



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
20 June, 2021

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today online and in person as we continue to celebrate this post Pentecost season – a time for learning and maturing in the faith. It was good to have a few weeks break in Queensland catching up with family and friends. I want to express my gratitude to Father Alasdair and Mother Esther for looking after the parish in my absence, especially as I had to leave a few days early to beat the lockdown. This week's Gospel is the dramatic scene of the storm on the lake and the disciples are terrified and Jesus is asleep. Brendan Byrne writes, "There are times in the history of the church when its Lord seems to be absent or asleep, times when faith in the divine presence and power is put to the test, times even when the forces of death do prevail and lead to martyrdom in the cause of faith and justice... The story calls those who place themselves 'in the boat' with Jesus to faith in the God who saves through and beyond death but not necessarily from it." In these challenging times may we bring our fear to Jesus and ask him to transform it. Our work is always to cross over from fear to awe, from suspicion to trust, from certainty to wonder. No matter how high the storm waves in our lives, may we always rest in God's presence as we cross to the other side.



Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News
Telling the story afresh
Expressing God's love

Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

Nurturing and sharing faith
Equipping to serve
Serving the community

Reporting Child Abuse

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

Sentence: Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? Mark 4.41

Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid: rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; 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: 1 Samuel 17.32-49

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" ³⁸ Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. ⁴¹ The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." ⁴⁵ But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand." ⁴⁸ When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

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

Psalm 9:9-20

- ⁹ The Lord is a strong tower to those that are oppressed:
he is a tower of strength in time of need.
- ¹⁰ **All who heed your name will trust in you:
for you have never forsaken those that seek you.**
- ¹¹ O sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion:
tell among the peoples what great things he has done.
- ¹² **For he that avenges blood has remembered the poor:
he has not forgotten their cry.**
- ¹³ The Lord has been merciful toward me,
he saw what I suffered from my foes:
he raised me up again from the gates of death,
- ¹⁴ **That I might tell all your praises in the gates of Zion:
that I might rejoice in your deliverance.**
- ¹⁵ The nations have sunk into the pit they dug for others:
in the very snare they laid is their foot taken;
- ¹⁶ **The Lord has declared himself and upheld the right:
the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.**
- ¹⁷ The wicked shall be given over to death:
and all the nations that forget God.
- ¹⁸ **For the needy shall not always be forgotten:
nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.**
- ¹⁹ Arise, Lord, let no human power prevail:
let the nations be judged before you.
- ²⁰ **Put them in fear, O Lord:
and let the nations know they are but human.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6.1-13

¹ As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying,

and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. ¹¹ We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹² There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³ In return — I speak as to children — open wide your hearts also.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark, Chapter 4, verses 35-41

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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

Years Mind

Ottillie Shepherd, Kathleen Westrup, Dorothy Beattie, Harry Hilas, Mae Williams, Eldred Eveleigh, George Gledhill, Dorothy Bartlett, Ray Hancock and Mary McPherson, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Rockhampton (Bp Peter Grice, Clergy & People); Brighton Grammar School (Ross Featherston, Principal; Chester Lord, Chaplain); Upper Yarra Parish (Luke Whiteside); City on a Hill, Chadstone – Pastoral Services (Bp Paul Barker); St Alfred's Blackburn North & St Luke's Vermont – Pastoral Services (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Altona St Eanswythe's w. St Clements Laverton – Pastoral Services (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for a strengthening of faith in all our congregations.

The World: Pray for a renewal of faith across the Christian world.

The Nation: Pray for those struggling with floods and storm damage.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Genesis 12.1-9	Ps 33.12-21	Matthew 7.1-5
Tuesday	Genesis 13.2, 5-18	Ps 15	Matthew 7.6, 12-14
Wednesday	Genesis 15.1-18	Ps 105.1-7	Matthew 7.15-20
Thursday	Genesis 16	Ps 106.1-5	Matthew 7.21-29
Friday	Genesis 17.1, 9-22	Ps 128	Matthew 8.1-4
Saturday	Genesis 18.1-15	Song of Mary	Matthew 8.5-17

ABM Pew Reflections

Today the Psalmist reminds us again of the love which God has for the poor: *[God] has remembered the poor: he has not forgotten their cry ... the needy shall not always be forgotten: nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.* Given that the poor claim a special place in the heart of God, how can we best help the poor here in Australia, and throughout our Partner Churches? Work out how you can help the poor today and go online and make a generous donation (to Anglicare or ABM). Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of North 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*

FASHION PARADE June 23

We are going ahead with this event in the hall. No charge to attend and a raffle and door prize. All funds to Mothers' Union. RSVP for numbers for afternoon tea which will be covid-style. 98906528 or 0425757778 for Jan. Or 98984995 for Barbara.



RECYCLING RING PULLS, CAPS, ETC.

Don't forget to save your metal ring pulls and give them to Jan for recycling. Bread tags can be dropped off at Bendigo Bank Blackburn South. At the moment I am **not** accepting plastic bottle tops as my contact for them has dried up. Used stamps go to Mothers Union.

QR CODE

As we are all aware, it is a government requirement that everyone entering a shop, business or church uses the QR code on their smartphone. We are now required to enter all paper sign ins to an electronic site on the day they are entered. Could I ask that all have a smartphone capability do use it and that those who use the paper sign in, print their first initial and name clearly. We would ask that sidespersons ensure that anyone new to the church also adds their phone number.

There is now a copy of the code on the last page of the Link to make it even easier.

ST PETER'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Our patronal festival is on **June 27** at **9.30am**.

This festival will **not** be a combined service because of restrictions but we will be holding a combined parish celebration at a date to be announced soon.



AUSTRALIAN WELSH MALE CHOIR CONCERT at ST PETER'S

2.00pm Saturday, July 24

Tickets \$25 and \$10 concession

Tickets available from the office or after the 9.30am service.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A Sunday school teacher was walking around observing the children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Week Ahead

SUN 20.6.21

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am and **9.30am** Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 21.6.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 22.6.21

8.00-11.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 23.6.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft*

THU 24.6.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 25.6.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 26.6.21

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

SUN 27.6.21

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am & **9.30am** Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

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For the Diary

June 23

Blume's Fashion Parade

St Peter's Hall, 1.30pm

June 27

9.30am

Patronal Festival

Visit by Bishop Genieve

July 15

Playgroup resumes

July 18

Family and Children's Service (FACS)

10.00am

July 22

Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm

July 24

Welsh Choir Concert, 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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Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 20.6.21	Next week 27.6.21
SIDESPEOPLE	Michele M, Barbara P	Ted G, Ken McD
SERVERS	Elizabeth B, Sophia E	Sophia E, Rosemary S
READERS	Linda B, Rosemary S	Barbara P, Charles B
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B	Janet H
COUNTING	Elizabeth B , Lyn B	Charles B, Daryl P
MORNING TEA	<i>No morning tea</i>	<i>No morning tea</i>