



**ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL**  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
**Blessing of the Pets**  
3 October 2021

# Parish Link

Fr Alasdair writes...

I am sad to repeat the news already given by Father Shane, that our much-loved parishioner and organist, Lewis Plumridge, died on Tuesday 28 September. We send our deepest sympathies to all of Lewis' family, friends and colleagues, and hold them all in prayer. His funeral will take place on Wednesday, October 6 at 2.00pm. The service will be live-streamed by Selwyn Allen.

Later the same day, Father Shane had to deal with the death of his Grandmother, and the news that Janet will have to stay a little longer in hospital, so we also pray for Father Shane and his family in their grief.

This Sunday, the nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, the opportunity rises for me to reflect on a reading from the Book of Job, an example of Wisdom Writing from the Old Testament. We tend to think of Job being a patient man, waiting out the tests and trials laid upon him by Satan. Job shows us that patience is a virtue. Thinking of our pandemic troubles today, patience is indeed necessary, so that we do not "lose our cool", become frustrated or even angry, and then act out in a way that we are sure to regret. We do not want to <sup>2:9</sup>*Curse God and die*, after all!

But today's reading is not so much about keeping or losing patience, but rather what drives our patience. Job maintained his integrity. He kept his faith, and did not give in to changing his personality or behaviour due to transient circumstances. Job knew that through an eternally faithful God, circumstances would eventually change. Job knew what Jeremiah succinctly expressed years later in his book, Chapter 17, verse 7, *But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence.* (NLT)

I pray that we may all remember Job as our example, and keep our integrity too. We need not then be coerced, or forced into lapses of good behaviour. We can maintain ourselves as Christians, following the call to always care for others first, and not be selfish, arrogant or angry. We help others. We never put others in danger.



Francis of Assisi

**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: Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. Mark 10.15

### Prayer of the Day

Loving God, you have made us in your own image, creating us male and female, and you have consecrated the covenant of marriage so that in it is signified the spiritual marriage between Christ and his Church: pour your grace upon all who are called to this holy state, that, keeping their promise of faithfulness to each other, they may reflect in their lives your love for us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Job 1.1; 2.1-10

<sup>1</sup> There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. <sup>1</sup> One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. <sup>2</sup> The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the Lord, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' <sup>3</sup> The Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' <sup>4</sup> Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. <sup>5</sup> But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' <sup>6</sup> The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.' <sup>7</sup> So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. <sup>8</sup> Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. <sup>9</sup> Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.' <sup>10</sup> But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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

Psalm: 26

<sup>1</sup> Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity:

**I have trusted in the Lord and not wavered.**

<sup>2</sup> Put me to the test, O Lord, and prove me:

**try my mind and my heart.**

<sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love has been ever before my eyes:

**and I have walked in your truth.**

<sup>4</sup> I have not sat with deceivers:

**nor consorted with the hypocrites;**

- <sup>5</sup> I hate the assembly of the wicked:  
**I will not sit with the ungodly.**
- <sup>6</sup> I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord:  
**that I may go about your altar,**
- <sup>7</sup> And lift up the voice of thanksgiving:  
**to tell of all your marvellous works.**
- <sup>8</sup> Lord, I love the house of your habitation:  
**and the place where your glory dwells.**
- <sup>9</sup> Do not sweep me away with sinners:  
**nor my life with those that thirst for blood,**
- <sup>10</sup> In whose hand is abomination:  
**and their right hand is full of bribes.**
- <sup>11</sup> As for me, I walk in my integrity:  
**O ransom me and be favourable toward me.**
- <sup>12</sup> My foot stands on an even path:  
**I will bless the Lord in the great congregation.**

## Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12

<sup>1</sup> Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup> Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup> But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?' <sup>7</sup> You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, <sup>8</sup> subjecting all things under their feet. 'Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup> but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark, Chapter 10, starting at verse 2

### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' <sup>3</sup> He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' <sup>4</sup> They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' <sup>5</sup> But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." <sup>7</sup> "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' <sup>10</sup> Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' <sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' <sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

### Years Mind

Bill Wright, Brian Coulter, George Addison, Monique Winning, Joan Wiltshire, and Jessie and Arthur Cale, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Rest in peace: Lewis Plumridge. (Flowers today in memory of Lewis)



### Prayer Points

*The Church:* The Church in Wales (Primacy Vacant); Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Diocesan Property Committee; Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hastings (Timothy Anderson); Christ Church Brunswick – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Oakleigh Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity and Emmanuel Church, (Pastoral Visit, Bp Paul Barker).

*The Parish:* Give thanks for Janet's recovery from her heart surgery and for the life and service of Lewis Plumridge, organist and choirmaster of this parish.

*The World:* Give thanks for all the variety of animals in God's world.

*The Nation:* Pray for those who care for injured, mistreated or homeless creatures.

