



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
12 September, 2021

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online worship today as we gather together as God's people to break open God's word and share at God's Holy table. Welcome to *Thanksgiving Sunday* as we give thanks for all that God has blessed us with and bless our financial pledges for the coming year. Welcome also to the second week of Creation Season where we are looking at *Ecology* – another word that comes from the Greek root word OIKOS – meaning home. So this week we are looking at our planet as home for all life. But we also have a wonderful Gospel passage today. Most years we will hear the well-known passage where Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" It is a pertinent question for all of us! Most of us who are regulars and have been following Jesus for a number of years will be able to answer as Peter does in the Gospel today that Jesus is the Messiah. The problem is and this is the trap that Peter falls into – what do we understand by that? For Peter to hear that the Messiah must suffer doesn't tally with his understanding of what the Messiah is and does! And so while we may believe in Jesus, even commit our lives to him; it IS good to reflect once more on our own response to this penetrating question. May God's spirit live in us and help us with humility and generosity to truly give up and turn control of our lives over to the one who brings true life!



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 but prayer
and fellowship continue!

Sentence: Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it. Mark 8.35

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you, even when hope is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Proverbs 1.20-33

²⁰ Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. ²¹ At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: ²² 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?' ²³ Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. ²⁴ Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, ²⁵ and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, ²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, ²⁷ when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. ²⁸ Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. ²⁹ Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, ³⁰ would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, ³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be satiated with their own devices. ³² For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; ³³ but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

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

Psalm: 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God:

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

² One day tells it to another:

and night to night communicates knowledge.

³ There is no speech or language:

nor are their voices heard;

⁴ Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:

and their words to the ends of the earth.

⁵ There he has pitched a tent for the sun:

which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,

and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

⁶ Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound:

and nothing is hidden from its heat.

- ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
- ⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.
- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
- ¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading: James 2.18-26

¹⁸ But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe — and shudder. ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? ²¹ Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. ²³ Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? ²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark, Chapter 8, starting at verse 27

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸ And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'

²⁹ He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

Years Mind

Christopher Hill, John Hart, Lenore Geoge, Claude Haddrell, John Lines, Helen Wilson, Ted Watson, Eric Collins and Christine Miller, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Rest in Peace: Reverend John Baumgardner, former vicar of this parish



Prayer Points

The Church: The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Abp Maimo Mndolwa, Primate); The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People); Angliss Health Services; The Anglican Parish of Rowville and Ferntree Gully (Hilton Jordan, Luke Pedersen); Holy Trinity Lara 50th Anniversary Holy Communion Service – (Abp Philip Freier); Geelong Grammar Sunday service (Bp Kate Prowd); St Philip's Mt Waverley (Pastoral Visit, Bp Paul Barker).

The Parish: Pray that we might all be good stewards at St Peter's.

The World: Pray for all people living under oppressive and violent regimes.

The Nation: Give thanks for all doctors, nurses and paramedics.

Prayer of the Week

O God, without you we are not able to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABM Pew Reflections

James continues his warning to the Church that faith without works is dead. How do we show that what we believe has an effect on how we deal with others? How can we make a positive difference today? Give thanks for all whose faith is not dead, and pray that your own faith may propel you into positive action. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of North India.

Daily Readings

Monday	1 Timothy 2.1-8	Ps 28	Luke 7.1-10
Tuesday	1 Timothy 3.1-13	Ps 101.1-7	Luke 7.11-17
Wednesday	1 Timothy 3.14-16	Ps 111.1-6	Luke 7.31-35
Thursday	1 Timothy 4.12-16	Ps 111.7-10	Luke 7.36-50
Friday	1 Timothy 6.2c-12	Ps 49.5-9	Luke 8.1-3
Saturday	1 Timothy 6.13-16	Ps 100	Luke 8.4-15



*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*

FUNERAL OF JOHN BAUMGARDNER

The funeral for Reverend John Baumgardner will be held at 2.30pm on Monday, Sept 13 at St Paul's Westmeadows. **Live stream link** [HERE](#)

FRIENDS OF ANGLICAN MUSIC

Message from Tim Clark: *It is hoped that we will be able to meet later in the year and, to this end, have made tentative plans to sing Evensong at St John's, East Malvern, on Sunday, 3rd October.*

If this is able to proceed, the rehearsal will be at 3:45pm, followed by Evensong at 6:00pm, with cheese and wine after the Service. You will be advised of more details closer to the date.

Congratulations to Muriel Smith, who was 92 on 7th September. Her eldest son Eric was able to visit - and "Donwood" supplied a special cake for afternoon tea. Lots of flowers in her room!

Happy birthday to "starmates" Kim Cornish and Michele Mitchell who celebrated their birthdays on 8th September.



FOOD COLLECTION

Father Alasdair is now collecting food to be delivered to needy international students at Deakin Uni. Please bring food to the Undercroft on Saturday mornings between 10.00 and 11.00am. Suggestions include rice, spices, tinned fish, longlife milk, toiletries, cooking oil. Contact Father Alasdair for more information: 0438 323 059.



Please get your **SAMARITAN'S PURSE** boxes ready for Shoebox Sunday. Jan has boxes for you to fill and "starter bags" for \$10. Jan can help with a box/ starter bag and she will work out how to get the boxes to you. Jan can also do a box for you for a total cost of \$35. PH: 0425757778.

Boxes go to various overseas developing countries. 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.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A teacher was testing the children in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?" "NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, NO!"

Now she was smiling. Hey, they're getting it, she thought!

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked. Again, they all answered, "NO!"

She was just bursting with pride for them. "Well," she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU HAVE TO BE DEAD."

I GUESS WORDS DO MATTER!



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

THEY DO! YOU KNOW, LUTHER TAUGHT THAT CHRISTIANS ARE FORBIDDEN TO SPEAK EVIL OF OTHERS, EVEN IF WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THEM IS TRUE.



THAT'S KIND OF IRONIC, COMING FROM A GUY WHO WEAPONIZED THE INSULT.



PERHAPS HE WAS SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE.



JAMES 3:1-12

Week Ahead

SUN 12.9.21

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Live-streamed service

11.30am Mandarin live-streamed service

2.30pm Dinka service

All activities cancelled during lockdown

MON 13.9.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 14.9.21

9.00-1.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 15.9.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

2.00pm Play Group set up, *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft*

THU 16.9.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 17.9.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 18.9.21

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

SUN 19.9.21

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Live-streamed service

11.30am Mandarin live-streamed service

2.30pm Dinka service

For the Diary

October 3

FACS Blessing of the pets

10.00am *TBC*

October 4

Francis of Assisi Day

October 10

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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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

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>