



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Second Sunday after Pentecost
6 June, 2021

Parish Link

Father Alasdair writes...

I am pleased to be able to write to you this morning that even though COVID-19 restrictions are still in place, we have been able to ensure that we are able to conduct an on-line service this Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

The Gospel reading according to Mark contains two stories; the first about how the people reacted to Jesus exorcising demons, and the second is about who is really in the family of Christ.

In the modern secular world, we are very sceptical about “miracles”. Just about anything we do not understand is written off as impossible. Today, fewer people believe in demons, let alone exorcism, and would, at best, try to justify such a story in terms of modern scientific or medical experience, or at worst, simply classify it as “fantasy”. It is a little sad that we have become so cynical, particularly when examples of miracles abound.

Life itself is an unexplained miracle. We do not fully know how it starts. We do not know precisely when it will end. It belongs to an ineffable God. While involved with the Healing Ministry at St. Paul’s Anglican Cathedral, I saw many miracles, both small and very large, occur as a result of prayers answered. No-one knows how prayer works. It belongs to an ineffable God.

I think that in light of such evidence Christians can show the world that miracles **do** exist, and that we have a fair idea of an explanation for them: - GOD!

Mission Statement

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| 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

[Here are my mother and my brothers!] Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother. Mark 3.34–35

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose, and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: 1 Samuel 8.4-11, 8.16-20

⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵ and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, ⁷ and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.' ⁸ Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹ Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.' ¹⁰ So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹ He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹⁶ He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.' ¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰ so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

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

Psalms 138

¹ I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:
even before the gods will I sing your praises.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name:
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness,
for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things.**

³ At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:
and put new strength within my soul.

⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:
for they have heard the words of your mouth;**

⁵ And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:
that the glory of the Lord is great.

**⁶ For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:
and he comprehends the proud from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life:
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my
enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

**⁸ The Lord will complete his purpose for me:
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke' - we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. ¹ For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark, Chapter 3, verses 20-35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁰ and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' ²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ²⁸ 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' - ³⁰ for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' ³¹ Then his mother and

his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' ³³ And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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

Years Mind

Elvena Orange, George Collins, Trissette Baptist, Agnes Cook and Frederick Allen whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) (Abp Stephen Than Myint Oo, Primate); The Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Regional Bps Jeremy Greaves, Cameron Venables, John Roundhill, Clergy & People); Tintern Grammar (Brad Fry, Principal; Alison Andrew, Chaplain); St Stephen's Congregation – Karen Community Werribee (Moe Win Tun Kin); St James' & St Peter's Kilysth – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St James Pakenham – Confirmation Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Mary's Melbourne North – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Pray for our clergy and all our congregations at this time.

The World: Pray for all political prisoners and those persecuted for their faith.

The Nation: Pray for all public health officials and aged care workers.

Prayer of the Week

O Lord, from whom alone all good things come: grant that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guiding may perform them; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Daily Readings

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| Monday | 2 Corinthians 1.1-7 | Ps 34.1-10 | Matthew 5.1-12 |
| Tuesday | 2 Corinthians 1.18-22 | Ps 119.129-136 | Matthew 5.13-16 |
| Wednesday | 2 Corinthians 3.4-11 | Ps 99.6-9 | Matthew 5.17-19 |
| Thursday | 2 Corinthians 3.15-4.6 | Ps 85.8-13 | Matthew 5.20-26 |
| Friday | 2 Corinthians 4.7-15 | Ps 116.11-18 | Matthew 5.27-32 |
| Saturday | 2 Corinthians 5.14-21 | Ps 103.6-14 | Matthew 5.33-37 |

ABM Pew Reflections

Today we learn from that Psalmist that *At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer: and put new strength within my soul.* May we remember that whenever we feel weak, or tired or anxious that if we call on God, then new strength will be given to us. There is no need to feel hopeless and alone because God is ever-willing to

send the Holy Spirit to inspire, to comfort, and to strengthen us. Send your Spirit to us, Lord, that we might be given consolation and reassurance. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of South India.



*If you have a notice to be included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursday 9899 5122 or anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com*

LOCKDOWN AT ST PETER'S

The church will **not** be open for services this Sunday, June 6. The service will be live streamed, but you can also access services from the Cathedral, Holy Trinity, Surrey Hills or St John's Camberwell.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

Rev'd Esther has kindly offered to host morning and evening prayer online each day. If you want to be a part of that, please contact Fr Alasdair or Rev'd Esther.



PEW CUSHIONS

A big thank you to Rev. Esther for arranging to have bench cushions for the pews – a little touch of comfort for when we are able to be back sitting on them.

