



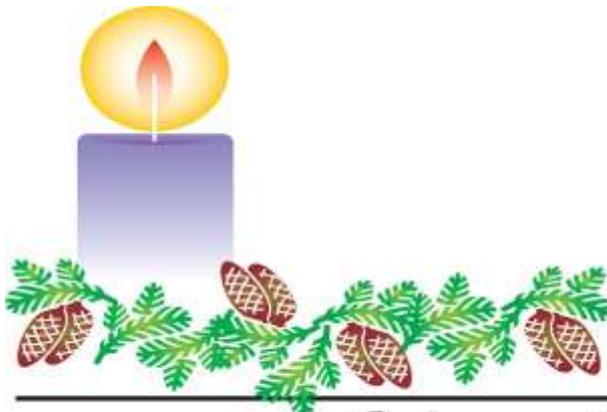
ANGELICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
First Sunday of Advent
28 November 2021

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to worship today! Welcome to our memorial for our beloved organist and dear friend and brother – Lewis Plumridge. We give thanks to God for Lewis' life among us and pray that God will continue to comfort those in grief. There will be an opportunity at morning tea to share our memories of Lewis.

Welcome also to the start of the Christian year – the start of Advent! For me, the season of Advent provides one of those few opportunities when our behaviour as Christians; disciples of Jesus is different from the general behaviour of those around us. There is no doubt that since restrictions have been lifted the race to Christmas has begun – with advertising telling us if not shouting at us about what we should buy; what we should eat; how we should decorate and celebrate. The lead up period to these 'spending opportunities' has become longer and longer and we need to say as Christians – NO! – We will wait; we will spend quality time waiting and retelling the story of salvation and we will take time to remember that we are people of HOPE; our hope in a faithful God who will come again. As always, Barbara Brown Taylor's words inspire and move me on this first day of a new church year, as we long for a new heaven and a new earth, but seek to live our lives right here, right now, in ways that are pleasing to God and utterly trusting in God's goodness: "Every morning when you wake up, decide to live the life God has given you to live right now. Refuse to live yesterday over and over again. Resist the temptation to save your best-self for tomorrow." ("On the Clouds of Heaven" in *The Seeds of Heaven*).



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of **HOPE**. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned.... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. [Isaiah 9:2, 6-7](#)

Let us pray:

O God, as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.

Sentence

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21.28

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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

Psalm: 25.1-10

¹ In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:

**in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

² Let none who wait for you be put to shame:

but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.

³ Show me your ways, O Lord:

and teach me your paths.

- ⁴ Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:
for you are the God of my salvation.
- ⁵ In you have I hoped all the day long:
because of your goodness, O Lord.
- ⁶ Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:
for they are from of old.
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:
but according to your mercy think on me.
- ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore will he direct sinners in the way.
- ⁹ The meek he will guide in the path of justice:
and teach the humble his ways.
- ¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:
for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 21, starting at verse 25

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you

may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' ³⁷ Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. ³⁸ And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

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



Years Mind

Blanche Chapman, Stanley Marshall, Catherine Chong, Alma Locke, Peter Lovett, George Boshnakoff and Iris Vollenhoven whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (Abp Miguel Uchoa, Primate); The Diocese of Sydney (Abp Kanishka Raffel, Regional Bps Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Peter Hayward, Peter Lin, Malcolm Richards, Gary Koo, Clergy & People); Working Group on Aboriginal Matters (NATSIAC); St Stephen's Richmond (Matthew Healy); St John's Bentleigh – Pastoral Visit (Abp Philip Freier); Christ Church Geelong – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Mark's Forest Hill – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker).

The Parish: Give thanks for the life of Lewis.

The World: Pray for the people of Myanmar, Syria and Afghanistan.

The Nation: Give thanks for our communities and friends.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Isaiah .1-5	Ps 122	Matthew 8.5-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 11.1-10	Ps 72.1-7	Luke 10.21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25.6-10	Ps 23	Matthew 15.29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26.1-6	Ps 118.19-25	Matthew 15.29-37
Friday	Isaiah 29.17-24	Ps 27.9-17	Matthew 9.27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30.19-26	Ps 147.1-6	Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5-8



*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*

CD ORGAN and 3 TRUMPETS by LEWIS PLUMRIDGE

Lewis' double CD of 'Organ & 3 Trumpets' will be on sale for \$25 after the Nov. 28 service today. Sales include a donation to St. Peter's.

