



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
8 August, 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. We welcome Anne Kennedy as guest preacher and celebrant today as we give thanks today for our Mothers' Union branch and all the faithful ministry carried out by members over many years. We give thanks to God for the life of Mary Sumner, the founder of Mothers' Union. We have been over the last month hearing as part of our Sunday Scripture texts Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus. It is clear that Paul wants the church to make the connections between the new relationship they have with Christ, with each other (including with Jews), on the one hand, and real living, concrete behaviour, on the other. It is important for us to see both aspects. Otherwise we run the risk of turning Paul's list of behaviours expected into a set of rules. But if we focus only on the new relationship and expect changes, we are being naïve. The focus always in Paul's writings is allowing our new relationship with Christ to move beyond mere belief in Christ to actual *identity* in *Christ!* In last week's passage we were extolled by Paul to 'grow up in every way *into* him who is the head' – grow into Christ. So the first course of action for us, and this is the same for new Christians as it is for mature disciples of many decades standing, is to open our hearts to the transforming Spirit of God who is love. The behaviours then listed by Paul; behaviours of a grace-filled, Spirit-filled people, will then be the natural extension of this inner opening of our hearts. May our hearts be continually opened day-by-day to the work of God's Spirit so we become more fully the people of God.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Sentence: Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Ephesians 5.1–2

Prayer of the Day

Grant, O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on the true and living bread that you have given us in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 18.5-9, 14, 31-33

⁵ The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. ⁶ So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷ The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. ⁸ The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. ⁹ Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. ¹⁴ Joab said, 'I will not waste time like this with you.' He took three spears in his hand, and thrust them into the heart of Absalom, while he was still alive in the oak. ³¹ Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' ³² The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.' ³³ The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

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

Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice;

² O let your ears consider well:
the voice of my supplication.

³ If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:
who then, O Lord, could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you:
so that you shall be feared.

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:
and in his word is my hope.

⁶ My soul looks for the Lord:
**more than watchmen for the morning,
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is ample redemption.

⁸ He will redeem Israel:
from the multitude of their sins.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4.25-5.2

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 6, verses 35, 41-51

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' ⁴² They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' ⁴³ Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. 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.'

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



Years Mind

Douglas Murray, Lorna Berkeley, Don Daniel, Elizabeth Watkins, Robert Wallace, and George Strachan, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: The Church of South India (United: Leader/Moderator: A. Dharmaraj Rasalam); the Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Matt Brain, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of La Trobe (Gavin Ward); St Paul's Canterbury (Rachel McDougall); St James's Anglican Church Kilsyth (Abp Philip Freier); Mordialloc – Pastoral Services (Bp Paul Barker); St Philip's Collingwood – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Give thanks for the work and service of those in the Mothers' Union.

The World: Pray for the government and people of Myanmar.

The Nation: Pray for those administering Covid vaccines and all health workers.

Prayer of the Week

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Deuteronomy 10.12-22	Ps 147.12-20	Matthew 17.22-27
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 31.1-8	Ps 18.1-7	Matthew 18.1-14
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 34.1-12	Ps 66.1-8	Matthew 18.15-20
Thursday	Joshua 3.7-17	Ps 114	Matthew 18.21-19.1
Friday	Joshua 24.1-3	Ps 136.23-26	Matthew 19.3-12
Saturday	Joshua 24.14-19	Ps 16.5-11	Matthew 19.13-15



*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*



Don't forget that Jan has starter bags or can do a box for you if you are unable to put one together yourself for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes. Please contact Jan if you have any questions. 0425757778

PRAYER LIST

We are now able to re-introduce the weekly prayer list in the church for people to add names each Sunday. This will be the list of names used for the intercessions each week so **please add names to it if you are requesting prayers** for that week.

NEXT EDITION of GOOD NEWS

Please send any articles, reviews, reflections or other contributions to the office or to the Vicar by **August 24** for inclusion in our Good News magazine.

IN CASE YOU ARE INTERESTED...

Position Vacant - Part-time General Office Assistant
Mondays 9am-3pm, with potential for Tuesdays also, at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, located at Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. To assist with social media, Zoom support, administrative and general duties. Job description and applications (by 28 August 2021): contact the Secretary, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel 9890 1101.

BOR ORPHANAGE APPEAL UPDATE

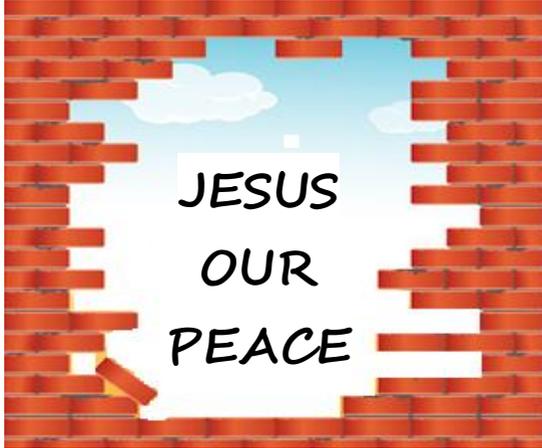
Thanks to the generous donations so far in response to our urgent appeal for funds for the Bor Orphanage school. We have received \$1,050 from members of St Peter's congregation and from Joseph, to which the Dooley family has added \$1,000. This has enabled us to transfer 1,700 USD to the Bor Orphanage 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. Additional donations will be used for further building work, including the completion of window security grilles 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

NEXT SUNDAY 10.00AM
FACS @ ST PETERS
SUNDAY 15 AUGUST



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

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A young curate, in his 1st charge was under the supervision of a vicar with a good sense of humour.

The Vicar was worried that the young curate seemed to have no sense of humour so one day to test him out he told the story, "You know young man, the best years of my life were spent in the arms of another man's wife."

At this news the curate was shocked.

Then the vicar said with a laugh, "Yes, the arms of my mother."

This at last raised a smile on the young curate's face.

He was to speak that afternoon to the parish Mothers union, so he thought he might begin by retelling the story as an opener.

So he began, "Ladies, you know the best years of my life were spent in the arms of another man's wife."

Then he paused, and finally said, "And for the moment I cannot remember who she was!"

Week Ahead

SUN 8.8.21

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Service

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 9.8.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 10.8.21

9.00-1.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 11.8.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

2.00pm Play Group set up, *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft*

THU 12.8.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 13.8.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 14.8.21

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

SUN 15.8.21

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am and 10.00am FACService

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

For the Diary

August 15

Family and Children's Service 10.00am

August 29

11.00am Combined Service

Celebration of St Aidan's Day
and the 7th birthday of the Chinese
congregation

September 5

Creation Season start

October 3

FACS Blessing of the pets 10.00am

October 25

Shoebox Sunday

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OUR 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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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.

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St Peter's

Roster for 9.30am

	Today 8.8.21	Next week 15.8.21 FACS
SIDESPEOPLE	Ted G, Ken McD	Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Eliz. B, Rosemary S, Kim C (c)	Not required
READERS	Gwen McD, Jan G	Not required
INTERCESSOR	Janet H	Not required
COUNTING	Daryl P, Michele M	Ted G, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	No morning tea	Morning tea TBC