



**ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL**  
Christmas  
24-25 December, 2021

# Parish Link

## The Vicar writes...

I express my deepest warm greetings to all the parishioners of Box Hill this Christmas season. As is the want of many in society today the lead up to Christmas is the important matter and Christmas ends on Christmas Day and we are on to the next secular events: New Year's Eve and then Australia Day! For us in the Church however we need to realise that this night/day marks the start of this Christmas season – not the end! Having experienced a holy Advent – waiting in eager anticipation - we can now 'let our hair down' and rejoice and celebrate 'God-with-us' – Emmanuel. We sing the Christmas carols with gusto and we remind ourselves of the truth that God is always with us – in all the mess of our daily living; in all the disappointments and sorrows; in all the joys and triumphs; in all the ordinary and extraordinary moments – God is with us. We recall that Jesus did not stay the cuddly babe wrapped in swaddling bands in the manger – a lovely scene but one that does not move or challenge us. Jesus grew up and in his life and in his death and in his resurrection we find our life! After all that we have experienced together over the last two years - may this blessed Christmas season be the time for all of us to take stock of God's gracious gift to all and may our faith be deepened as we start 2022.



### **Mission Statement**

Sharing the Good News  
Telling the story afresh  
Expressing God's love  
Nurturing and sharing faith  
Equipping to serve  
Serving the community

### **Vision**

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

**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.

## Sentence

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Luke 2.10–11

## Prayer of the Day

Give us, O God, such love and wonder that, with shepherds and pilgrims unknown, we may come to adore the holy Child, the promised King, and with our gifts worship him, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Readings

### First Reading: Isaiah 9.2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

### Psalm 96

- <sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song:  
**sing to the Lord, all the earth.**
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations:  
**and his wonders among all peoples.**
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:  
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:  
**it is the Lord who made the heavens.**
- <sup>6</sup> Majesty and glory are before him:  
**beauty and power are in his sanctuary.**
- <sup>7</sup> Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:  
**render to the Lord glory and might.**

- <sup>8</sup> Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:  
**bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- <sup>9</sup> O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:  
**let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**
- <sup>10</sup> Say among the nations that the Lord is king:  
**he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved;  
and he shall judge the peoples with equity.**
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:  
**let the sea roar, and all that fills it:**
- <sup>12</sup> Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:  
**then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord;**
- <sup>13</sup> For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:  
**he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.**

## Second Reading: Titus 2.11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke, Chapter 2, beginning at verse 1

## Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for

you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

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

### Years Mind

Warwick Sheffield, Nellie Packer, Margaret Robinson, and Jean Smith, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Flowers are in memory of Warwick Sheffield.



### Prayer Points

*The Church:* The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Anglican Media (Elspeth Kernebone, Editor); The Parish of the Holy Name of Jesus, Vermont South (Victor Fan); Christmas Eve – St Paul's Cathedral (Abp Philip Freier), The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People); Anglican Men's Society; St Luke's Vermont (Peter MacPherson, Mark Simon); Christmas Day Service – St Paul's Cathedral (Abp Philip Freier); St John's Benteigh – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

*The Parish:* Give thanks for the gift of Christmas shared among us.

*The World:* Pray for Christians throughout the world and for peace to all.

*The Nation:* Pray for all those who grieve that they may receive comfort at this time.

### Daily Readings

Sunday	1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26	Ps 148	Luke 2.41-52
Monday	Proverbs 8.22-31	Ps 97	John 20.2-8
Tuesday	Jeremiah 31.15-20	Ps 124	Matthew 2.13-18
Wednesday	1 John 2.3-11	Ps 96.1-6	Luke 2.22-35
Thursday	1 John 2.12-17	Ps 96.7-9	Luke 2.36-40
Friday	1 John 2.18-21	Ps 96.10-13	John 1.1-18
Saturday	Numbers 6.22-27	Ps 8	Luke 2.15-21

### ABM Pew Reflections

The prologue to St John's Gospel is one of the best-known and most-loved passages of Scripture. John writes elegantly as he describes for us the mystery of the Incarnation. We see a summary of all the gospels laid out for us: '... to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God ...' and in that we can see that God is inviting us to share an intimate part of the divine life. Those who receive Jesus and believe in his name become not just followers, but family. Lord, let me take the Christ Child into my heart this day, that I might be numbered among your children.



