



**ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL**  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
25 July, 2021

# Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online worship today as we continue as God's people in lockdown. A welcome also to our associate Priest Father Alasdair who is guest preacher at 9.30am today. We are faced with rich readings this morning. The story in 2 Samuel reminds us, through reflecting upon the actions of David, that we should be mindful and repent of the sin in our lives. The story for me focuses on the frailty of human nature which leads to falling to temptation and also of the wilfulness of human nature which leads to rebellion to the desires of God for us and all people. Let us as we worship together take the opportunity at the time of confession to search our hearts and lay before God those things which only God knows and which hinder the growth of our relationship with God and others. Let us also be reminded by Paul in his letter to the Ephesians the extent of God's love for us in all its breadth, length, depth and height. A love which creates, forgives, renews and blesses. A love which transform us into the people God wants us to be.



With the church required to be shut at this time, the Sunday service is being streamed live and is also available at any time after it is recorded on the YouTube channel run by the vicar at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs6IXNA9u\\_DOrgp0pXITUQw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs6IXNA9u_DOrgp0pXITUQw)  
You can find previous services here also.

Please see our website for more information and updates.  
<http://www.anglicansboxhill.org.au>

## Sentence

'I am the living bread that came down from heaven,' says the Lord. 'Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' John 6.51

## Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth: grant that, believing in the one whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bread of heaven and the food of eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory and honour for ever and ever. Amen.

## First Reading: 2 Samuel 11.1-15

<sup>1</sup> In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup> David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' <sup>4</sup> So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup> The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.' <sup>6</sup> So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup> When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup> Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup> When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' <sup>11</sup> Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' <sup>12</sup> Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, <sup>13</sup> David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. <sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

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

## Psalm 14

- <sup>1</sup> Fools have said in their hearts 'There is no God':  
**they have all become vile and abominable in their doings,  
there is not one that does good.**
- <sup>2</sup> The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of Adam:  
**to see if there were any who would act wisely and seek after God.**
- <sup>3</sup> But they have all turned out of the way, they have all alike become corrupt:  
**there is none that does good, no not one.**
- <sup>4</sup> Are all the evildoers devoid of understanding:  
**who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not pray to the Lord?**
- <sup>5</sup> They shall be struck with terror:  
**for God is with the company of the righteous.**
- <sup>6</sup> Though they frustrate the poor in their hopes:  
**surely the Lord is their refuge.**
- <sup>7</sup> O that deliverance for Israel might come forth from Zion:  
**when the Lord turns again the fortunes of his people,  
then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.**

## Second Reading: Ephesians 3.14-21

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John, Chapter 6, verses 1-21

## Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he

himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' <sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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

### Years Mind

Estella Smith, Thelma Langley, Jess Rennie, Joan Kruger and Winifred Ebbs, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Prayer Points

*The Church:* The Scottish Episcopal Church (Primus Mark Strange); The Diocese of The Murray (Bp Keith Dalby, Clergy & People); ACCESS ministries (Dawn Penney, CEO); St Andrew's Brighton (Ian Morrison, Michelle Wang); Coming of the Light – St John's Anglican Church Malvern (Abp Philip Freier); St Lukes, Cockatoo – Pastoral Services (Bp Paul Barker); St James Drysdale – Pastoral Services (Bp Kate Prowd).

*The Parish:* Pray for all our elderly and the unwell.

*The World:* Pray for help to developing countries and those struggling with COVID.

*The Nation:* Pray for all doctors and health workers and teachers and students.

### Prayer of the Week

O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Daily Readings

Monday	Exodus 32.15-25, 30-34	Ps 106.20-24	Matthew 13.31-35
Tuesday	Exodus 33.7-11a, 34.5-10	Ps 103.6-14	Matthew 13.36-43
Wednesday	Exodus 34.29-35	Ps 99.5-9	Matthew 13.44-46
Thursday	Exodus 40.16-21, 34-38	Ps 84.1-7	Matthew 13.47-53
Friday	Leviticus 23.1-16, 34-37	Ps 81.1-10	Matthew 13.54-58
Saturday	Leviticus 23.1-16, 27-37	Ps 67	Matthew 14.1-12

## ABM Pew Reflections

In one of St Paul's famous passages, we read that though suffering for the sake of the Gospel he may appear to be knocked down but he hasn't been knocked out yet: 'We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed'. So it is with the Church in parts of the world today – in various countries throughout the Middle East, Africa, Asia, South and Central America. Pray for the Persecuted Church throughout the world, that all may worship without fear or repression. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.



*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](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com)*



## AUSTRALIAN WELSH MALE CHOIR CONCERT at ST PETER'S

# POSTPONED until November

**Please bring your tickets to the office for a refund  
once the office is able to be open again.**

## MOTHERS' UNION ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SERVICE

**Sunday 8 August** 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.

*PLEASE NOTE: if the service is unable to go ahead, Jan is planning to have an online raffle – See the rug pictured on next page. Please contact Jan for more details.*



## **NEXT MU 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. *TO BE CONFIRMED*

## **BOR ORPHANAGE APPEAL UPDATE**

Thanks to the generous donations so far in response to our urgent appeal for funds for the Bor Orphanage school. We have received \$1,050 from members of St Peter's congregation and from Joseph, to which the Dooley family has added \$1,000. This has enabled us to transfer 1,700 USD to the Bor Orphanage Foundation to cover the cost of immediate repairs, and to pay for a sign and plants for the school grounds. The repair work has already started.

