

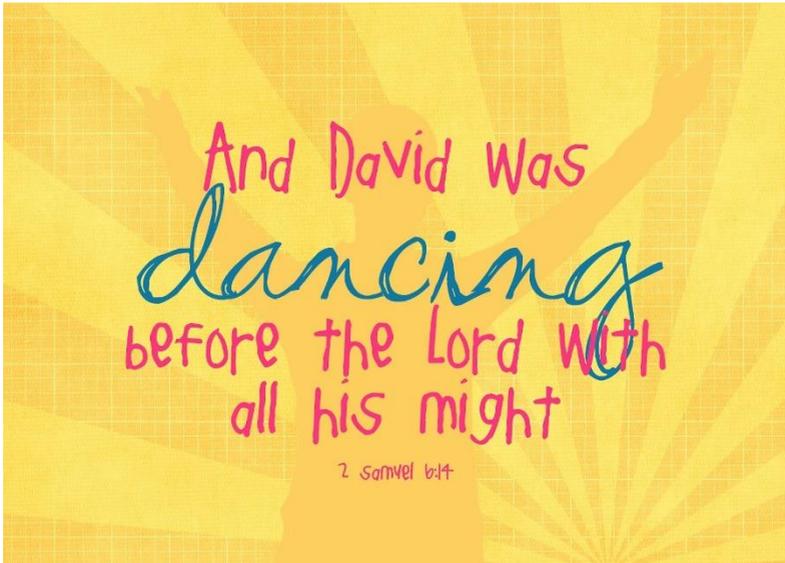


ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
11 July, 2021

Parish
Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today as we gather together as God's people to break open God's word and share at God's Holy table. The Gospel text today from Mark gives the account of the dance that eventually leads to the beheading of John the Baptist. It is interesting to compare this with the dance of David and the people of Israel recounted in the text from 2 Samuel this morning. It is a reminder that what is really important are the motives and desires of our hearts rather than the actions or deeds performed! May we always be mindful of *why* we do things, seek forgiveness when needed and opening our hearts to the transforming Spirit of God. A joyful reminder that our Family and Children's service (FACS) begins again next week after a long break due to COVID-19. This service will be at 10am and all are welcomed.



Sentence

Who shall stand in the Lord's holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their hands to what is false. Psalm 24.3 – 4

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendour of creation and in the beauty of human life. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 6.1-5, 6.12b-19

¹ David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ² David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³ They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵ David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. ¹² It was told King David, 'The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³ and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴ David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. ¹⁶ As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. ¹⁷ They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. ¹⁸ When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, ¹⁹ and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.

² **For he has founded it upon the seas:
and established it upon the waters.**

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord:
or who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴ **Those who have clean hands and a pure heart:
who have not set their soul upon idols, nor sworn their oath to a lie.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing from the Lord:
and recompense from the God of their salvation.

⁶ **Of such a kind as this are those who seek him:
those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O you gates,
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

⁸ **Who is the King of glory?:
the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates,
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰ **Who is the King of glory?:
the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, Chapter 6, verses 14-29

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵ But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' ¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

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

Years Mind

Amy Thomas, Roy Garden, Peter Terbeek, Alvin Kruger, Joan Holmes, Betty Groom and Florence Matthews, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; Ministry to the Defence Force (Bishop Grant Dibden, Chaplains & Members of the Defence Forces); Karingal - St Laurence Community Services; Holy Trinity Balaclava & Elwood (Kathryn WaF); Holy Trinity Surrey Hills – Pastoral Services (Bp Paul Barker); St Paul's Westmeadows/Bulla Service & St Mary Magdalene Dallas/Broadmeadows – Pastoral Services (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Give thanks for the work of Barbara, our Family Minister.

The World: Pray for those persecuted for their faith.

The Nation: Give thanks for the outreach of the Anglican Church.

Prayer of the Week

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABM Pew Reflections

St Paul writes to the Church at Ephesus outlining the great plan that God has for us: 'He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ'. We are not just creatures of the Creator, but God's children. We have an inheritance gained for us by Jesus Christ. We are God's people. Give thanks that God has called us to be his people, and pray that we may be made worthy of that great calling. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Korea, the *Daehan Seong Gong Hoe*.

