



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
26 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. We welcome Father Alasdair who will be celebrant and preacher today at our 9.30am livestreamed service. Even in these difficult days as we look like enduring another six weeks of lockdown, we continue to give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received and offer ourselves as living sacrifices for the ushering in of God's kingdom. We do so hearing in today's Gospel from Mark the need for us to be salt. It is a timely reminder that size isn't everything! A little salt goes a long way in providing flavour and a small community of faith can do a lot if it takes God's promise to be with them seriously. Let us never be disheartened over the numbers who come to church but be energised that God's Spirit is among us still – calling and propelling us forward – to usher in the kingdom of God! I have in my office the following quote from Margaret Mead which I believe echoes this point: 'Never doubt for a moment the ability of a small group of committed people to change the world – it is the only thing that every has.'



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: Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be seasoned? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another. Mark 9.50

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our eyes to see those who are in need, and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards, so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children, we may labour for the treasure that endures; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Esther 7.1-6, 7.9-10; 9.20-22

¹ So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ² On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' ³ Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. ⁴ For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' ⁵ Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' ⁶ Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. ⁹ Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' ¹⁰ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. ²⁰ Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹ enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²² as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

Psalm: 124

- ¹ If the Lord had not been on our side, now may Israel say:
if the Lord had not been on our side, when our enemies rose against us,
- ² Then they would have swallowed us alive:
when their anger was kindled against us.
- ³ Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, and the torrent gone over us:
the raging waters would have gone clean over us.

⁴ But praised be the Lord:

who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.

⁵ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:

the snare is broken, and we have gone free.

⁶ Our help is in the name of the Lord:

who has made heaven and earth.

Second Reading: James 5.12-20

¹² Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'Yes' be yes and your 'No' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. ¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark, Chapter 9, starting at verse 38

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³⁸ John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' ³⁹ But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴² 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies,

and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹ 'For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

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

Years Mind

Ruth Marshall, William Lowe, Ernest de Bruin, Bernard Pettman, and Hugh Beach, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Episcopal Church of USA (Presiding Bp Michael Curry); The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People); St James' Anglican Church Glen Iris (Samuel Crane); 50th Anniversary Ordination of Reverend Noel Whale (Abp Philip Freier); Redemption Church Craigieburn (Pastoral Visit, Bp Kate Prowd); St Matthew's Endeavour Hills (a.m.) & Berwick Anglican Church Confirmation (p.m.) (Bp Paul Barker).

The Parish: Give thanks for the continuing Christian witness in our parish.

The World: Pray for all refugees and political prisoners.

The Nation: Pray for the people of Victoria and its government.

Prayer of the Week

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABM Pew Reflections

Whether suffering or celebrating, James tells us that we should pray. Of course it's very easy to pray when things suddenly become tough – let's face it we all do that. But since Jesus calls us his friends, should we be the sort of friend who only makes contact when s/he wants a favour? Really, that's being a pretty poor friend. Much better to thank God for all the benefits we are shown and the grace we are freely given. Lord, help me always to remember with gratitude the kindness you show me day by day. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia

Daily Readings

Monday	Zechariah 8.1-8	Ps 102.18-22	Luke 9.46-50
Tuesday	Zechariah 8.20-23	Ps 87	Luke 9.51-56
Wednesday	Nehemiah 2.1-8	Ps 137	Luke 9.57-62
Thursday	Nehemiah 8.1-21	Ps 19.7-14	Luke 10.1-12
Friday	Baruch 79.8-10	Ps 79.8-10	Luke 10.13-16
Saturday	Baruch 4.5-12, 27-29	Ps 69.31-38	Luke 10.17-24



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursday at anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com*



Get in before the Christmas shopping rush or the next earthquake. Prospect wines in Nunawading again offer you their quality wines and some Australian goods, to be delivered directly to the address that you nominate. Delivery costs are extra, to the Melbourne Metro region \$6.00.

All orders are to be in **packs of six or multiples of six**. However anyone who does not need six items can piggy back onto someone else's order, let me know so we can coordinate this.

This is mostly an on-line order system however, if you chat to me we can organise another payment system in house with a cheque or cash.

We will provide the **web address next week**.

Online orders are **delivered to any Australian address** but order in lots of 6.

This offer for both categories starts now and continues until the end of October.

If you order 12 bottles you will receive a 13th bottle of wine free.

Any queries to Charles and Hilary 9899 7553 or 0400 635 600.

Email: cchrb@hotmail.com

2021 AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR

It's that time again. If you would like to purchase a calendar for the 2021 year, please contact Michele on 9890 4387/0408 531 045 or themitchells01@bigpond.com. They remain the same price i.e, \$12.00 each.



SHOEBOX COLLECTION Samaritan's Purse

Only two weeks to go!

Please bring your **completed boxes to the Undercroft** on Saturday mornings between 10.00am and 11.00am.

If you are unable to get there, please contact Jan who will pick them up from you. Phone Jan: 0425757778.

Shoebbox Sunday will go ahead online on October 10.

GIVING ENVELOPES

Please make sure that you have returned your stewardship form if you would like to continue using giving envelopes.

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, lentils, spices, tinned fish, longlife milk, toiletries, cooking oil (**no** toilet paper). Contact Father Alasdair for more information: 0438 323 059.

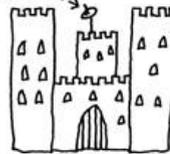
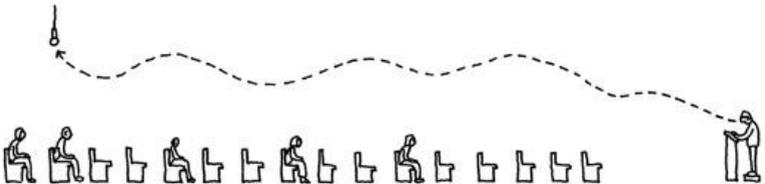
TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

In an announcement to coincide with International Women's Day, the Church of England has announced a drive to increase the number of female vicars... They want to decrease the gender pray gap.

THE LECTIONARY

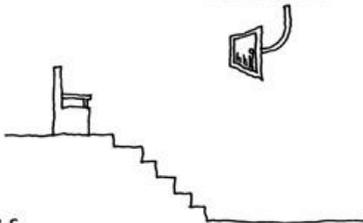
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TRANSGRESSIONS



FORTUNATELY THE ARCHBISHOP IS TERRIBLY
BUSY WITH SERMON PREPARATION, ETC



YOU WILL PROBABLY GET AWAY
WITH A FIXED PENALTY

Week Ahead

SUN 26.9.21

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Live-streamed service

11.30am Mandarin live-streamed service

2.30pm Dinka service

All activities cancelled during lockdown

MON 27.9.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 28.9.21

9.00-1.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 29.9.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

2.00pm Play Group set up, *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft*

THU 30.9.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 1.10.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 2.10.21

10.00-11.00am Food collection, *Undercroft*

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

SUN 3.10.21

Nineteenth 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
Live-streamed

October 4

Francis of Assisi Day

October 10

Shoebox Sunday
Live-streamed

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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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Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

Thu 10.00am – 2.00pm

Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to
Kooyooora 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 26.9.21	Next week 3.10.21
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	Keith W	Elizabeth B
COUNTING	<i>Not required</i>	<i>TBC</i>
MORNING TEA	<i>Not required</i>	<i>Not required</i>