

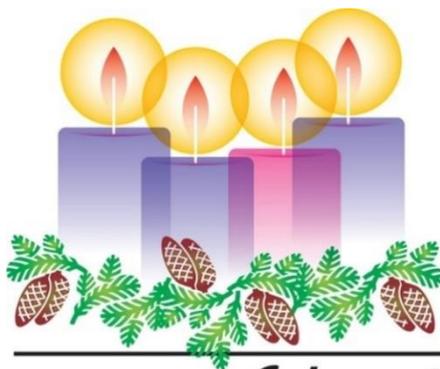


ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Fourth Sunday of Advent
19 December 2021

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship liturgies today! Today is the final Sunday in Advent as we prepare for Christmas later this week. While the pressure is mounting to make sure our personal preparations are ready, we still pause today and enjoy the fourth and final Sunday in Advent! Like Mary we always have a choice. Our choices often boil down to yes or no: yes, I will live this life that is being held out to me or no, I will not; yes, I will explore this unexpected turn of events, or no, I will not. You can take part in a thrilling and dangerous scheme with no script and no guarantees. You can agree to smuggle God into the world inside your own body. As Advent comes to an end and Christmas approaches, we look at our lives and the life of our church and ask, what is God doing today, here in our midst, too wonderful for our imaginations or our words? What is the hope of our congregation on this last Sunday in Advent? What extraordinary and grace-filled things have happened in our lives, and what extraordinary and grace-filled things may yet happen? Are we willing to say "yes" to what God is doing? God's blessings from Janet and me to you and yours this festive season!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Today the first three candles of the Advent Wreath will be lit — the candles of **HOPE, PEACE** and **JOY**. Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of **LOVE**. Jesus demonstrated self-giving love in his ministry as the Good Shepherd. Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others, and sharing with others. It is a time to love as God loved us by giving us his most precious gift. As God is love, let us be love also. In the Book of Deuteronomy we find these words:

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (Deuteronomy 10:17-19a)

From the Gospel of John we hear these words from our Lord:

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)

Let us pray:

Teach us to love, O Lord. May we always remember to put you first as we follow Christ's footsteps, that we may know your love and show it in our lives. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus' birth, also fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know your love and the one whom you have sent, your Son, our Saviour. Amen.

Sentence: Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. Luke 1.45

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. 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: Micah 5.2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵ and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

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

For the Psalm: Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:

from this day all generations will call me blessed;

The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' ⁸ When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 1, starting at verse 39

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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



Years Mind

Edna Usher, Jean Lemont, Thelma Leggett, Athol Kennedy, Christopher Hill, and Mary Wood whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Rest in Peace: Joan Bird

Prayer Points

The Church: The Church of the Province of Central Africa (Abp Albert Chama, Primate); The Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People); Police Force Chaplains (Drew Mellor & other Chaplains) and members of the Police Force; St John's Toorak (Peter French, Keiron Jones).

The Parish: Pray for our families and friends as we plan to come together.

The World: Pray for people who live in war zones and for those who live in fear.

The Nation: Pray for our school students and teachers as they end their year.

Prayer of the Week

O Lord, raise up your power and come among us, and with great might succour us, that, whereas through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Isaiah 7.10-14	Ps 24.1-6	Luke 1.28-38
Tuesday	Song of Songs 2.8-14	Ps 33.17-21	Luke 1.39-45
Wednesday	1 Samuel 1.24-28	Song of Hannah APBA p.429	Luke 1.46-56
Thursday	Malachi 3.1-4, 4.2-3	Ps 25.3-9	Luke 1.57-66
Friday	2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-11, 16	Ps 89.19-29	Luke 1.67-69
Saturday	Isaiah 62.6-12	Ps 97	Luke 2.1-20



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

REST IN PEACE Joan Bird, former member of St Peter's Choir, who died on 7th December 2021. The funeral will be at the Church of the Ascension, East Burwood, Monday 20th December)

CHANGE TO CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK before Christmas

The office will be open Tues as usual, Wed from 9.00am till 12 midday, and on **Thursday but will close at 11.00am**. The office will remain closed until Jan 18, 2022. Please give all notices during that time to the Vicar or Father Alasdair.



NEWS FROM NUNAWADING MARKET STALL

Thank you to all who were involved in the Nunawading Food market last Sunday.

We are grateful for all your efforts and on the day have net profit of \$1765.15.

We have a few items left for sale available after the 9.30am service in the Undercroft.

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.

SERVICE OF LESSONS and CAROLS

St Paul's Lutheran Church, 1201 Riversdale Road, Box Hill South (note new address). **Sunday 19th Dec** at 8pm; also **Friday 24th Dec.** at 6.30pm (online on YouTube) & 8.30pm.

NO MORNING TEA during the holiday break till Jan 23

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

SPELLCHECK CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

The spring retreat will be held May 10th and 11th.

The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join.

The outreach committee has enlisted twenty-five members to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

The third verse will be sung without musical accomplishment.

The agenda was adopted. The minutes were approved. The financial secretary gave a grief report.

Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to the church secretary.

Ushers will eat latecomers.

Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.

GAMES

SUITABLE FOR CHURCH PARTIES

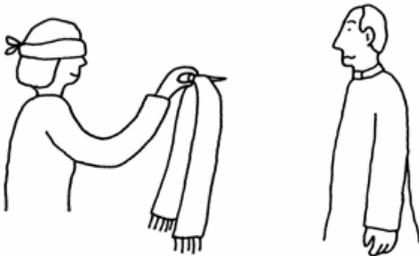
MUSICAL PRAYERS



PASS THE COLLECTION PLATE



PIN THE STOLE ON THE VICAR



THAT ONE WHERE YOU DRESS UP IN A CASSOCK AND BIRETTA (AND EAT CHOCOLATE WITH A KNIFE AND FORK)



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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

Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to
Kooyoora Professional Standards
1800 135 246

Week Ahead

SUN 19.12.21

Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am Live and live-streamed service

11.30am Mandarin service live and streamed

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 20.12.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 21.12.21

9.00-1.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm

WED 22.12.21

10.30am Eucharist

9.00am-11.00am Office open

8.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 23.12.21

9.30am-11.00pm Office open

Office will remain closed until
Jan 18, 2022.

FRI 24.12.21

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Children's Service

11.30pm Christmas Eucharist

SAT 25.12.21

Christmas Day

8.00am Eucharist

9.30am Eucharist

SUN 26.12.21

First Sunday after Christmas

11.30am Mandarin and English

Christmas service with baptism

2.30pm Dinka service

For the Diary

Christmas Eve Fri 24th Dec

6.00pm Children's Service

11.30pm Christmas Eucharist

Christmas Day Sat 25th Dec

8.00am Eucharist

9.30am Eucharist

Sunday 26th Dec

11.30am

Service in Mandarin and English
(For catering purposes could you
please tell Cecilia if you intend to come
to this service. *Thanks.*)

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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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Roster for upcoming services

	19.12.21	24.12.21 11.30pm	25.12.21 9.30am
Sidespeople	Michele M, Barbara P	TBA	TBA
Servers	Sophia E, Rosemary S, Garry M c	TBA	TBA
Readers	Margaret D, Michele M	TBA	TBA
Intercessors	Keith W	TBA	TBA
Morning Tea	Cecilia M, Jenny F, Margaret R, Jan G,	<i>Not required</i>	<i>Not required</i>