



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

13 March 2022
Second Sunday in Lent

Parish
Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online and in-person worship today! LENT is a season set aside for us to prepare for the joys of Easter and living the Christian life. People often ask me what one can do to improve as a Christian. Here are four actions we can consider and do in this LENT: 1) Confess your sins and amend your life! 2) Open yourselves to being fed (nurtured) by God, in reading the scriptures and praying and attending to your personal relationship with God. 3) Stand firm in the faith, in the love and call of God to be all that you can be as 'Citizens of Heaven.' 4) Allow God to show you the next step along the path, and be not afraid because we know the promise and power of God to change and comfort us. As additional food for thought I give the following poem I have shared before by Wendell Berry entitled: *Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front*. *The last line is of particular note.*

Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay. Want more of everything ready-made. Be afraid to know your neighbours and to die. And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery anymore. Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer. When they want you to buy something they will call you. When they want you to die for profit they will let you know. So, friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord.

Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Denounce the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands. Give your approval to all you cannot understand. Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed.

Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest. Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mould. Call that profit. Prophecy such returns. Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years. Listen to carrion — put your ear close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come. Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. As soon as the generals and the politicians can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn't go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction.

Practice resurrection.

Sentence: Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3.20

Prayer of the Day

God of our ancestors, whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown: endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 15.1-12, 15.17-18

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ² But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³ And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵ He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷ Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' ⁸ But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' ⁹ He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates'

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

Psalm: 27

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?:

the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me:

they shall stumble and fall.

³ If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid:

and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.

⁴ One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

⁵ To see the fair beauty of the Lord: **and to seek his will in his temple.**

⁶ For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble:

and conceal me in the shadow of his tent, and set me high upon a rock.

⁷ And now he will lift up my head: **above my enemies round about me.**

⁸ And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation:

I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.

⁹ O Lord, hear my voice when I cry: **have mercy upon me and answer me.**

¹⁰ My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face': **your face, Lord, I will seek.**

¹¹ Do not hide your face from me:

or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;

¹² For you have been my helper:

do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹³ Though my father and my mother forsake me: **the Lord will take me up.**

¹⁴ Teach me your way, O Lord:

and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.

¹⁵ Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:

**for false witnesses have risen against me,
and those who breathe out violence.**

¹⁶ But I believe that I shall surely see the goodness of the Lord:

in the land of the living.

¹⁷ O wait for the Lord; stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:

and wait, I say, for the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 13, verses 31-35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³² He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your

house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

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

Years Mind

Shirley Bristow and Mary Wood whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Anglican Church of Melanesia; Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia; St Michael's Grammar School (Terrie Jones, Principal, Kenyon McKie, Chaplain); St Margaret's Eltham (Keren Terpstra); Church of the Ascension Burwood East - Pastoral Visit (Abp Philip Freier); Parish of Queenscliff/Pt Lonsdale - Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd); Parish of Noble Park - Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker).

The Parish: Pray for those unable to attend our services in person.

The World: Pray for those who fight wars and those who are victims of war.

The Nation: Pray for those affected by flood and for all giving emergency help.

Prayer of the Week

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Daily Readings

Monday	Daniel 9.4-10	Ps 79.8-13	Luke 6.36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1.10-20	Ps 50.16-22	Matthew 23.1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18.18-20	Ps 31.1-5	Matthew 20.17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17.5-10	Ps 1	Luke 16.19-31
Friday	Genesis 37.3-28	Ps 105.16-22	Matthew 21.33-46
Saturday	Micah 7.14-20	Ps 103.1-5	Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

ABM Pew Reflections

Today's gospel reading sees some Pharisees come to warn Jesus that Herod Antipas is out to kill him and they warn him away from Jerusalem. Jesus is not at all deterred by their caution, and tells the Pharisees to tell 'that fox' Herod about how he is casting out demons and healing the sick for the next three days. Despite knowing that being in Jerusalem will result in his death, Jesus remains utterly committed to playing his part in God's mission. Lord, like you may I play my part in working for God's kingdom, never shying away from it even when difficulties and worries abound. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea



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

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Take plastic bread ties for recycling to Bendigo Bank branches.

SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING for volunteers

Thanks to all have completed this. If I have already sent you an email with log in details and requesting that you complete Level 1, could you do this as soon as possible?

