



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

20 March 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

# Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online and in-person worship today! What blessed good news for our souls in the Gospel this week! Not only do we have a reprieve, but in that time we will be loved, nurtured, and brought back to a life of creative regeneration. The mercy of God may not necessarily reflect good gardening practice, but proves a boon for us clueless procrastinators and late bloomers. But in the parable, mercy has an expiration date. We can't let the garden languish full of weeds. Repent, says Jesus. We don't know when some tyrant or madman will take our life, or even when some building will fall on us as we walk by. (Luke 13:1-5) The land owner will have to remove the fig sooner or later. Repent. NOW! We do not know the day or hour. Day by Day remind yourself that you are going to die, said St. Benedict in the Rule. Anchorites dug a trowel full of dirt from their grave each day, or hemmed their shrouds or slept in their coffins, not for some morbid exercise, but to emphasise life! Breathe now. Look at beauty now. Let the holy in you rise and be fruitful now. Now!

Lent offers the time to develop the habit of repentance in daily life. Lent is the time of aerating the soil and adding humble manure. Time to develop habits of daily repentance; Lent is a time of taking care of things, while being taken care of. And, to be fair, the detritus pulled from the garden goes to the compost pile. After decomposing it becomes that magic and holy humus nourishing the garden. Ultimately, we can't lose. But we can be creative and fruitful now.



Sentence: 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord. Isaiah 55.9

## Prayer of the Day

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through 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: Isaiah 55.1-9

<sup>1</sup> Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

## Psalms: 63.1-9

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God:  
**eagerly will I seek you.**

<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you:  
**as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.**

<sup>3</sup> So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:  
**and saw your power and your glory.**

<sup>4</sup> For your unchanging goodness is better than life:  
**therefore my lips shall praise you.**

<sup>5</sup> And so I will bless you as long as I live:  
**and in your name will I lift my hands on high.**

<sup>6</sup> My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:  
**my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.**

<sup>7</sup> When I remember you upon my bed:  
**when I meditate upon you in the night watches,**

<sup>8</sup> How you have been my helper:  
**then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,**

<sup>9</sup> Then my soul clings to you:  
**and your right hand upholds me.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

<sup>1</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.'<sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke, Chapter 13, verses 1-9

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>1</sup> At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' <sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"' <sup>8</sup> He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"'

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



## Years Mind

Millis Taylor, Betty Scott, Don Berkeley, Marjory Evans, Geoffery Beaumont, Haig Siebel, Isabel Murray and Peggy Eadon, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Prayer Points

*The Church:* La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (Bp Enrique Trevino, Interim Primate); The Diocese of Bendigo (Bp MaJ Brain, Clergy & People); Tintern Grammar (Brad Fry, Principal, Alison Andrew, Chaplain); St Mark's Fitzroy (Stuart Soley).

*The Parish:* Give thanks for the Men at Work group and their ongoing efforts.

*The World:* Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and all victims of war.

*The Nation:* Pray for those recovering from the devastation of floods.

## Prayer of the Week

Lord God, our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Daily Readings

Monday	2 Kings 5.1-15	Ps 43	Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Song of 3YM 2,11-20	Ps 25.3-9	Matthew 18.21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1, 4-9	Ps 147.12-20	Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.23-28	Ps 95.6-11	Luke 11.14-23
Friday	Hosea 14.2-9	Ps 81.13-16	Mark 12.28-34
Saturday	Hosea 5.15-6.6	Ps 51.10-17	Luke 18.9-14

## ABM Pew Reflections

Jesus talks about we are to bear fruit through the parable of the barren fig tree. The owner of the fig tree complains to his gardener that the tree is barren and has not borne fruit in three years. He wants to cut it down so that the soil is not wasted. However, his gardener asks for one more year in which the gardener will tend it with special care. Jesus, the gardener of our souls, wants us to live fruitful lives. Lord, on the day of Resurrection Mary Magdalene mistook you for a gardener; come, I pray you, into my soul and nourish it, that I may bear fruit for you. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South East Asia.