NAMES FOR INTERCESSIONS

Starting this Sunday, the names for the intercessions will again be put in the Intercessions Folder at back of the church. Please add or remove names as appropriate to keep the list current.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Today

The meeting will be held in the Undercroft today directly after morning tea.



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

2 BILLION KILOMETRES TO SAFETY

Walking In Their Shoes

Since January 2021, more than 600,000 people in Afghanistan have been newly displaced – and the crisis is only growing.

By the end of 2020 there were 82.46 million reported refugees and displaced people worldwide, which means that more than 1% of the world's population is now displaced - 1 in every 95 people in the world has been forced to flee
42% of the world's displaced people are children
30,000 people are newly displaced every day

When we consider these figures, the issues seem overwhelming. But, I have confidence that UNHCR is able to make a difference in supporting refugees. That's why I'm delighted that so far \$920 has been raised through my 2BK walk – and still a few days to go!

So a big thank you for your generosity. Could we possibly reach \$1000?!

Donations can be made at <https://www.stepwithrefugees.org.au/sophia-errey>

MOTHER'S UNION

The Mothers' Union luncheon is **at Box Hill RSL**. We can have 18 come for lunch beginning at 11.30am first sitting. Please talk to Jan if you wish to join us. If possible please bring an unwrapped gift for distribution by Anglicare.

Happy birthday to **Miriam** for December 1st and to **Carole** for today.

Congratulations to Conrad Hamann on his **70th** birthday today,
Sunday 28th November.



ANGLICARE'S DIXON HOUSE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

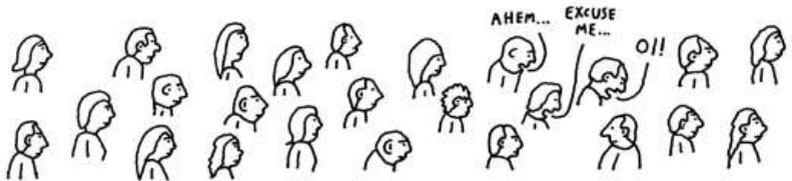
Donations of toys and especially food are wanted for Anglicare's Dixon House Christmas Appeal. Gifts are wanted for adults and children and there is a basket for them at the back of the church. These gifts and food should be **unwrapped**. Vouchers are welcome but please hand these directly to Jan.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

I got myself a Microsoft advent calendar... but I'm worried that once I've opened 3 or 4 windows I won't be able to open any more...

ADVENT

WE LOOK FORWARD



WE PREPARE



WE WAIT



Week Ahead

SUN 28.11.21

First Sunday of Advent

9.30am Live and live-streamed service

11.30am Mandarin service live and streamed

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 29.11.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 30.11.21

9.00-1.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 1.12.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

2.00pm Play Group set up, *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft*

THU 2.12.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 3.12.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 4.12.21

10.00-11.00am Food drop off, *Undercroft*

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

SUN 5.12.21

Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Live and streamed service

11.30am Mandarin service live and streamed

2.30pm Dinka service

For the Diary

November 28

Memorial service for Lewis
Interment of Ashes

Parish AGM

directly after morning tea

Christmas Eve *Fri 24th Dec*

6.00pm Children's Service

11.30pm Christmas Eucharist

Christmas Day *Sat 25th Dec*

9.30am Eucharist

SUN 26.12.21

First Sunday after Christmas

11.30am Service in Mandarin

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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

Limited Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 28.11.21	Next week 5.12.21
SIDESPEOPLE	Sandra L, Rosemary S	Felicity H, Dianne A
SERVERS	Sophia E, Garry M, Kim (c)	Elizabeth B, Sophia E, Garry M c
READERS	Edwin C, Jan G	Linda B, Rosemary S
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Elizabeth B
COUNTING	Margaret R, Charles B	Michele M, Hilary B
MORNING TEA	Barbara P (M), Michele M, Dianne A, Keith W	Elizabeth B, Laurence L, Lyn B