



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
22 August, 2021

**Parish
Link**

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online worship today! It is also a great honour to welcome the Reverend Alasdair MacKinnon-Love as preacher today. Today is week two of our stewardship campaign – built around the theme from Psalm 98:8: ‘together for joy.’ We can and should sing the old, familiar songs, of course, but in times like these, we have to sing them in new ways, just as our ancestors did. We have to find new ways of singing, “new songs” to sing, new forms of praise and thanks and delight - new ways of being the church, of being God’s people, “together for joy” (Ps 98:8). Now more than ever, we need to reach out and lift each other up. Now more than ever, we need to find new ways to be “together for joy.” Now more than ever, we need to be the church! The church was made for times such as these: not times of ease and tranquillity, but times of difficulty and struggle. Not a stroll along a sunlit ridgeline, but a pilgrimage through the valley of the shadow of death. And not a whimper or a whisper of silence, but a new song sung out loud, in harmony with all creation, as the seas roar and hills sing together for joy!



stewardship

**The Sunday service will be live-streamed at 9.30am
on Sunday morning.**

Please check the parish website for updates.

The church is closed for the present.

Sentence: Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' John 6.63

Prayer of the Day

Everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called them each may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: 1 Kings 8.22-30, 8.41-43

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³ He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴ the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵ Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." ²⁶ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. ²⁷ 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸ Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹ that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. ³⁰ Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive. ⁴¹ 'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ⁴² —for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, ⁴³ then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

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

Psalm 84

¹ How lovely is your dwelling-place:
O Lord God of hosts!

- ² My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- ³ The sparrow has found her a home,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you:
in whose heart are the highways to Zion;
- ⁶ Who, going through the valley of dryness, find there a spring from which to drink:
till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.
- ⁷ They go from strength to strength:
they appear, every one of them, before the God of gods in Zion.
- ⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:
give ear, O God of Jacob.
- ⁹ Behold, O God, him who reigns over us:
and look upon the face of your anointed.
- ¹⁰ One day in your courts is better than a thousand:
**I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.**
- ¹¹ For the Lord God is a light and a shield, the Lord gives favour and honour:
and no good thing will he withhold from those who walk in innocence.
- ¹² O Lord God of hosts:
blest are those who put their trust in you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 6.10-20

- ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
- ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given

to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 6, verses 56-59

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ 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.' ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' ⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

Years Mind

Val Henley, Effie Kagan, Derek Bennett, Dorothy Strachan, Douglas Baker, Nancy Wright and Jeanne Stockdale, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Anglican Church of South America; The Diocese of Riverina (Bp Donald Kirk, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Melbourne (Heather Patacca); All Saints' Clayton (Charlie Fletcher, Abraham Amuom, Jeremiah Paul); St Eanswythe's Anglican Church, Altona – Ordination of Reverend Mark Tibben (Abp Philip Freier); St James Ivanhoe – Pastoral Services (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Pray for all those anxious, lonely and isolated.

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

The Nation: Pray for all the state leaders and for wise government.

Prayer of the Week

Creator God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10	Ps 149.1-5	Matthew 23.13-22
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8	Ps 139.1-5	Matthew 23.23-26
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2.9-13	Ps 139.6-11	Matthew 23.27-32
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3.7-13	Ps 90.11-17	Matthew 24.42-51
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4.1-8	Ps 97.6-12	Matthew 25.1-13
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4.9-12	Ps 98	Matthew 25.14-30



*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*



Joan Simmons - 16th August
(97 years young!)

Jan Gunst - 24th August -
(81 years young!)

Doug Dickinson - 21st
August – 90th birthday
Congratulations

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.

CHURCH HOUSE at ST AIDAN'S

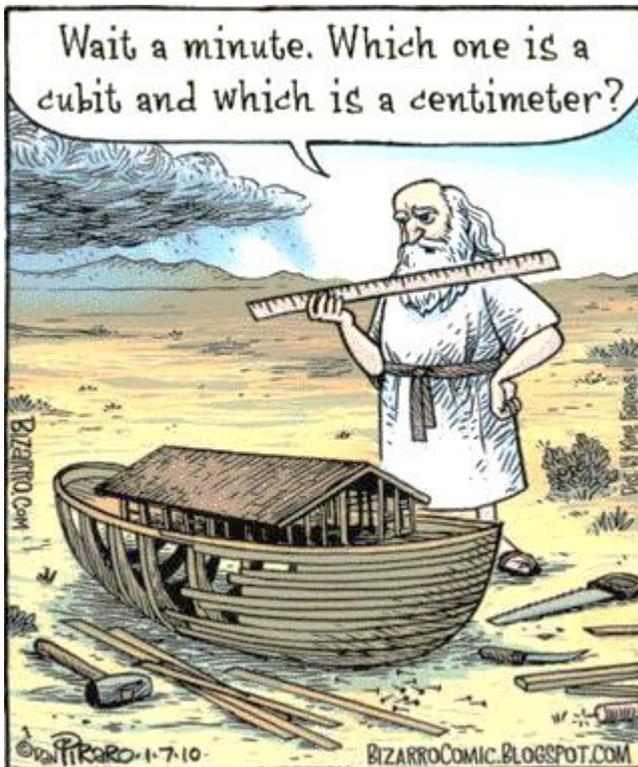
Before the lockdown, the Men at Work group was removing fittings and undertaking a renovation of Church House in Box Hill South. They made steady progress with many hours of work put in and this project will continue when conditions allow. Congratulations to the team!

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A man was walking along the beach, enjoying an afternoon vacation stroll, when he heard someone screaming. Looking around he saw an obviously distraught woman kneeling next to a little girl. The man quickly determined the child had swallowed something that was blocking her airway and held her up by her heels and gave a few quick thumps to her back. Sure enough, the child started to sputter and cough and spit a coin onto the sand.

"Oh, thank you sir!" cried the grateful mother. You seemed to know exactly what to do. Are you a doctor?"

"No, madam," the man replied. "I'm retired. But I am the chair of the stewardship committee for my church."



Week Ahead

SUN 22.8.21

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am live-streamed service

11.30am Mandarin service live-streamed

2.30pm Dinka service

All activities cancelled during lockdown

MON 23.8.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 24.8.21

9.00-1.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 25.8.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

2.00pm Play Group set up, *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft*

THU 26.8.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 27.8.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 28.8.21

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

SUN 29.8.21

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Live-streamed service

11.30am Mandarin service live-streamed

2.30pm Dinka service

For the Diary

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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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 in abeyance

	Today 22.8.21	Next week 29.8.21
SIDESPEOPLE		
SERVERS		
READERS		
INTERCESSOR		
COUNTING		
MORNING TEA		