There is a group training session this Tuesday, March 15 at 1.30pm in the office. Please talk to Cecilia if you want to join this or another group.

2022 LENTEN STUDY

Lenten Study is continuing this week on Saturday **March 19 at 10.30 - 11.30am**. This study concludes on April 9 and is held in the Undercroft.

PRAYERS DURING LENT

There will be a special time for prayers during Lent in the church at 9.30-10.00am on Saturday mornings for those who wish to take part. (The only exception will be Saturday, March 19 when the session will not take place.)

TESSELAARS BULB DRIVE

Have you any time for a spot of gardening? Tesselaars Bulbs are easy. Clear guidance is given. They take little time and reward you with beautiful blooms. Why not try?

Hilary now has the forms for you to order from. This is a Covid safe activity and fundraiser for our Parish. It is an online order system, if this gives you difficulties then chat to Hilary who can order for you.

The bulbs are delivered directly to your nominated address. \$6.50 delivery fee
Any queries to Hilary. Phone 0400 635 600 or 9899 7553

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING

Wednesday, 23 March at 1.30pm

The Reverend Anne Kennedy will be the speaker on "Lenten Reflections".

LADY DAY SERVICE

St Paul's, Ringwood, 10.30am, 25 March

CHORAL EVENSONG for LADY DAY

St Paul's Cathedral, 4.00pm, 27 March. Bishop Genieve will take this service and it will also be live-streamed.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Lent is when I determine which addictions I still have some control over.



If God had voicemail ...

Thank you for calling heaven.

I am sorry, all of our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and we will answer it in the order it was received. Please stay on the line.

If you would like to speak to:

God, press 1.

Jesus, press 2.

The Holy Spirit, press 3.

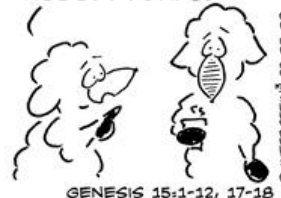
If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm while you are holding, press 4.

THAT'S **SOME DREAM!**

FROM WHAT I'VE READ,

ABRAM'S DREAM FOLLOWS THE PATTERN OF HOW CONTRACTS WERE MADE IN HIS CULTURE.

WOW! THAT'S WAY MORE COMPELLING THAN THOSE USER AGREEMENTS THAT NOBODY READS!



Week Ahead

SUN 13.03.22

Second Sunday In Lent

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
9.30-11.00am Alpha group, *St Aidan's*
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Alpha group, *St Aidan's*

MON 14.03.22

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*
6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 15.03.22

9.00-1.00am Men at Work
8.30am-12.30pm Office open
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 16.03.22

10.30am Eucharist
10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*
2.00pm Safe Ministry group, *U'croft*
7.30pm Eucharist
8.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 17.03.22

10.00am-2.00pm Office open
9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*
6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 18.03.22

7.30am Eucharist
5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 19.03.21

9.30-10.00am Prayers in church
10.30-11.30am Lenten study, *U'croft*
10am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall* and *Undercroft*

SUN 20.03.22

Third Sunday in Lent

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
9.30-11.00am Alpha group, *St Aidan's*
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Alpha group, *St Aidan's*

For the Diary

19 March

Lenten Study continues 10.30-11.30am
U'croft

19 March

VMTA concert all day, 9am-6pm
Saturday, *church*

23 March

Mothers Union Meeting, 1.30pm
U'croft

25 March

Lady Day Service, St Paul's, 10.30am
Ringwood

26 March

Percy Grainger WS rehearsal & concert
4.00-10.00pm, Saturday, *church*

27 March

Choral Evensong, 4.00pm
St Paul's Cathedral

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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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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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Reporting Child Abuse

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

Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 13.3.22	Next week 20.3.22
SIDESPEOPLE	Martin F, <i>TBC</i>	Barbara P, Michele M
SERVERS	Judy J, Sophia E, <i>Kim</i>	Rosemary, Sophia E, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Hilary B, Jan G	Martin F, Rosemary S
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B	Janet H
COUNTING	Hilary B, <i>TBC</i>	Elizabeth B, Michele M
MORNING TEA	Rosemary S , Peter W, Janet H	Cecilia , Jennifer F, Margaret R, Jan