FASHION PARADE June 23

We are hoping this will still be able to go ahead but the decision has yet to be made, No charge to attend and there will be a raffle and door prize. RSVP for numbers for afternoon tea which will be covid-style. 98906528 or 0425757778 for Jan. Or 98984995 for Barbara.

ROSTERS

It's that time again! A roster for the July/December 2021 period is being prepared. It will be assumed that all those currently on rosters will be continuing; if not, please advise Michele asap. If you would like to be included on the roster as a Sides person, Reader, Counter, Flower arranger or to help with Morning Tea, please talk to Michele also. It would be great to get as many parishioners included as possible.

MU FILM AND LUNCH



Hopefully we may be able to have the meeting and on a future date. Please watch the "Link" or contact Jan.

PIE DRIVE

Watch this space!
Pies will be driven to St Peter's eventually!



TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

It is the year 2021 and Noah lives in Australia.

The Lord speaks to Noah and says: "In one year I am going to make it rain and cover the whole earth with water until all is destroyed. But I want you to save the righteous people and two of every kind of living thing on the earth. Therefore, I am commanding you to build an Ark."

In a flash of lightning, God delivered the specifications for an Ark. Fearful and trembling, Noah took the plans and agreed to build the Ark.

"Remember," said the Lord, "You must complete the Ark and bring everything aboard in one year."

Exactly one year later, a fierce storm cloud covered the earth and all the seas of the earth went into a tumult. The Lord saw Noah sitting in his front yard weeping.

"Noah." He shouted, "Where is the Ark?" "Lord please forgive me!" cried Noah. "I did my best, but there were big problems. First, I had to get a permit for construction and your plans did not comply with the codes. I had to hire an engineering firm and redraw the plans. Then I got into a fight with OH&S over whether or not the Ark needed a fire sprinkler system and floatation devices. Then my neighbour objected, claiming I was violating planning rules by building the Ark in my front yard, so I had to get a permit from the local council.

I had problems getting enough wood for the Ark, because there was a ban on cutting trees to protect the Hairy-nosed wombat. I finally convinced the Conservation Department that I needed the wood to save the wombats. However, the Wildlife Department won't let me catch any wombats. So, no wombats.

The carpenters formed a union and went out on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the CFMEU. Now I have 16 carpenters on the Ark, but still wombats.

When I started rounding up the other animals, I got sued by an animal rights group. They objected to me only taking two of each kind aboard. Just when I got the suit dismissed, the EPA notified me that I could not complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take very kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of the Creator of the universe.

Then the local council engineers demanded a map of the proposed new flood plain. I sent them a globe.

Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that I am practicing discrimination by not taking godless, unbelieving people aboard!

The ATO has seized all my assets, claiming that I'm building the Ark in preparation to flee the country to avoid paying taxes.

I just got a notice from the state government that I owe some kind of tax and failed to register the Ark as a recreational water craft.

Finally the Attorney General got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction of the Ark, saying that since God is flooding the earth, it is a religious event, therefore unconstitutional.

I really don't think I can finish the Ark for another 5 or 6 years!", Noah wailed. The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine and the seas began to calm. A rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up hopefully.

"You mean you are not going to destroy the earth, Lord?" "No," said the Lord sadly. "Bureaucracy already has."

Magnificat

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis
Magnificat

CVK Stanford
edited by Jeremy Dibdin

Allegro (♩ = 80)

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This Week

SUN 6.6.21

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Service streamed live

9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 7.6.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall (cancelled)*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall (cancelled)*

TUES 8.6.21

8.00-11.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office closed

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall (cancelled)*

WED 9.6.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall (cancelled)*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft (cancelled)*

THU 10.6.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open *(TBC)*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall (cancelled)*

Activities and services after this time will depend on the government announcements about the lockdown.

FRI 11.6.21

7.30am Eucharist *(TBC)*

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 13.6.21

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

SUN 6.6.21

Please check the website for updates

Third Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am & 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

For the Diary

June 5

VMTA concert, *church*

1.30-5.00pm *(postponed)*

June 12

Piano student concert, *church*

3.00-7.00pm

June 15

Fr Shane back in parish.

June 19

Parish Staff Meeting

10.00-11.30am, *Office*

Piano concert, *church*

9.00-11.45am

Grainger Wind Symphony, *church*

Midday-10.00pm

June 27

Patronal Festival

Combine parish service **10.00am**

(no other services this day)

July 15

Playgroup resumes

July 18

Family and Children's Service (FACS)

10.00am

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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 6.6.21 | Next week 13.6.21 TBC |
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| SIDESPEOPLE | | |
| SERVERS | Rosemary S. | |
| READERS | Sophia E, Rosemary S | |
| INTERCESSOR | Sophia E | |
| COUNTING | | |
| MORNING TEA | | |