Daily Readings

Monday	Exodus 1.8-14, 22	Ps 124	Matthew 10.34-11.1
Tuesday	Exodus 2.1-15a	Ps 69.31-38	Matthew 11.20-24
Wednesday	Exodus 3.1-6, 9-12	Ps 103.1-7	Matthew 11.25-27
Thursday	Exodus 3.13-20	Ps 105.23-27	Matthew 11.28-30
Friday	Exodus 11.10-12.14	Ps 116.11-18	Matthew 12.1-8
Saturday	Exodus 12.37-42	Ps 136.1, 10-16	Matthew 12.14-21



*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*



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.

BELATED **happy birthday** **TO DILYS SMITH FOR JUNE 30!**

SAMARITANS PURSE

Shoe Box Sunday is on **October 25th** (Covid or not!)

MOTHERS' UNION

Next meeting Wednesday August 4 (*not* July 28). We will take part in the "Wave of Prayer". Don't forget to bring your item of interest to talk about.



**MOTHERS' UNION
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SERVICE**

Sunday 8 August

We hope to have a morning tea
with a trading table and raffle after the service.

Envelopes will be available for donations towards Mothers' Union projects.

Preacher for the day will be

Reverend Anne Kennedy,
Provincial President of Anglican Mothers Union Australia.

EXCITING NEWS
from ABAAR ORPHANAGE BORTOWN

Our orphanage school in Bortown still needs some building work to complete the first 4 classrooms, but the exciting news is that the school is in use. Families displaced from their home villages in the Bor region in the floods last year are living in Bor town for the next 12 months, and they approached the Bor Orphanage Foundation to request permission to live in the school grounds and to have their children educated in the classrooms. Children are now being taught in the school and the families are helping to maintain the grounds and provide security for the school. They have repaired the borehole and well so that there is a safe water supply and they will be using the school for the next year.

We are making an urgent appeal for extra funds to repair a wall that suffered storm damage and to finish off internal walls, including the painting of blackboards on the walls. We have quote for 528,000 SSP (South Sudanese Pounds) – approximately \$2,200 AUD.

We need to get money to South Sudan by the middle of July, so that the work can be done before the rains come.

We are making an appeal to St Peter's parishioners, and to the South Sudanese community in Melbourne to try to raise these funds. Phil and I will give \$100 for every \$100 raised, up to a total of \$5,000.

If you can help, please see me, or make a donation directly to our bank account:

ANZ Bank

Account name ABAAR Orphanage

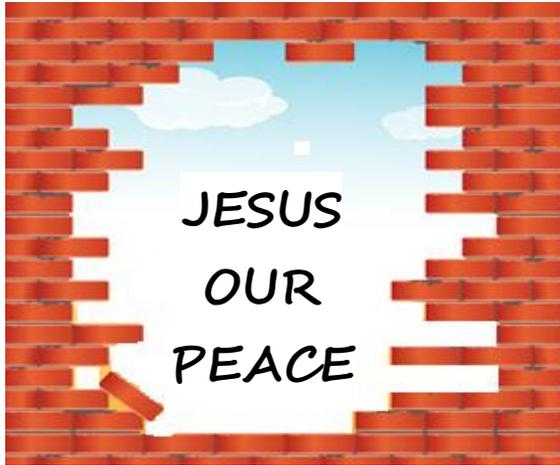
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Many thanks for your continued support, Margaret

NEXT SUNDAY
10.00AM

FACS @ ST PETERS
SUNDAY 18 JULY



Bring your family, bring your friends,
and enjoy singing, crafts and soup!
Enquiries? Contact Barbara Plumridge,
Family Minister on 0405193122

There's More!

FACS will also be happening – restrictions permitting! – on
15 August
3 October
21 November

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

How would the Church of England deal with the statement that "the cat sat on the mat" if it appeared in the Bible?

The liberal theologians would point out that such a passage did not of course mean that the cat literally sat on the mat. Also, cat and mat had different meanings in those days from today, and anyway, the text should be interpreted according to the customs and practices of the period.

This would lead to an immediate backlash from the Evangelicals. They would make it an essential condition of faith that a real physical, living cat, being a domestic pet of the species *Domesticus*, and having a whiskered head, a furry body, four legs and a tail, did physically place its whole body on a floor covering, designed for that purpose, and which is on the floor but not of the floor. The expression "on the floor but not of the floor" would be explained in a leaflet.

Meanwhile, the Catholics would have developed the Feast of the Sedentation of the Blessed Cat. This would teach that the cat was white, and majestically reclined on a mat of gold thread before its assumption to the Great Cat Basket of Heaven. This is commemorated by singing the "Magnificat" and "Felix namque", lighting three candles, and ringing a bell five times.

