



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

8 May 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Parish
Link

The Vicar writes...

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Welcome to our online and in person worship today at St Peter's. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers present with us and those mothers who are fondly remembered. A special welcome is extended to Father Alasdair who is guest preacher and presider today as I am representing the Diocese of Melbourne at General Synod. Sometimes when we come to church we can find the readings presented by the Lectionary for that Sunday uninspiring or difficult or disjointed yet sometimes we are spoiled by the richness of God's word with images and ideas and thoughts and 'Gospel – good news' abounding from every angle. Today's selection of passages is such a week. The appointed psalm (Psalm 23) reminds us of God's grace in our lives in every situation '*Even though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death*' – we are loved and nurtured and more importantly – we are blessed! And in the Gospel passage from John we are presented with the wonderful image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd – the one who calls his sheep (who calls us!) The one who provides the way (I am the gate) into life in all its abundance. As we reflect upon the treasures presented to us this Sunday; as we gather as speakers of many tongues across the course of today – may God comfort us who are disturbed and disturb us who are comfortable! May God open our ears to hear and respond once more to the good news that God is with us in all of life; that in Jesus we may find abundant life and that in coming together for our worship like the early church we may become those who go out and change the world.



4th Sunday of the month: retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7.17

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 9.36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm: 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

² He will make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside still waters.

³ He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

⁶ Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Reading: Revelation 7.9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴ I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 10, Verses 22-30

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.'

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

Prayer of the Week

Gracious Father, who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such awareness of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life, and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Years Mind

Frances Allen, Frank Groom, John Noble, Lilian Law, Peter Reynolds, Elizabeth Gellert, George Knack, and Mildred Stork whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Flowers today are in Loving Memory of Thomas Orange & Robert (Bob) Pockett

Prayer Points

The Church: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Essendon (Vanessa Bennet); St Augustine's Mentone (Ben Soderlund, Jonathan Chaintrier); 18th Session of General Synod (Abp Philip Freier); St Agnes' Glen Huntly - Pastoral Visit (Bp Brad Billings).

The Parish: Pray for the Vicar as he attends the General Synod.

The World: Pray for those made homeless and hungry because of war.

The Nation: Pray for all our political leaders and those who work in government.

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 14.5-18	Ps 115.1-7	John 14.21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14.19-28	Ps 145.10-13	John 14.27-31
Wednesday	Acts 15.1-6	Ps 122	John 15.1-8
Thursday	Acts 15.7-21	Ps 96.1-6	John 15.8-11
Friday	Acts 15.22-31	Ps 57.8-12	John 15.12-17
Saturday	Acts 16.1-10	Ps 100	John 15.18-21



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

Keep all silver chocolate egg wrapping and add it to other foil discards to make a big ball that can be put in the recycling.



The Parish Office hours are changing slightly:
Thursdays are now 9.00am – 1.00pm

THE FIFTH ROBIN SHARWOOD LECTURE IN CHURCH LAW

Wednesday 18 May 2022, 7.30pm. **Mr Michael Shand AM QC.**

Law of the State and Religious Institutions. Cause for Concern or Reform?

Where: Craig Auditorium, Gateway Building, Trinity College,

100 Royal Parade, Parkville. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com BXJCF/>

WHO ARE WE CALLED TO BE IN AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE: THEOLOGICAL RESPONSES TO THE PANDEMIC

Saturday 21 May 2022 | 9.30am – 1.30pm

Old Warden's Lodge, Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville

\$50 | \$35 concession (pensioners) – includes lunch

A half day seminar to consider how the Christian community can respond to the escalating instability, crises and conflicts which we face by offering genuine alternate forms of life in this time of crisis. The seminar is a time for critical reflection on these and other pressing questions of our time.

Led by Dr Scott Kirkland, lecturer at the Trinity College Theological School; Dr Dan Fleming, head of ethics at St Vincent's Health Australia; and the Revd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee, research professor at the Trinity College Theological School.

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

A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE The Melbourne Staff Band Sat 4th June @ 7:30pm

A wonderful evening of music and songs from the most loved musicals including Les Miserables, Phantom of the Opera, Cats, and The Sound of Music

Special guests for the concert are Danielle Matthews and Michael Cormick.

George Wood Performing Arts Centre, Yarra Valley Grammar School, Kalinda Road, Ringwood

Tickets - Adults \$25, Concession \$20 - available online via

www.salvationarmy.org.au/MSB

SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

The Warden of Trinity College, the University of Melbourne, warmly invites you and your guests to a Service of Choral Evensong to commemorate Trinity's 150th anniversary.

The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO, Archbishop of Perth and Trinity College alumna will preach. Archbishop Philip Freier will be in attendance.

Evensong will be sung by the Trinity College Choir.

Sunday 22 May 2022, 4pm at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

Dress: Cocktail casual.

No RSVP is required for Evensong.

RECITAL and LECTURE

John Rivers will be giving a lecture on the **Willis organ** with a recital at the Wesley Baptist Church, Box Hill on Sunday, **15 May at 2.00pm**. Gold coin donation.

PIRATES OF PENZANCE CONCERT

A big thank you for all who could come to enjoy the concert. Any Further donations for Acts for Peace are welcome. See Hilary or Fr Shane.

Happy
birthday,
Father Shane!



TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Some wonderful church signs...

- 1) Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!
- 2) Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
- 3) An ad for a Church has a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed and a headline that reads, "For fast, fast, fast relief, take two tablets."
- 4) When the restaurant next to the Church put out a big sign that said, "Open Sundays," the church reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."
- 5) Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons — come hear one!
- 6) Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!
- 7) Sign broken. Message inside this Sunday.
- 8) Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.
- 9) If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns.



"Damn! God gave me that pen."

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 8.05.22

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
9.30-11.00am Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin,
St Aidan's

MON 9.05.22

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

TUES 10.05.22

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

WED 11.05.22

10.30am Eucharist
10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*
8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 12.05.22

9.00am-1.00pm Office open
6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 13.05.22

Happy Birthday to Fr Shane!

9.30am Eucharist
5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 14.05.21

9.30-10.00am Prayers in church
10am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall* and
Undercroft
4.30-8.30pm VMTA piano booking

SUN 15.05.22

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
9.30-11.00am Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin,
St Aidan's

For the Diary

May 14

VMTA set up and concert 4.30-8.30pm

May 17

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

May 26 – June 5

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Movement

May 29

Service in the style of Taizé, 7.30pm

June 4

VMTA set up and concert 2.00-5.30pm

June 11

GWS set up and concert 4.00-10.00pm

July 3

Patronal Festival

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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 8.5.22	Next week 15.5.22
SIDESPEOPLE	Martin F, Ken McD	Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Elizabeth B, Michele M, <i>Kim C</i>	Rosemary S, Elizabeth B, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Rosemary S, Linda B	Charles B, Michele M
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Keith W
COUNTING	Elizabeth B, Hilary B	Lyn B, Ted G
MORNING TEA	Rosemary S , Peter W, Margaret R	Cecilia , Janet H, Jan G, Jenny F

St Peter's is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican Communion. St Peter's church is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land.