



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

17 July 2022

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Parish
Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today! Also welcome Father Alasdair, who is guest preacher this morning. The gospel for this week, told only in Luke 10, is when Mary and Martha host Jesus in their home. The parable of the Good Samaritan that comes right before this story highlights the second greatest commandment to love our neighbour. The story of Mary and Martha commends the first and greatest commandment to love God. The story records the only time that Jesus rebuked a person for their devotion to him. Some people construe this story as privileging the contemplative life over the active life, but that's a false distinction. There's no reason to pit action against contemplation. We need both, and God calls people to both. Indeed, many activists are deeply contemplative, while many solitaries are fully engaged with the world. Instead of contrasting the active and contemplative styles of life, Luke contrasts Martha's "distracted" life — a word he uses twice, with Mary's "centred" life. How ironic that Martha's earnest acts of devotion precipitated aggravation and annoyance. Dag Hammarskjöld famously observed that the longest journey is the journey inward. In our age of total information overload, it's "no small struggle" to move from the experience of Martha, distracted, agitated, and anxious, to Mary's quiet, centred interiority. But that's how and where we experience the love of God.



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

Sentence: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength. Isaiah 30.16

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest: amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Amos 8.1-12

¹ This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. ² He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the Lord said to me, 'The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. ³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,' says the Lord God; 'the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!' ⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵ saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' ⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. ⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? ⁹ On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. ¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. ¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

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

Psalm: 52

¹ Why, you that are powerful, do you boast all the day long:

of mischief done to those that are faithful to God?

² You contrive destroying slanders:

your tongue is like a sharpened razor, it cuts deceitfully.

³ You have loved evil, and not good: **to tell lies, rather than to speak the truth.**

⁴ You love all words that may do hurt: **and every deceit of the tongue.**

⁵ But God will destroy you utterly:

**he will snatch you away and pluck you out of your dwelling,
he will uproot you from the land of the living.**

⁶ The righteous shall see it, and fear: **they shall laugh you to scorn, and say,**

⁷ 'Here is one who did not take God for strength:

but trusted to the abundance of riches, and found strength in slander.'

⁸ As for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God:

I will trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.

⁹ I will always give you thanks, for this was your doing:

I will glorify your name before the faithful, for it is good to praise you.

Second Reading: Colossians 1.15-29

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 10, beginning at Verse 38

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted

by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

Prayer of the Week

O God, you alone can order our unruly wills and affections: teach us to love what you command, and to desire what you promise, that, among the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Years Mind

Betty Groom, Florence Matthews, Nellie Berry, Adele Hearn, Jim Bartlett, Wallace Fowler, Doris Edwards, Marjorie Mason, and Fr Ray Starling, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Episcopal Church in the USA (Bp Michael B Curry); Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens; Lay Ministry; St Stephen's Bayswater (Jacqui Smith).

The Parish: Pray for all those ill and unwell in our congregations.

The World: Pray for all Christians persecuted for their faith.

The Nation: Pray for the homeless and those who live in poverty.

ABM Pew Reflections

Today we read of Jesus visiting his friends, Martha and Mary. Martha is the ever-practical and ever-busy sister. She makes a good representative for us, with all the busyness that characterises our lives. Jesus tells her to follow her sister's example – that is, to be more focused on the moment and not to neglect things that are more contemplative and less active. Jesus Christ, you are the focus of our prayer. Help us to rid our lives of unnecessary hustle and bustle so that we have time for contemplation, time just to experience the moments you give us, and the experience of being with you in prayer. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Anglican Church of Japan.

Daily Readings

Monday	Micah 6.1-8	Ps 50.19-24	Matthew 12.38-42
Tuesday	Micah 7.14-15, 18-20	Ps 85.1-7	Matthew 12.46-50
Wednesday	Jeremiah 1.1, 4-10	Ps 71.1-6	Matthew 13.1-9
Thursday	Jeremiah 2.1-13	Ps 36.7-12	Matthew 13.10-17
Friday	Jeremiah 3.14-17	Ps 72.8-14	Matthew 13.18-23
Saturday	Jeremiah 7.1-11	Ps 84.1-9	Matthew 13.24-30



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

Bread is one of our most wasted food items at home. Not wasting bread is one easy action you can do at home, in your own time and own way, to reduce carbon emissions and the waste of other resources that went into producing bread.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting is **Wednesday, 27 July**. We will take part in the worldwide Wave of Prayer.

