



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
24 July 2022
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today. Today we hear the wonderful and very familiar passage from Luke's Gospel, chapter 11, where Jesus teaches the disciples a prayer to use. It is still an amazing thing that this prayer, the *Lord's Prayer*, is as widely known as it is, among Christians and non-Christians alike! But the promise of the Holy Spirit, a little bit later in the passage this morning, is the key to understanding the passage as a whole, because the Holy Spirit and a sense of call always seem to go together. This prayer Jesus gave us is not just a comforting, private little prayer to get us through our tough times and personal crises. This is the prayer of the community, a community that was promised the gift of the Holy Spirit. In fact, it didn't become "the church" until Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit came upon them, just as Jesus promised. And this community, the church, is called. We are called to be the Body of Christ. We are called to be light, to be salt, and to be leaven for the world. We are called to be bread for the world. We are called to live and breathe in radical dependence on, utterly trusting in, the God who made us and listens to our prayers and calls us by name, the God who forms us into a community that prays together, "Give us this day our daily bread." Not just for me, but for all of us. Not for the long-term, but day by day by day. This God gives us the Holy Spirit to depend on and draw strength from. We can trust the Holy Spirit.

Lord
Teach
us to
Pray
Luke 11:1

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

Sentence: Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. Luke 11.9

Prayer of the Day

Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door: help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Hosea 1.2-10

² When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.' ³ So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. ⁴ And the Lord said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.' ⁵ On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.' ⁶ She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them.' ⁷ But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.' ⁸ When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹ Then the Lord said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.' ¹⁰ Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

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

Psalms: 85

¹ O Lord, you were gracious to your land: **you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

² You forgave the iniquity of your people: **and covered all their sin.**

³ You put aside all your wrath: **and turned away from your fierce indignation.**

⁴ Return to us again, O God our saviour: **and let your anger cease from us.**

⁵ Will you be displeased with us for ever:

will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?

⁶ Will you not give us life again: **that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷ Show us your mercy, O Lord: **and grant us your salvation.**

⁸ I will hear what the Lord God will speak:

**for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.**

⁹ Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:

and his glory shall dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together:

righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

¹¹ Truth shall flourish out of the earth:

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² The Lord will also give us all that is good: **and our land shall yield its plenty.**

¹³ For righteousness shall go before him: **and tread the path before his feet.**

Second Reading: Colossians 2.6-15

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 11, beginning at Verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ² He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' ⁵ And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷ And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts

to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

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

Prayer of the Week

O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Years Mind

Estella Smith, Thelma Langley, Jess Rennie, Joan Kruger, and Winifred Ebbs whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Rest in peace Joan Simmons



Prayer Points

The Church: The Church in Wales (Abp Andy John); The Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Weatherill, Clergy & People); Ministries to Youth; St Alfred's Blackburn North (Peter MacPherson, Michael McNamara, Nicolas Curts, Rene Pfitzner, Mark Simon, Elizabeth Bolton).

The Parish: Pray for the family of Joan Simmons and give thanks for her life.

The World: Pray for areas of conflict and war in the world and for peaceful outcomes

The Nation: Pray for all livestock farmers and for the welfare of our animals.

ABM Pew Reflections

Today in his discourse on prayer, Jesus tells us that the Father will give us not only gifts that we ask for but also the gift of the Holy Spirit. We have a generous and loving Father who always gives us those things that are good for us to have. One of those gifts is the Real Presence of Jesus himself in the Eucharist. Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, help me to see all the gifts showered upon me by the Father and help me to fill my heart with appreciation and gratitude. Give thanks for the Church of South India, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.

Daily Readings

Monday	Jeremiah 45	Ps 78.55-60	Matthew 13.31-35
Tuesday	Jeremiah 14.17-22	Ps 79.8-13	Matthew 13.36-43
Wednesday	Jeremiah 15.10-21	Ps 59.1-5, 18-20	Matthew 13.44-46
Thursday	Jeremiah 18.1-6	Ps 146.1-7	Matthew 13.47-53
Friday	Jeremiah 26.1-9	Ps 69.6-14	Matthew 13.54-58
Saturday	Jeremiah 26.11-24	Ps 69.32-38	Matthew 14.1-12



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

Australians consume more than 50,000 cups of coffee every half hour and, for now at least, the disposable cups can't be recycled.

MOTHERS' UNION

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR SHANE AND JANET

30th Wedding Anniversary
Monday 25th July

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

MASKS PRO AND CON (with thanks to Sophia Errey for this article)

Exodus 34:29-30, 33-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his

face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

1 Kings 19:11-13

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.".....and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

2 Corinthians 13:12-16

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not see the end of the fading splendour.

But their minds were hardened; for to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their minds; but when a man turns to the Lord the veil is removed.

As the above citations indicate, covering the face is heavily freighted with symbolism and our current COVID mask wearing mandates/recommendations are just the latest in a long history of – surprisingly polarized and conflicted attitudes - towards this practice.

In 3rd Century AD Palmyra (Syria) for example, the list of regulations set up at the city gates demanded that prostitutes alone must walk the city streets veiled – in sharp contrast to the much later practice for brides to enter the church veiled.

In the 16th century, with social boundaries becoming increasingly fluid, women became concerned to protect their pale skin, indicative of the fact that they had no need to work outdoors exposed to the sun. Facial coverings quickly became fashionable in London, Paris and Venice.

Full face coverings, called vizards, were usually made of an outer layer of black velvet over paper with an inner layer of white silk. Some fastened by ribbons at the back, some had a bead attached which the wearer clenched between her teeth (must have made conversation difficult!) and some were simply held up in front of the face fanwise.