\$1,500 USD for building repairs (costs of supplies to make building blocks, black board paint, labour costs)

\$100 USD to pay for sign board at the school

plus \$100 USD for plants for the grounds as there are people living on site to care for them.

Total \$1,700 USD.

Additional donations will be used for further building work, including the completion of window security grills in one of the classrooms. The Bor Orphanage Foundation in South Sudan has also approached other non-government aid agencies that are active in the area in an attempt to raise additional funds. When we have sufficient funds we plan to build another two school rooms.

For anyone wishing to donate the bank account details are:

ANZ Bank

Account Name                    ABAAR ORPHANAGE BORTOWN SOUTH SUDAN INC

Branch Number (BSB) 013-225

Account Number                2807-31691

## **TO MAKE YOU SMILE...**

*Following the pastor's fiery sermon on sin, one recent convert sought him out for a clarification. "I'm not sure if i've actually died to sin," he said, "but it makes me sick to my stomach on a regular basis."*

The young son of a Baptist minister was in church one morning when he saw for the first time the rite of baptism by immersion. He was greatly interested in it, and the next morning proceeded to baptize his three cats in the bathtub. The first kitten bore it very well, and so did the other young cat, but the old family cat rebelled. It struggled with him, clawed and tore him, and got away. He tried again and finally, after barely getting her splattered with water, he dropped her on the floor in disgust and said: "Fine, be an Atheist."



## For the Diary

**SUN 24.7.21**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9.30am Service** live-streamed

**11.30am** Mandarin service

**2.30pm** Dinka service

**ALL ACTIVITIES LISTED ARE  
CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK**

**MON 19.7.21**

**9.30-10.30am** Tai Chi *hall*

**6.30-8.30pm** Tai Chi *hall*

**TUES 20.7.21**

**8.00-11.00am** Men at Work

**8.30am-12.30pm** Office open

**5.30-7.30pm** Bellydancing, *hall*

**WED 21.7.21**

**10.30am** Eucharist

**10-11.30am** Tai Chi *hall*

**2.00pm** Play Group set up, *hall*

**8.00pm** Choir practice, *undercroft*

**THU 22.7.21**

**10.00am-2.00pm** Office open

**9.30-11.30** Play Group, *hall*

**6.30-9.30pm** Crossways ESL, *hall*

**FRI 23.7.21**

**7.30am** Eucharist

**5.30-9.30pm** Mandarin Prayer Group

**SAT 24.7.21**

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

**SUN 25.7.21**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9.30am Service** live-streamed

**11.30am** Mandarin service

**2.30pm** Dinka service

**PLEASE CONTACT THE VICAR OR  
SEE THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF  
SERVICES.**

**July 31**

Bumblebee Piano Concert

1.00-4.00pm **Cancelled**

**August 7**

VMTA Concert

12.30-5.30pm **Cancelled**

**August 8**

MU Annual Fundraiser Service

Preacher: Reverend Anne Kennedy **TBC**

**August 29**

11.00am Combined Service

Celebration of St Aidan's Day  
and the 7<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Chinese  
congregation

**October 25**

Shoebox 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.

Prayers and Readings from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, Copyright Broughton Publishing 1995.

The Scripture quotations contained herein are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible © 1989 the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and are used by permission. All rights reserved.



## ST PETER'S

1038 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill.

**Parish Office:** 9899 5122

**E** [anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com)

**W** [www.anglicansboxhill.org.au](http://www.anglicansboxhill.org.au)

### Office Hours:

Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

Thu 10.00am – 2.00pm

### Reporting Child Abuse

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

### 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.

### Vicar

The Reverend Shane Hübner

T 0432 681 177

**E** [vicar@anglicansboxhill.org.au](mailto:vicar@anglicansboxhill.org.au)

### Honorary Clergy

The Rt Rev George Hearn,

T 9840 7816

Reverends:

Betty Bracken 9939 5881

Alasdair MacKinnon-Love

0438 323 059

**E** [alasdair@mackinnonlove.com](mailto:alasdair@mackinnonlove.com)

### Sudanese Ministry

Reverend Joseph Arou

T 0431 541 535

**E** [aroujoseph18@gmail.com](mailto:aroujoseph18@gmail.com)

### Chinese Ministry

The Reverend Esther Zhang

T 0405 602 439

### Family Minister

Barbara Plumridge

T 0405 193 122

**E** [barbara.plumridge@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.plumridge@gmail.com)

Wardens:

Margaret Dooley 0438 129 161

Sophia Errey 9878 6297

Garry Plumridge 9898 5193



QR code St Peter's