



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
5 September, 2021

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online worship today as we gather wherever we are as God's people to break open God's word and share at God's Holy table. While we might be saddened by the knowledge of at least another month in lockdown we give thanks that under God's guidance and blessing the life of God's people goes on. We give thanks to God for the seventh- year anniversary of the Chinese congregation here at St Peter's under the leadership of the Reverend Esther Zhang, and we pray for God's blessing and empowerment for a coming together of our parish as one faith community. We give thanks for the start of 'Creation Season.' Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common role as caretakers of God's creation. We see that our wellbeing is interwoven with its wellbeing. We rejoice in this opportunity to care for our common home and the sisters and brothers who share it. This year, the theme for the season is 'A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God.' We give thanks for our stewardship of God's blessings to us. Next Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday where our commitment pledges for the coming year will be blessed. You will have received a commitment pledge form which I encourage you to pray about and fill in and email back to our stewardship coordinator – Michele Mitchell. Please continue to pray for our community as we together seek God's guidance for the year ahead.

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

Sentence

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.
James 2.13

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love, and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

¹ A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. ² The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. ⁸ Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. ⁹ Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. ²² Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; ²³ for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Psalm 125

¹ Those who put their trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion:
which cannot be shaken, but endures for ever.

² As the mountains stand about Jerusalem, so stands the Lord about his people:
from this time forward for evermore.

³ For the sceptre of wickedness shall have no sway
over the land apportioned to the righteous:
lest the righteous set their hands to do evil.

⁴ Do good, O Lord, to those who are good:
to those that are upright in heart.

⁵ As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
let the Lord lead them away with the evildoers:
and in Israel let there be peace.

Second Reading: James, 2:1-10, 14-17

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has

promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark, Chapter 7, starting at verse 24

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. ²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ 'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' ²⁸ 'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹ Then he told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'

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

Years Mind

Anne Bindon, Jean Poulter, Stanley Thompson, John Murray, Alice Gledhill, Don Walter, Bill Smith, Kathlyn Toussaint, and Ray Bell, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (Abp Ezekiel Kondo); The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Denise Ferguson, Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod; Clergy & People); St David's Doncaster East (Judy Frost); Provincial Visit – Gippsland (Abp Philip Freier).

The Parish: Pray for our Stewardship campaign and give thanks for our Chinese congregation and Reverend Esther.

The World: Continue to pray for the people and government of Afghanistan.

The Nation: Pray for our state governments and premiers.

Prayer of the Week

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and so great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABM Pew Reflections

James warns us all today that we need to have a faith that is living and active – with the outward sign of doing good for others. It's completely useless to have enough faith to move a mountain without backing it up with practical help for others. That practical help is love made visible and points towards the one who is Love made visible, Jesus Christ our Lord. Pray that your faith will not be sluggish or dead, but alive, active, and transformative. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy.

Daily Readings

Monday	Colossians 1.24-2.3	Ps 62.5-8	Luke 6.6-11
Tuesday	Colossians 2.6-15	Ps 145.1-9	Luke 6.12-19
Wednesday	Colossians 3.1-11	Ps 20	Luke 6.20-26
Thursday	Colossians 3.12-17	Ps 150	Luke 6.27-38
Friday	1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-14	Ps 25	Luke 6.39-42
Saturday	1 Timothy 1.15-17	Ps 113	Luke 43-49



*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*



As always boxes are available to fill for the Samaritan's Purse while "starter bags" for "\$10" are also available from Jan. I had hoped we would have a clear go this year for "Shoebox Sunday" but not so. Looks like we will have to do our "online" contacts.

Please let me know if you want a box/ starter bag and I will do a box for you for a total cost of \$35. OR I will work out how to get the boxes to you. We did well last year considering lockdown .

Boxes go to overseas countries, eg., Thailand, PNG, Fiji, and Cambodia. Each child only receives one box in their childhood, but they bring an enormous amount of joy to each child and their family. A suitable Christian message will be put in each box by volunteers who prepare the boxes for containers to ship out. Shoe box Sunday will be October 10.

