



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
15 August, 2021

# Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today as we gather together as God's people online. We continue to pray for all who have been affected by the pandemic as we continue for one more week in lockdown.

*Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil.* Ephesians 5.15-16

I read a fair amount in books about leadership and management. They have much to say about making the most of our time. You know the lists:

- Avoid time wasters.
- Limit meeting length by designing a tight agenda.
- Balance face time, phone time, desk time.
- Develop your speed and efficiency.
- Delegate.

All good advice! But it only goes as far as it goes. May I be as bold to state that efficiency isn't always the most important thing? Making the most of our time doesn't necessarily mean being able to check lots of things off our lists. Sure, work has to be done. But is being overrun (controlled) by tasks really making the most of our time? When the apostle writes that "the days are evil," I take that to mean that day upon day upon day can be evil if we don't redeem the time. We redeem the time by filling it with things that give life to us and the people around us. Yes, sometimes that involves being efficient. But I'm also reminded that making the most of our time often means an efficiency of the spirit, which might be simply living in the moment and appreciating the life we have, even in dark COVID filled days. How will you make the most of your time today?

**The Sunday service will be live-streamed at 9.30am  
on Sunday morning.  
Please check the parish website for updates**

**Sentence:** Jesus said, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.' John 6.56

### Prayer of the Day

Everliving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, gave himself as living bread for the life of the world: give us such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14

<sup>10</sup> Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. <sup>11</sup> The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup> So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. <sup>3</sup> Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. <sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' <sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup> If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

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

### Psalms 111

<sup>1</sup> O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart:  
**in the company of the upright and among the congregation.**

- <sup>2</sup> The works of the Lord are great:  
**and studied by all who take delight in them.**
- <sup>3</sup> His deeds are majestic and glorious:  
**and his righteousness stands for ever.**
- <sup>4</sup> His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered:  
**the Lord is gracious and merciful.**
- <sup>5</sup> He gives food to those that fear him:  
**he remembers his covenant for ever.**
- <sup>6</sup> He showed his people the power of his acts:  
**in giving them the heritage of the heathen.**
- <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just:  
**and all his commandments are sure;**
- <sup>8</sup> They stand firm for ever and ever:  
**they are done in faithfulness and in truth.**
- <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people, he ordained his covenant for ever:  
**holy is his name and worthy to be feared.**
- <sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and of good understanding  
are those that keep his commandments:  
**his praise shall endure for ever.**

## Second Reading: Ephesians 5.11-21

<sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.' <sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John, Chapter 6, verses 51-58

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>51</sup> 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.' <sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

### Years Mind

Ellen Toussaint, Werner Gronlund, John Hobba, Douglas Cliff, Irene King, Ruby Beaumont and Trish Thomson whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Prayer Points

*The Church:* The Anglican Church of Southern Africa (Abp Thabo Makgoba); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Maroondah (Bruce Bickerdike); Oaktree Anglican Parish of St Mary's Caulfield with St Clement's Elsternwick (Mark Juers, Andrew Stewart, Kate Jacob, Karen Winsemius); Provincial Visit to Ballarat – 150th Anniversary of St Paul's Clunes (feast of Mary – Ballarat Cathedral) (Abp Philip Freier); St James' & St Peter Kilsyth/ Montrose – Pastoral (Bp Paul Barker); Holy Trinity Doncaster – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Johns Diamond Creek – Pastoral Services (Bp Kate Prowd).

*The Parish:* Continue to pray for all our congregations at this time.

*The World:* Pray for international co-operation and goodwill.

*The Nation:* Pray for all school students and their teachers.

### Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Daily Readings

Monday	Isaiah 61.10.62.3	Ps 113	Luke 2.1-7
Tuesday	Judges 6.11-24a	Ps 85.813	Matthew 19.23-30
Wednesday	Judges 9.6-15	Ps 21.1-7	Matthew 20.1-6a
Thursday	Judges 11.29-39a	Ps 40.5-10	Matthew 22.1-14

Friday  
Saturday

Ruth 1  
Ruth 2.1-17, 4.13-17

Ps 146.5-12  
Ps 128

Matthew 23.1-12  
Matthew 23.1-12



*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](mailto: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 intending 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.

## BOR ORPHANAGE APPEAL UPDATE

Thanks to the generous donations so far in response to our urgent appeal for funds for the Bor Orphanage school.

For anyone else 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

## 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](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel 9890 1101.

## TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

# GIVING

WHY I DO NOT CONTRIBUTE



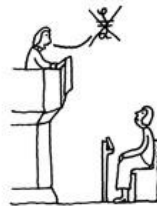
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WE CAN'T AFFORD IT



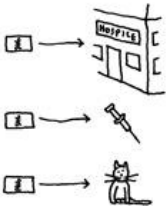
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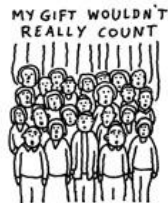
CHURCH ISN'T THE PLACE TO TALK ABOUT MONEY



DOESN'T THE GOVERNMENT PAY FOR IT?



I GIVE TO OTHER CHARITIES



MY GIFT WOULDN'T REALLY COUNT

WHAT I COULD GIVE WOULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE



THE DIOCESE MIGHT GIVE IT TO THAT CHURCH DOWN THE ROAD

THE MONEY WON'T BE WELL-SPENT



OUR VICAR DOESN'T DESERVE TO BE PAID



SOMEBODY UPSET ME ONCE

CartoonChurch.com

During a sermon, a preacher told his congregation that there were one hundred different sins. The next week he received dozens of requests for copies of the list.

## Week Ahead

**SUN 15.8.21**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

9.30am live-streamed service

**11.30am** Mandarin service streamed

**All activities cancelled during lockdown**

**MON 16.8.21**

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

**TUES 17.8.21**

9.00-1.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

**WED 18.8.21**

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

2.00pm Play Group set up, *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft*

**THU 19.8.21**

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

**FRI 20.8.21**

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

**SAT 21.8.21**

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

*Undercroft*

**SUN 22.8.21**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8.00am and 9.30am TBC**

**11.30am** Mandarin service

**2.30pm** Dinka service

## For the Diary

**August 29**

11.00am Combined Service  
Celebration of St Aidan's Day  
and the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



# ST PETER'S

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## 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.

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St Peter's

## Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 15.8.21	Next week 22.8.21
SIDESPEOPLE		TBC
SERVERS		TBC
READERS		TBC
INTERCESSOR		TBC
COUNTING		TBC
MORNING TEA		TBC