmarks of our government.

Prayer of the Week

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant that we may walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 16.11-15	Ps 149	John 15.26-16.4
Tuesday	Acts 16.22-34	Ps 138	John 16.5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17.15, 22-18.1	Ps 148.7-15	John 16.12-15
Thursday	Acts 1.1-11	Ps 93	Mark 16.15-20
Friday	Acts 1.14-17, 20-26	Ps 84	John 15.9-17
Saturday	Acts 18.23-28	Ps 47	John 16.23-28

ABM Pew Reflections

We are exhorted by the Psalmist today to *sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvellous things*. If you were to examine your life what things would you describe as marvellous ones that God has done for you? What about in your parish? In our city? In Australia? We're reminded to look for the blessings in our lives. Perhaps today's the day to begin a gratitude diary, to help you focus on where God has been blessing you and the wider community.



*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*

MORNING TEA after 9.30am service

Morning teas will start up again this morning, May 9. We need to be mindful that Covid regulations still apply and we are bound to follow them. This means:

- **No self-service.** Please wait for the morning tea team to serve you. (They are very willing!)
- Please **hand sanitise** on entry and departure.
- Please **don't enter the kitchen.**
- Please enjoy the fellowship and socially distanced contact!



CHILD SAFETY

The long process of those with prescribed roles having to obtain or update WWCCs and CrimChecks has now been completed. This involved over 20 people across all congregations. Thank you to everyone for helping our parish remain within the law! The process is, of course, ongoing and updates will be needed.

The next step is for all those people - everyone should be aware of it - to read the Child Safety Policy (on our website or I can give you a hard copy) and sign a commitment to abide by the policy. I will be emailing or giving you a hard copy of the form over the next month. Please return it either scanned and emailed or in hard copy as soon as you can. (Some have already completed this step and thank you for that.)

Can we do this? Yes, we can!



PLASTIC BREAD TAGS

For those who are interested, Jan is letting you know that plastic bread tags can be dropped off at the Bendigo Bank at Blackburn South which collects them for charity.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

♪ JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW! ♪



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

YES, AND YET THAT LOVE REMAINS A MYSTERY. WE CAN ONLY STRIVE TO UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE ITS DEPTH AND BREADTH.



I THOUGHT I WAS DOING *PRETTY GOOD!*



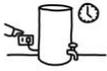
JOHN 15:9-17

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A member of a Baptist family died while the minister was out of town. The family asked a young local Anglican minister to conduct the funeral service. He told them he would have to check with the Bishop. He wired the Bishop: "Could I bury a Baptist?" The Bishop wired back: "Yes, bury all the Baptists you can!"

SKILLS

GAINED OVER A LIFETIME OF CHURCHGOING



SWITCHING ON THE URN AT THE CORRECT TIME



NOT FORGETTING TO BRING THE MILK



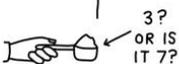
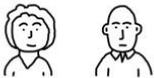
KNOWING HOW MANY TEA BAGS ARE NEEDED IN THE LARGE TEA POT



POURING A REASONABLE CUP OF TEA



DEALING WITH SPILLAGES IN A CALM MANNER



REMEMBERING HOW MANY SCOOPS TO PUT INTO THE COFFEE MACHINE



BEING ABLE TO LOCATE THE TEA SPOON DRAWER UNDER PRESSURE



GRASPING BASIC SERVING HATCH ETIQUETTE



FOLDING THE COFFEE TABLES WITHOUT INJURY



WASHING UP 14 CUPS AND SAUCERS IN A MINUTE

This Week

SUN 9.5.21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 10.5.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-6.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 11.5.21

8.00-11.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 12.5.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft*

THU 13.5.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 14.5.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 15.5.21

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

SUN 16.5.21

Seventh 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 12

Piano student concert, *church*

3.00-7.00pm

June 19

Parish Staff Meeting

10.00-11.30am

Grainger Wind Symphony, *church*

Midday-11.00pm

June 27

Patronal Festival

July 18

Family and Children's Service (FACS)

10.00am

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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 9.5.21	Next week 16.5.21
SIDESPEOPLE	Ken McD, Ted G	Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Sophia E, Kim C	Garry M, Sophia E
READERS	Michele M, Garry P	Conrad H, Elizabeth B
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Elizabeth B
COUNTING	Michele M, Ted G	Margaret R, Elizabeth B
MORNING TEA	Barbara, Cecilia, Rosemary	Cecilia (M), Margaret R, Jan G