*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](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com)*

 **GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK**

If you can scrunch plastic, it is considered a soft plastic and it can't go in your recycling bin. Take it to the supermarket recycling bins.

**QR CODE FOR UNDERCROFT**

The government still requires places serving food to use a QR code, and the morning tea after the 9.30am service is included in this description. So, please use the QR code on the back of the Link or on entering the church to meet this requirement.

**2022 LENTEN STUDY**

Lenten Study is continuing this week on Saturday **March 26 at 10.00 - 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.

**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**

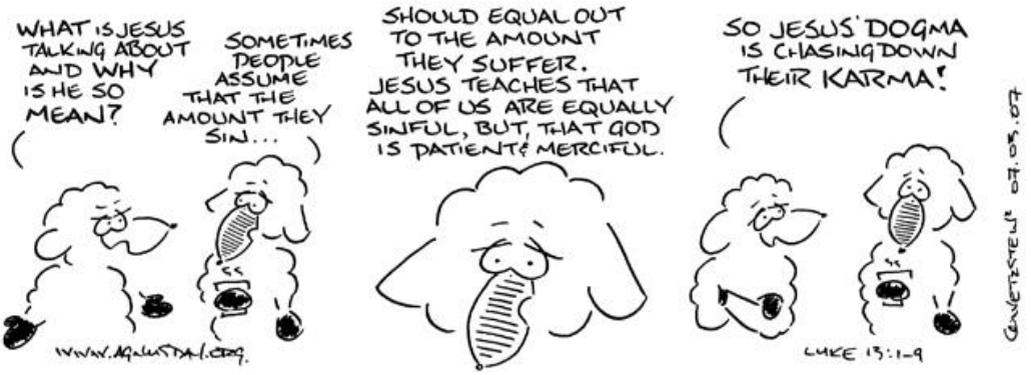
St Paul's Cathedral, 4.00pm, 27 March. Bishop Genieve will take this service and it will also be live-streamed.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

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A man took his young son to a baseball game. While they were sitting there, he asked the boy what he was going to give up for Lent. The boy replied, "I don't know, Dad. What are you going to give up?" His father said, "I've thought about this a lot and decided to give up liquor." Later in the game, the beer man came by, and the man ordered a beer. His son objected, "Hey, I thought you were giving up liquor!" His dad answered, "Hard liquor, son. I'm giving up hard liquor. This is just a beer." To which the boy replied, "Well then, I'm giving up hard candy."



## Week Ahead

**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*

**MON 21.03.22**

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

**TUES 22.03.22**

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

**WED 23.03.22**

**10.30am** Eucharist  
**10-11.30am** Tai Chi *hall*  
**7.30pm** Eucharist  
**8.00pm** Choir practice, *Undercroft*

**THU 24.03.22**

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

**FRI 25.03.22**

**7.30am** Eucharist  
**5.30-9.30pm** Mandarin Prayer Group

**SAT 26.03.21**

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

**SUN 27.03.22**

**Fourth 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

**23 March**

Mothers Union Meeting, 1.30pm  
*U/croft*

**25 March**

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

**26 March**

Lenten Study continues 10.30-11.30am  
*U/croft*

**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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Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

Thu 10.00am – 2.00pm

### 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.

### Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to  
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1800 135 246

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St Peter's

### Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 20.3.22	Next week 27.3.22
SIDESPEOPLE	Barbara P, Michele M	Sandra L, Noel W
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READERS	Martin F, Rosemary S	Edwin C, Charles B
INTERCESSOR	Janet H	Keith W
COUNTING	Elizabeth B, Michele M	Margaret R, Charles B
MORNING TEA	<b>Cecilia</b> , Jennifer F, Margaret R, Jan G	Barbara P, Michele M, Dianne A, Keith W