



The Vicar writes...

Welcome to worship today! As we continue to make our journey this Advent season may we all resist the urge to race towards Christmas, take some time to *wait* upon God and in the words of John the baptiser, 'Prepare the way of the Lord.' I love Paul's prayer to the Philippians this morning and ask that it be our prayer for this community, that our love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help us determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ, we may be pure and blameless.

Thank you to everyone who came last Sunday as we remembered our beloved friend and parish organist Lewis. Thank you also for all who participated in our annual meeting. It was good to be able to meet in person and review what has been a challenging year yet also give thanks for God's providence and guidance as we look to the New Year with hope. Please continue to uphold in prayer all those appointed to leadership roles.

Second Sunday in Advent



Today we light the **Second candle of Advent – Purple Candle**

Last week we lit the candle of **HOPE**. We will relight that candle, and we will light the candle for the second Sunday in Advent. This is the candle of **PEACE**. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. We will read from the prophet Isaiah, and the apostle John:

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." (Isaiah 40-3-5)

The words of Jesus from the Gospel of John:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. (John 14:27)

Let us pray:

Gracious God, grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give us courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

Sentence

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1.78–79

Prayer of the Day

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Malachi 3.1-14

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. ⁶ For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. ⁷ Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' ⁸ Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings! ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! ¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. ¹¹ I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and

your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. ¹² Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts. ¹³ You have spoken harsh words against me, says the Lord. Yet you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' ¹⁴ You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the Lord of hosts?'

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

For the Psalm: Song of Zechariah

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel:

you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old:

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears:

and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear:

holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation:

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Second Reading: Philippians 1.1-11

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the

day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 3, starting at verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." ' ⁷

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

Years Mind

Dru Ferdinands, Irene Bracken, Marlene Mack, Hazel Addison, Elizabeth Jones, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Anglican Church of Burundi (Abp Sixbert Macumi, Primate); Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens; Church of the Ascension Springvale (Inpa Eliezer); All Saints' Kooyong - Baptism Service (Abp Philip Freier); St Andrew's Aberfeldie – Pastoral Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Red Door, Caroline Springs – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Mark's Emerald – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker).

The Parish: Pray for all those in our congregations who are unwell, in hospital or housebound.

The World: Pray for all refugees, homeless persons and orphans.

The Nation: Pray for all those separated from their families and unable to go home.

Prayer of the Week

Merciful God, who sent your messenger John the Baptist to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Isaiah 35.1-10	Ps 85.1-10	Luke 5.17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40.1-11	Ps 96.7-13	Matthew 18.12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40.25-31	Ps 103.1-5	Matthew 11.28-30
Thursday	Isaiah 41.13-20	Ps 145.8-13	Matthew 11.11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48.17-19	Ps 1	Matthew 11.16-19
Saturday	Malachi 4	Ps 80.14-19	Matthew 17.10-13



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

NAMES FOR INTERCESSIONS

Please add names as needed to the **Intercessions Folder** at back of the church.

MUSIC CD by LEWIS PLUMRIDGE

For those who missed out or want more copies, there will be a second delivery of CD's to purchase available shortly. Cost will be \$25.00 with \$10.00 donation to the church.



2 BILLION KILOMETRES TO SAFETY

We made EVERY STEP COUNT by raising \$1064 as I walked 241 km in Nov
With your donations UNHCR could do all this: \$35 can sink a well, providing safe drinking water for refugee families in a camp; \$290 can provide two families with a winter survival kit, including blankets, a heating stove and fuel; \$259 can provide six unaccompanied refugee children with emergency rescue kits, containing high-nutrient foods, clean water, blankets and clothes; \$480 can provide an all-weather tent for a family of five, sheltering them from the elements.

Thank you so much for your generosity! Sophia
(*Congratulations and many thanks to Sophia!*)

ANGLICARE'S DIXON HOUSE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Final date for giving here is Dec 12

Donations of toys and gifts for adults and especially **food** are wanted for Anglicare's Dixon House Christmas Appeal. There is a basket for items at the back of the church. These gifts and food should be **unwrapped**.

Vouchers are welcome but please hand these directly to Jan.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Laurence Law for December 3

CHURCH CALENDARS

Michele has two calendars left over for sale at \$12 each – first in, first served.



WHITEHORSE FARMERS MARKET December 12

St Peter's is having a fundraising stall at this market 8.00am-1.00pm. Can you help volunteering time and help on the day?

Help required from 7.00am – 1.30pm.

Please contact Hilary 9899 7553 or 0400 635 600

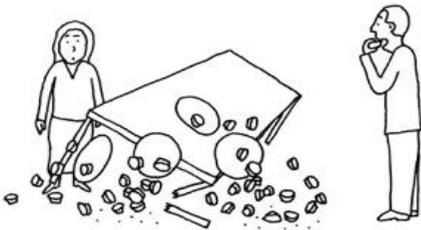
TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

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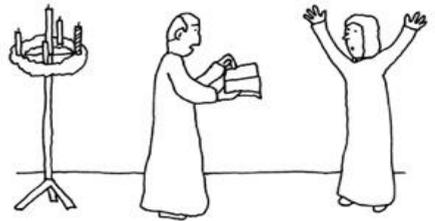
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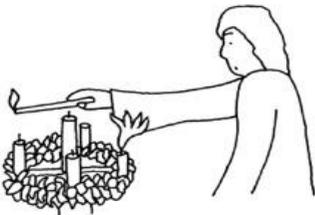
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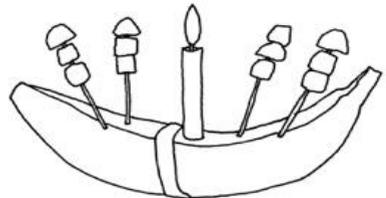
TABLES BUCKLING UNDER SHEER
WEIGHT OF MINCE PIES



UNREST OVER THE CORRECT WEEK
TO LIGHT THE PINK CANDLE



ADVENT WREATH FIR (i)



SUPERMARKETS RUNNING OUT
OF ORANGES

Week Ahead

SUN 5.12.21

Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Live and live-streamed service

11.30am Mandarin service live and streamed

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 6.12.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 7.12.21

9.00-1.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 8.12.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

2.00pm Play Group set up, *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft*

THU 9.12.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 10.12.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 11.12.21

10.30am Tutorial for those learning how to stream our service online, *church*

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

SUN 12.12.21

Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am Live and streamed service

11.30am Mandarin service live and streamed

2.30pm Dinka service

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For the Diary

December 11

Service Online Streaming
Tutorial 10.30-11.30am (*Church*)

December 11

Piano student concert (*Church*)
3.00-7.00pm
7.30-9.00pm (*Undercroft*)

Sudanese event 3pm-Midnight (*Hall*)

December 12

Our stall at Farmers Market
8.00-1.00pm

December 14

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

Christmas Eve Fri 24th Dec

6.00pm Children's Service

11.30pm Christmas Eucharist

Christmas Day Sat 25th Dec

8.00am Eucharist (*both vaccinated and unvaccinated welcome*)

9.30am Eucharist

SUN 26.12.21

11.30am Service in Mandarin

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 5.12.21	Next week 12.12.21
SIDESPEOPLE	Felicity H, Dianne A	Judy J, Ted G
SERVERS	Elizabeth B, Sophia, Garry M c	Sophia E, Michele M, Kim c
READERS	Linda B, Rosemary S	Barbara P, Charles B
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B	Janet H
COUNTING	Michele M, Hilary B	Ken McD, Michele M
MORNING TEA	Elizabeth B, Laurence L, Lyn B	Gwen McD, Rosemary S, Peter W, Janet H