### Prayer of the Week

Generous God, whose hand is open to fill all things living with plenteousness: make us ever thankful for your goodness, and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ABM Pew Reflections

Jesus told his disciples to let the children come to him and not to stop them. He went on to say that we must all accept God with a childlike trust. Have you ever experienced a child climbing up on the couch and saying, "catch me daddy" as they leapt into the air? Poor dad must fly across the room, almost dislocating every bone in their body, but they catch their precious child. The child never doubted that dad would catch them. This childlike trust is, I think, how Jesus encourages us to think about God and the kingdom of heaven. Do we fill our heads and hearts with adult questions, demanding proof before we leap, or do we leap out in faith, trusting that God is there? Pray that we may all have complete trust in God, even when we have questions.

## Daily Readings

Monday	Jonah 1.1-2.1, 2.10	Ps 130.1-4	Luke 10.25-37
Tuesday	Jonah 3.1-10	Ps 130.4-8	Luke 10.38-42
Wednesday	Jonah 4.1-11	Ps 86.8-13	Luke 11.1-4
Thursday	Malachi 3.13-20a	Ps 1	Luke 11.5-13
Friday	Joel 1.13-15, 2.1-2	Ps 9.1-8	Luke 11.15-26
Saturday	Joel 3.12-21	Ps 97.6-12	Luke 11.27-28



*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](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com)*



**Prospect wines in Nunawading** again offer you their quality wines and some Australian goods, (all delivered in the Melbourne Metro region for \$6.00 delivery cost).

All orders are to be in **packs of six or multiples of six**. However anyone who does

not need six items can piggyback onto someone else's order, let me know so we can coordinate this. (After you have ordered the first 6, you can order any number on top of that). Orders open till November 26.

This is an **on-line order system** however, **contact Hilary** to discuss ways you could make a payment with a cheque or cash.

Orders are **delivered to any Australian address** but order a minimum of 6.

If you order 12 bottles you will receive a 13<sup>th</sup> bottle of wine free.

**Queries:** Charles & Hilary 9899 7553 or 0400 635 600 or [cchrb@hotmail.com](mailto:cchrb@hotmail.com)

**Orders:**

<https://prospectwines.com.au/product/box-hill-anglican-church/>

## 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](mailto:themitchells01@bigpond.com). They remain the same price i.e, \$12.00 each.



### SHOEBOX COLLECTION Samaritan's Purse

Next Sunday is Shoebox Sunday!

Please bring your **completed boxes to the Undercroft** on Saturday morning between 10.00am and 11.00am. Or Jan can pick them up from you. Phone Jan: 0425757778.

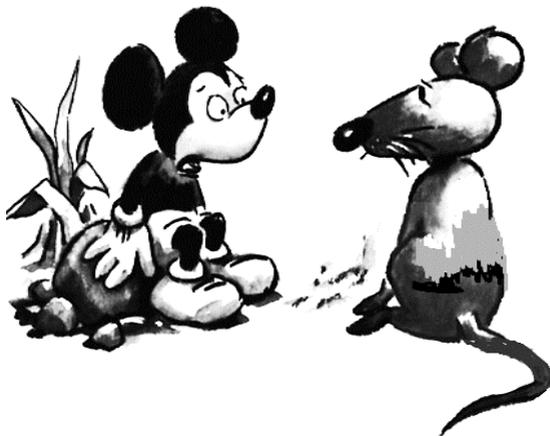
### GIVING ENVELOPES

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...



*"I'm going to give it all up and follow St. Francis."*

## Week Ahead

**SUN 3.10.21**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9.30am** Live-streamed service

**11.30am** Mandarin live-streamed service

**2.30pm** Dinka service

## All activities cancelled during lockdown

**MON 4.10.21**

**9.30-10.30am** Tai Chi *hall*

**6.30-8.30pm** Tai Chi *hall*

**TUES 5.10.21**

**9.00-1.00am** Men at Work

**8.30am-12.30pm** Office open

**5.30-7.30pm** Bellydancing, *hall*

**WED 6.10.21**

**Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas)**

**10.30am** Eucharist

**10-11.30am** Tai Chi *hall*

**2.00pm** Play Group set up, *hall*

**2.00pm** Funeral of Lewis Plumridge (live-streamed)

**8.00pm** Choir practice, *undercroft*

**THU 7.10.21**

**10.00am-2.00pm** Office open

**9.30-11.30** Play Group, *hall*

**6.30-9.30pm** Crossways ESL, *hall*

**FRI 8.10.21**

**7.30am** Eucharist

**5.30-9.30pm** Mandarin Prayer Group

**SAT 9.10.21**

**10.00-11.00am** Food drop off, *Undercroft*

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

**SUN 10.10.21**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9.30am** Live-streamed service

**11.30am** Mandarin live-streamed service

**2.30pm** Dinka service

## For the Diary

**October 4**

Francis of Assisi Day

**October 4th-18th**

Vicar on leave

**October 6**

**Funeral of Lewis Plumridge**

**2.00pm**

[Watch here](#)

**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.



## 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

### Limited Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 3.10.21	Next week 10.10.21
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	<b>Elizabeth B</b>	<b>Sophia Errey</b>
COUNTING	<i>Not required</i>	<i>TBC</i>
MORNING TEA	<i>Not required</i>	<i>Not required</i>