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursday  
[anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com)*

## **STREAMING OF ONLINE SERVICES**

Please note that there will be *no* live-streamed service from St Peter's on Sunday, January 2. All other Sunday services will be live-streamed during January.

## **Service Times at Christmas**

24 Dec **Christmas Eve**

**6.00pm** Children's Service

**11.30pm**, Eucharist

25 Dec **Christmas Day**

**8.00am, 9.30am**, Eucharist

26 Dec **Boxing Day**

**11.30am** Christmas Service in Mandarin and English

NO MORNING TEA during the holiday break till **Jan 23**.

The CHURCH OFFICE will be closed until **January 18**.

## **TO MAKE YOU SMILE...**

A mother who was feeling poorly one Sunday decided not to go to church with her family. She asked her little girl to remember what the sermon was about so she could explain it to her mother. When the child came home she reported, "The preacher said, 'Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt.'" Of course the mother didn't understand the child's explanation, so she called the minister. He explained that the message was, "Fear not, thy comforter will come."

# HYMN BOOKS V DATA PROJECTORS

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## THE ADVANTAGES OF HYMN BOOKS

SOMETHING TO  
LOOK AT DURING  
IDLE MOMENTS



PICKING UP AND  
PUTTING DOWN  
A BOOK IS GOOD  
FOR FITNESS



YOU CAN SEE  
HOW MANY VERSES  
YOU STILL HAVE  
TO GET THROUGH



## THE DISADVANTAGES OF DATA PROJECTORS

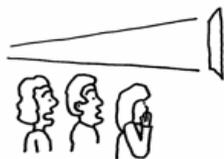
YOU ARE RELYING  
ON SOMEONE ELSE  
TO FIND THE  
CORRECT VERSE



HANDS ARE FREE,  
SO THERE IS A  
TEMPTATION TO  
SCRATCH OR FIDDLE



THERE IS A RISK  
THAT OPERATORS WILL  
USE INAPPROPRIATE  
BACKGROUNDS



THIS ANALYSIS WOULD SEEM TO SUGGEST THAT HYMN BOOKS ARE BETTER

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## CHURCH SERVICE

### after Christmas and January 2022

are as usual:

8.00am, 9.30am **Sundays**

10.30am **Wednesdays**, 7.30am **Fridays**

(*except* no weekday services in the week after Christmas)



**Any notices or announcements should be provided to the Vicar or Fr Alasdair**

*(in writing)*

**while the office is closed.**

	<b>24.12.21</b> <b>11.30pm</b>	<b>25.12.21</b> <b>9.30am</b>
<b>Sidespeople</b>	Elizabeth B, Noel W	TBC
<b>Servers</b>	Sophia E, Michele M, Garry M (c )	Sophia E, Kim (c )
<b>Readers</b>	Garry P, Conrad H	Keith W, Sophia E
<b>Intercessors</b>	Michele M	Sophia E
<b>Morning Tea</b>	<i>Not required</i>	<i>Not required</i>

## This Week

### Christmas Eve

6.00pm Children's Service

11.30pm Christmas Eucharist



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**SAT 25.12.20**

### Christmas Day

8.00am. 9.30am Eucharist

**SUN 26.12.20**

### St Stephen's Day

11.30am Christmas service in Mandarin  
and English

**SUN 2.1.22**

### Second Sunday after Christmas

9.30am Eucharist

#### Wardens:

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#### Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be  
reported.

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#### Office Hours:

Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

Thu 10.00am – 2.00pm

(Office closed until Jan 18, 2022)



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