Glimpses of sacred wholeness

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION by Jude Westrup

22 July - 19 August 2022 [Mon-Fri 11-2]

WellSpring Centre: 10 Y St, Ashburton 3147

www.wellspringcentre.org.au

MASK WEARING IN CHURCH

As you will be aware, the government has not made the wearing of masks in doors mandatory, but the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne is now encouraging parishioners to wear masks indoors a part of its health advice.

LINK TO WATCH RECORDED FUNERAL FOR FR GRAHAM REYNOLDS

<https://vimeo.com/727597355>

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Ten ways the Bible would be different had it been written by uni students

1. The Last Supper would have been eaten the next morning -- cold.
2. The Ten Commandments would have been only five. They would have been double-spaced and written in a large font.
3. The Bible would have come out in a new edition every two years in order to limit re-selling.
4. The reason the forbidden fruit would have been eaten was because it was take-away food.
5. Paul's letter to the Romans would be Paul's e-mail to abuse@romans.gov
6. The reason Cain would have killed Abel: They were roommates.
7. The place where the end of the world occurs: Final exams, not Armageddon.
8. Out go the mules, in come the scooters.
9. Reason why Moses and followers would have wandered in the desert for 40 years: because it isn't cool to ask for directions.
10. Instead of God creating everything in six days and resting on the seventh, He would have put it off until the night before it was due and then pulled an all-nighter.

THE LAITY HOW TO RECOGNISE THEM

THE TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE:



CLERGY (ORDAINED PEOPLE) LAITY (ORDINARY PEOPLE)

BUT HOW DO YOU TELL THEM APART?

SHALL WE GO OUT ON SATURDAY NIGHT?

I'M SORRY - I HAVE TO STAY IN AND WORK ON A FIFTEEN MINUTE SPEECH BASED LOOSELY ON THE BIBLE



TRICK QUESTION
↓
GOING ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS IN AN EVERYDAY FASHION WITHOUT ANY PARTICULAR DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

THE MAKING OF NON-LITURGICAL HAND GESTURES



PROBABLY LAITY

MORE LIKELY TO BE CLERGY

WEARING A PATTERNED CASSOCK
ALMOST CERTAINLY LAITY



COULD BE LAITY
OR
PLAIN CLOTHES
CLERGY

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 17.07.22

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Aidan's*
5.00am Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

MON 18.07.22

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

TUES 19.07.22

8.30am-12.30pm Office open
9.00-1.00pm Men at Work
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*
7.30pm Parish Council Meeting *Undercroft*

WED 20.07.22

10.30am Eucharist
9.30-11.30am Play group (*kindergarten*)
10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*
8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 21.07.22

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

FRI 22.07.22

7.30am Eucharist
5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 23.07.21

10.30am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall* and
Undercroft
1.30-4.30pm Set up and concert

SUNDAY 24.07.22

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Aidan's*
5.00pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

For the Diary

July 19

Parish Council Meeting

20 July

Dream Stitches Meeting, *St Aiden's*
1.00pm

July 23

Piano set up and concert 1.30-4.30pm

July 27

Mothers' Union Meeting

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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 near 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 17.07.22	Next week 24.07.22
SIDESPEOPLE	Rob K, Elizabeth B	Dianne A, Ted
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>	Elizabeth B, Rosemary S, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Linda B, Rosemary S	Barbara P, Charles B
INTERCESSOR	Sophia E/Jan G	Elizabeth B,
COUNTING	Ken McD, Margaret R	Charles B, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	Cecilia M, Margaret R, Jan G, Jennifer F	Barbara P, Dianne A, Keith Wilkins

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.