MOTHERS' UNION

As you know, we were unable to have our annual fundraiser on August 8 but we were very pleased to hear Rev'd Anne Kennedy preach at last. Many thanks to her. At some stage, when practical, we will have our donation envelopes available. The draw of the raffle will happen when we can be together. Prizes: hand woven scarf and two mystery prizes. Cost is \$2 per ticket or three for \$5. Contact Jan for tickets (0425757778). So far we have raised \$570 for MU projects with some overseas and some within Australia to benefit.

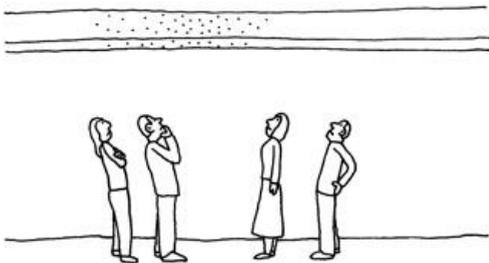


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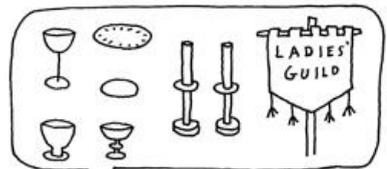
Recreation is my shepherd, I shall not stay at home;
It maketh me to lie down in a sleeping bag;
It leadeth me down the highway each weekend.
It restoreth my suntan;
It leadeth me to state parks for comfort's sake.

Even though I stray on the Lord's Day, I will fear no reprimand, for I am relaxed;
 My rod and reel they comfort me.
 I anointed my skin with sunscreen,
 My petrol tank runneth dry;
 Surely my trailer shall follow me all the weekends of summer,
 And I shall return to the house of the Lord after the summer holidays.
 But by then, it will be the football season,
 And that's another psalm.

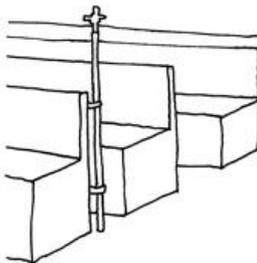
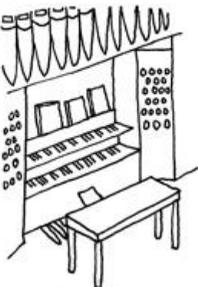
TERRIBLE DISCOVERIES



THE BEAMS ARE ROTTEN AND COULD COLLAPSE AT ANY MOMENT



OUR MOST PRECIOUS ARTEFACTS HAVE BEEN STOLEN



THE ORGANIST AND THE CHURCHWARDEN HAVE GONE MISSING SIMULTANEOUSLY



SOMEONE HAS EATEN ALL OF THE BISCUITS

Week Ahead

SUN 5.9.21

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Live-streamed service

11.30am Mandarin live-streamed service

2.30pm Dinka service

All activities cancelled during lockdown

MON 6.9.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 7.9.21

9.00-1.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 8.9.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

2.00pm Play Group set up, *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft*

THU 9.9.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 10.9.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 11.9.21

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

SUN 12.9.21

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Live-streamed service

11.30am Mandarin live-streamed service

2.30pm Dinka service

For the Diary

September 5

Creation Season starts

October 3

FACS Blessing of the pets
10.00am

October 4

Francis of Assisi Day

October 10

Shoobox 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

Limited Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 5.9.21	Next week 12.9.21
SIDESPEOPLE	<i>Not required</i>	<i>TBC</i>
SERVERS	<i>As per lockdown team</i>	<i>TBC</i>
READERS	<i>As per lockdown team</i>	<i>TBC</i>
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Elizabeth B
COUNTING	<i>Not required</i>	<i>TBC</i>
MORNING TEA	<i>Not required</i>	<i>Not required</i>