



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

Third Sunday of Advent

12 December 2021

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to worship today! It is good to feel that people, after the restrictions and lockdowns of the last two years are comfortable with returning to church to celebrate our faith in the God of love. It is a fitting day to celebrate in that it is also 'Gaudete Sunday' – where we rejoice! Here, on the third Sunday of Advent, the church "stops waiting" long enough to rejoice and give thanks. Paul's writings, even from prison and in the midst of persecution (and no doubt misunderstanding), strike a high note. Rejoice, in prison? Give thanks, in persecution? Gentleness, in the face of hatred and violence? Yes, Paul says, and again he says, rejoice. When he speaks of peace, he also speaks of not worrying. When he speaks of peace, words fail to describe the kind of freedom God gives, something beyond our understanding or imagining. And this peace is rooted in prayer, in taking our concerns and needs to God, and trusting that we will be heard. While our culture tells us what we want, God gives us what we most need, so we can bring our prayers and supplications to the One who waits in the quiet dark stillness of the night. "Rejoice in the Lord always" suggests that we find joy even in the most unlikely and perhaps most surprising situations. May that be our prayer and experience this day and all days!



Today we light the **Third candle of Advent – Rose Candle**

We relight the first candles of the Advent wreath – the candle of **HOPE** and the candle of **PEACE**. Now we light the third candle of Advent. This is the candle of **JOY**. As the coming of Jesus, our Saviour, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth. From the Book of Isaiah we read the words of our Lord: *But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. (Isaiah 65:18)*

From the New Testament, the words of Paul to the people of the church at Galatia: *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.*” (Galatians 5:22-25)

Let us pray:

We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfilment of your promise of a Saviour and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your Son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait, and help us see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen.

Sentence

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love. Zephaniah 3.16–17

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for 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: Zephaniah 3.14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸ as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

For the Psalm: A Song of Isaiah

‘Behold, God is my salvation:

I will trust and will not be afraid;

‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song:

and has become my salvation.’

With joy you will draw water:

from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say:

'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations:

proclaim that his name is exalted.

'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:

let this be known in all the world.

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

Second Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 7

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath of God? ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹ In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³ He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

Years Mind

Frances Forward, Stella McKenzie, Paul Hoare, Maxwell Abbott and Viola Errey
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Anglican Church of Canada (Abp Linda Nicholls, Primate); The Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Weatherill, Clergy & People); Defence Force Chaplains; St Mary's Sunbury (Gavin Ward, Matthew Browne, Catherine Fisher, Ros Armstrong); St Luke's Sydenham – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd); Church of the Ascension Springvale – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker)

The Parish: Give thanks for our shared fellowship together.

The World: Pray for all displaced people in the world.

The Nation: Pray for all students completing their schooling and making life choices.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you: come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end and your children may live in peace, honouring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17	Ps 25.3-9	Matthew 21.23-27
Tuesday	Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13	Ps 34.15-22	Matthew 21.28-32
Wednesday	Isaiah 45.6-8, 18-26	Ps 85.8-13	Luke 7.19-23
Thursday	Isaiah 54.1-10	Ps 30.1-5	Luke 7.24-30
Friday	Genesis 49.2, 8-10	Ps 72.1-7	Matthew 1.1-17
Saturday	Jeremiah 23.5-8	Ps 72.15-21	Matthew 1.18-24



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

NAMES FOR INTERCESSIONS

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

CHURCH CALENDARS

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



made jams and other

WHITEHORSE FARMERS MARKET *Today!*

St Peter's is having a fundraising stall at this market
8.00am-1.00pm.

Go along and buy some home-
Nunawading
Civic Centre

foods from our stall.



ANGLICARE'S DIXON HOUSE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Final date for giving here is today

Donations will be given to Anglicare's Dixon House Christmas Appeal.



Friday 17th December at 8.30pm

Saturday 18th December 2pm, 5.30pm & 8.30pm

St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne

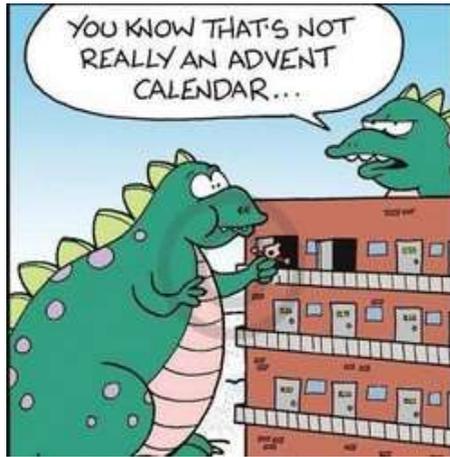
Featuring the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Choir,
Melbourne University Choral Society, Box Hill Chorale,
City of Melbourne Highland Pipe Band....and more
Soprano- Greta Bradman; Conductor - Andrew Wailes

Tickets: www.rmp.org.au

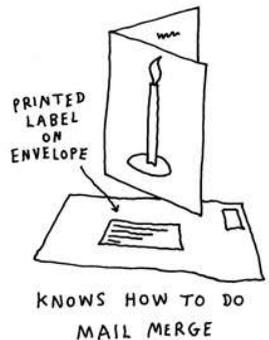
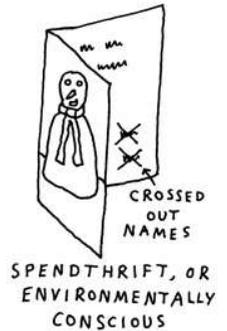
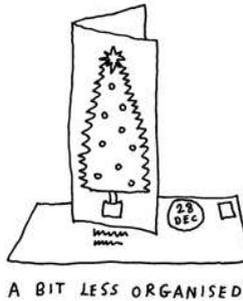
TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Ten Reasons to be an Anglican:

10. No snake handling
9. You can believe in dinosaurs
8. Male and female God created them; male and female we ordain them.
7. You don't have to check your brains at the door
6. Pew aerobics
5. Church year is colour-coded
4. Free wine on Sunday
3. All of the pageantry – none of the guilt
2. You don't have to know how to swim to get baptized,
and the NUMBER ONE reason to be Anglican:
1. No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other
Anglican who agrees with you.



CHRISTMAS CARDS



Week Ahead

SUN 12.12.21

Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Eucharist

9.30am Live and live-streamed service

11.30am Mandarin service live and streamed

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 13.12.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 14.12.21

9.00-1.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

7.30pm Parish Council Meeting (*U/croft*)

WED 15.12.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

2.00pm Play Group set up, *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 16.12.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 17.12.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 18.12.21

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

SUN 19.12.21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Eucharist

9.30am Live and streamed service

11.30am Mandarin service live and streamed

2.30pm Dinka service

For the Diary

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

Sunday 26th Dec

11.30am

Service in Mandarin and English

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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
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

Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 12.12.21	Next week 19.12.21
SIDESPEOPLE	Judy J, Ted G	Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Sophia E, Michele M, Garry c	Sophia E, Rosemary S, Garry M c
READERS	Barbara P, Charles B	Margaret D, Michele M
INTERCESSOR	Janet H	Keith W
COUNTING	Ken McD, Michele M	Ted G, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	Jan G, Janet H Rosemary S, Peter W,	Cecilia M, Margaret R, Jan G, Jenny F