



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Third Sunday after Epiphany
23 January 2022

Parish
Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online and in-person worship today. While we give thanks to God for the privilege of gathering we keep in our prayers those who for whatever reason cannot join us today. It is appropriate near the start of the year to hear Luke's version of Jesus words in the synagogue. (Luke 4) To use modern language, Jesus sets out his 'Vision statement' for his ministry, and if we are faithful, for us as well! What's a church, what's a follower of Jesus, to do? Have we lost our way from the course Jesus set in this inaugural address? As Christians, we're not just studying history, the biography of someone who lived a long time ago. We're reading our own biography, our own operating instructions, our flight plan, and our "google maps" directions for life. Carol Lakey Hess calls this little story from Luke a kind of "plumb line of Jesus' teaching" that can "measure our work," not focusing on "righteousness" so much as seeking those in need and responding as Jesus would. I think Hess is right when she speaks of "whatever we take to be the heart of the gospel" that "will be the central shaping force in our life of faith" (Feasting on the Word Year C, Vol. 1). So a reflection for us today is what do we "take to be the heart of the gospel"? A last word, from Barbara Brown Taylor, draws our attention for a moment to Luke, the writer of this Gospel, who tradition says was a doctor of medicine. Taylor is inspired by Luke's example of a life transformed: "I like to think that Luke never resigned his job as a healer. He just changed medicines." Instead of physical remedies for the body, Luke "told stories with power to mend broken lives and revive faint hearts." This is our call, too, as "evangelists" who preach the good news, and speak the words of new life: "People talk, and lives change. People talk, and other people are made whole" ("Gospel Medicine," in Gospel Medicine). The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, too, and we too are anointed to bring good news to the world that God loves so well.

Third Sunday after

EPIPHANY

Sentence

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.' Luke 4.18

Prayer of the Day

Life-giving God, who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority: anoint us with your Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹ all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

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

Psalm: 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God:

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

² One day tells it to another: **and night to night communicates knowledge.**

³ There is no speech or language: **nor are their voices heard;**

⁴ Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:

and their words to the ends of the earth.

⁵ There he has pitched a tent for the sun:

which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,

and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

- ⁶ Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.
- ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
- ⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.
- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
- ¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable
in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-31

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are

all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 4, verses 14-21

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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

Years Mind

Bertram de Zilwa, Helen Burkitt, Clive Jackson, and Daisy Stanley whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Abp Andrew Chan, Primate); Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People); Hume Anglican Grammar School (Bill Sweeney, Principal; Peter Waterhouse, Chaplain); St John's Blackburn (Andrew Price, Mark Chew); St Thomas' Moonee Ponds – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Pray for Esther on mission work and for Alasdair's return to health.

The World: Pray for the people of Tonga and those providing aid.

The Nation: Pray for those in hospital and those who care for them.

Prayer of the Week

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you: mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	2 Samuel 5.1-10	Ps 89.19-27	Mark 3.22-30
Tuesday	2 Samuel 6.12-19	Ps 24.7-10	Mark 3.31-35
Wednesday	2 Samuel 7.4-17	Ps 89.19-27	Mark 4.1-20
Thursday	2 Samuel 7.18-19, 24-29	Ps 132.13-18	Mark 4.21-35
Friday	2 Samuel 11.1-17	Ps 51.15-19	Mark 4.26-34
Saturday	2 Samuel 2.1-7, 10-17	Ps 51.10-14	Mark 4.35-41



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

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

The government has set in place regulations for all volunteers and employees. In line with this, the diocese now requires **all those with a volunteer role in the church** to complete a short (about an hour and a half) online information session. I will shortly be emailing you all the login and other details for how to access this. If you don't feel comfortable doing this online, I will be able to hold an in-person group session working through the online material, but it will take longer than if done individually.

This is something we can all do and, while not something we relish, we can view it positively as part of our church life and contribution as volunteers.

I am more than happy to discuss any details with you and to assist in any way I can. *Cecilia*

ANGLICAN IDENTITY IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

Saturday 26 February 2022 | 9.30am –3.30pm Trinity College, Parkville

\$50 | \$35 concession (pensioners and theological students)

This seminar looks at what might be entailed in being and living as a genuinely broad church, which is much more varied than its historical roots in the Church of England. It will ask which doctrines and practices are negotiable (or not), and how a variety of interpretive approaches to Scripture, tradition and reason might be held in tension.

Led by the Revd Dr Fergus King, Trinity College Theological School, Professor Charlotte Methuen, University of Glasgow (joining remotely), and the Most Revd Maimbo Mndolwa, Primate of the Anglican Church of Tanzania (joining remotely)

For more information and to register go to www.trybooking.com/BVMVD, or email to theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or call **03 9348 7127**.

KEYS FOUND

Are you missing a set of keys? There is a set of keys in the office waiting to be claimed. Ask Cecilia for details.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

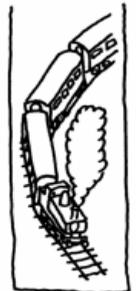
Pastor Schmitt was nervous when she cast Jimmy, the middle-school class clown, as Joseph in the Christmas Pageant. Her fears were realized when Jimmy decided to do a little improvisation by pulling out his mobile phone in the pageant's opening scene. The astonished pastor, who was narrating, asked, "What are you doing with your phone?"

Jimmy smiled and replied, "This year I'm phoning that inn to make a reservation!"

STOLES

THE VICAR USES THESE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CONGREGATION

PATTERN →



WHAT THE VICAR INTENDS IT TO MEAN →

CHRISTIANITY BRINGS NEW GROWTH

THE SPIRIT IS AT WORK

THE BIBLE IS VERY IMPORTANT

WE ARE ALL ON A JOURNEY OF FAITH

WHAT THE CONGREGATION THINKS IT MEANS →

WE COULD DO WITH SOME HELP WITH THE OVERGROWN CHURCHYARD

ONE DAY WE WILL GET SOME PROPER HEATING

IN SOME WAYS A STOLE LOOKS SIMILAR TO A VERY LARGE BOOKMARK

I LIKE TRAINS

Week Ahead

SUN 23.01.22

Third Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am Eucharist

9.30am Live and live-streamed service

11.30am Mandarin service live and streamed

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 24.01.22

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 25.01.22

9.00-1.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 26.01.22

10.30am Eucharist (**No** Wed service this week)

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

2.00pm Play Group set up, *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 27.01.22

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 28.01.22

7.30am Eucharist

11.00am Memorial Service

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 29.12.21

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

SUN 30.01.22

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am Eucharist

9.30am Live and streamed service

11.30am Mandarin service live and streamed

2.30pm Dinka service

For the Diary

28 January

11.00am Memorial service for Don Watkinson at St Peter's

8 February

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm, *Undercroft*

2 March

Ash Wednesday

4 March

World Day of Prayer, 7.30pm
St Paul's Lutheran Church, Box Hill Sth

17 April

Easter Day

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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

Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 23.1.22	Next week 30.1.22
SIDESPEOPLE	Martin F, Ted G	Sandra L, Dianne A
SERVERS	Elizabeth B, Sophia E, Kim c	Rosemary S, Sophia E, Kim c
READERS	Rosemary S, Linda B	Charles B, Barbara P
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Sophia E
COUNTING	Charles B, Michele M	Ted G, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	<i>In recess</i>	Elizabeth B , Jan G, Cecilia, Helen J