This would cause a schism with the Orthodox Church which believes tradition requires Holy Cats Days (as it is colloquially known), to be marked by lighting SIX candles and ringing the bell FOUR times. This would partly be resolved by the Cuckoo Land Declaration recognising the traditional validity of each.

Eventually the House of Bishops would issue a statement on the Doctrine of the Feline Sedentation. It would explain, traditionally the text describes a domestic feline quadruped superjacent to an unattached covering on a fundamental surface. For determining its salvific and eschatological significations, we follow the heuristic analytical principles adopted in dealing with the Canine Fenestration Question (How much is that doggie in the window?) and the Affirmative Musaceous Paradox (Yes, we have no bananas). And so on, for another 210 pages.

The General Synod would then commend this report as helpful resource material for clergy to explain to the person in the pew the difficult doctrine of the cat sat on the mat.

SO, IF GOD HAS DESTINED HIS PEOPLE FOR SALVATION, THEN WHAT ABOUT...

PAUL IS SEEKING TO ASSURE US OF THE DURABILITY OF GOD'S PROMISES FOR US.

THIS PASSAGE SAYS **NOTHING** ABOUT UNBELIEVERS; IT'S GOD'S DESIRE THAT **ALL PEOPLE** COME TO SALVATION!

I WAS GOING TO SAY, "WHAT ABOUT **DOGS**?" DO DOGS GO TO HEAVEN?



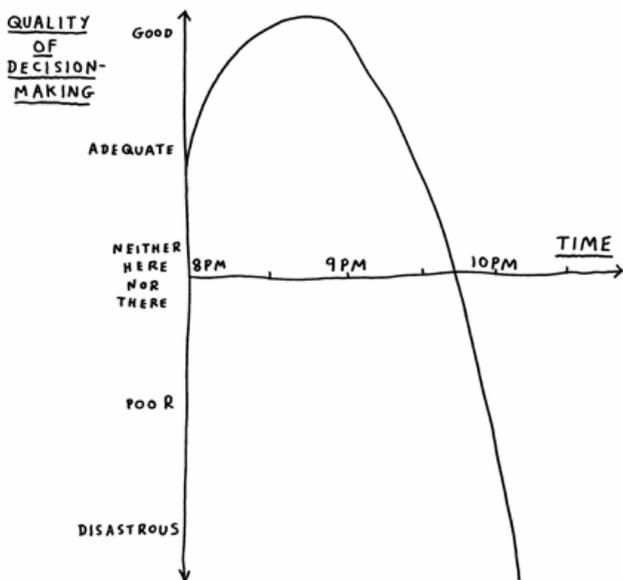
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EPHESIANS 1:3-16

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING



WAYS TO MAKE A MEETING END

- ① THE SUBTLE GLANCE AT THE WATCH 
- ② THE CLEARING OF THE THROAT 
- ③ THE LOUD PENETRATING SCREAM 

Week Ahead

SUN 11.7.21

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am and **9.30am** Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 12.7.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 13.7.21

8.00-11.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 14.7.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

2.00pm Play Group set up, *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft*

THU 15.7.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 16.7.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 17.7.21

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

SUN 18.7.21

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am & 10.00am **FACs**

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

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For the Diary

July 15

Playgroup resumes

July 18

Family and Children's Service (FACS)
10.00am

July 24

Welsh Male Choir Concert, 2.00pm
Tickets available

August 8

MU Annual Fundraiser Service
Preacher: Reverend Anne Kennedy

August 29

11.00am Combined Service
Celebration of St Aidan's Day
and the 7th birthday of the Chinese
congregation

October 25

Shoobox Sunday

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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Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News
Telling the story afresh
Expressing God's love
Serving the community
Nurturing and sharing faith
Equipping to serve

Vision

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

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Roster for 9.30am

QR code St Peter's

	Today 11.7.21	Next week 18.7.21 FACS
SIDESPEOPLE	Sandra L, Noel W	Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Sophia E, Kim C, Garry M (c)	<i>Not required</i>
READERS	Garry P, Conrad H	<i>Not required</i>
INTERCESSOR	Sophia E	<i>Not required</i>
COUNTING	Michele M, Ted G	Lyn B, Elizabeth B
MORNING TEA	<i>No morning tea</i>	<i>TBA</i>