They attracted the ire of preachers. In 1583 Puritan Philip Stubbs attacked women wearing them "if a man that knew not their guise before, should chance to meet one of them, hee would thinke he met a monster or a deuill, for face he none can see...(they) prophane the name of God and live in all kinds of voluptuousness and pleasure." By contrast, women took to wearing masks at the theatre to "protect their modesty", hiding their responses to what were often bawdy and racy performances. Masked women could also walk through the streets to church or market unchaperoned by a man.

However, the increasingly popular masked balls and other entertainments – casinos, or secret gambling establishments for example - also allowed sex workers to mingle incognito with "proper" society, leading in turn to bans in Venice in 1608 where, if a "woman of ill-repute or public prostitute" wore a mask she could be chained for two hours in the main public square. In 1704 Queen Anne of England banned mask wearing in theatres, deeming it against "public morality." "Vizard" in fact became slang for "prostitute" in England.



In this 1644 print by Wenceslaus Hollar the “English Gentlewoman” wears a loup, or half-mask

When motor cars began to be driven in the late 19th c women would veil their faces to protect themselves from the dust and cold in open vehicles. In 1897 a German doctor began promoting masks in the medical context to protect against tuberculosis and in the same year Johannes von Mikulicz, who had introduced the use of gloves for surgical operations, also suggested surgeons using gauze masks ‘...we breathed through it as easily as a lady wearing a veil in the streets...’

Although masks during operations remained little used until well after WW1, in the Spanish Flu pandemic commencing in 1918 strict mask wearing rules were enforced in the US – encountering some resistance.

In 1918 and 1919, as bars, saloons, restaurants, theatres and schools were closed, masks became a scapegoat, a symbol of government overreach, inspiring protests,

petitions and defiant bare-face gatherings..... Alma Whitaker, writing in The Los Angeles Times on Oct. 22, 1918, reviewed masks’ impact on society and celebrity, saying famous people shunned them because it was “so horrid” to go unrecognized.” – a remarkable contrast to earlier use of masks as disguise!

False claims that mask-wearing actually promoted illness have been thoroughly debunked, so white or coloured, surgical standard or pretty print – wearing a mask protects both wearer and those around when infection is spreading.



(With thanks to Braden Phillips, National Geographic History July/August 2022 for some of this information)

Mask wearing in San Francisco in 1918

Hymn

1. Ask the complicated questions,
do not fear to be found out;
for our God makes strong our weakness,
forging faith in fires of doubt.
2. Seek the disconcerting answers,
follow where the Spirit blows;
test competing truths for wisdom,
for in tension new life grows.
3. Knock on doors of new ideas,
test assumptions long grown stale;
for Christ calls from shores of wonder,
daring us to try and fail.
4. For in struggle we discover
truth both simple and profound;
in the knocking, asking, seeking,
we are opened, answered, found.

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Some English phrases with the scripture reference from which they come -

- "A law unto themselves" -- Romans 2:14
- "A house divided" -- Matthew 12:25, Luke 11:17 (quoted by Abraham Lincoln in an 1858 speech on the eve of the American Civil War)
- "A man after his own heart" -- 1 Samuel 13:14
- "Apple of my eye" Deuteronomy 2:10, Zechariah 2:8
- "At my wit's end" Psalm 107:27
- "Blind leading the blind" Matthew 15:14, Luke 6:39
- "By the skin of our teeth" Job 19:20
- "Can a leopard change his spots?" Jeremiah 13:23
- "Don't cast your pearls before swine" -- Matthew 7:6
- "Drop in the bucket" -- Isaiah 40:15
- "Dust of the earth" -- Genesis 13:16
- "Eat, drink, and be merry" -- Ecclesiastes 8:15
- "Eye for an eye" -- Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20, Deuteronomy 19:21
Matthew 5:38
- "False prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing" -- Matthew 24:24,
Mark 13:22

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A Confession...of Sorts

A man in Amsterdam feels the need to confess, so he goes to his priest.

"Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned. During World War II, I hid a refugee in my attic."

"Well," answers the priest, "that's not a sin."

"But I made him agree to pay me 20 guilders for every week he stayed."

"I admit that wasn't good, but you did it for a good cause."

"Oh, thank you, Father. That eases my mind. I have one more question."

"What is that, my son?"

"Do I have to tell him the war is over?"

THE ONLINE MEETING

APPEARANCE



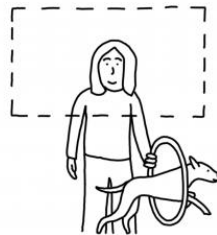
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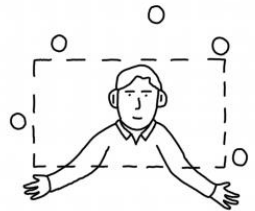
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Week Ahead

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*

5.00am Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

MON 25.07.22

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 26.07.22

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 27.07.22

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group (*kindergarten*)

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

1.30pm World Day of Prayer

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 28.07.22

9.00am-1.00pm Office open

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 29.07.22

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 30.07.21

10.30am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall* and
Undercroft

SUNDAY 31.07.22

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 27

Mothers' Union Meeting

August 20

Bettine McCaughan Vocal Scholarship
Set up and concert 3.15-9.00pm

August 26

Australian Christian Women Meeting
Undercroft 10.15am

3 September

Talk by Fr Shane about his Israel trip
2.00pm

September 9

Box Hill Historical Society Quiz Night
6.00pm. \$20 per head, *hall*

September 10

Set up and concert VMTA
9.00am – 6.00pm

September 11

Final Sunday service with the Fr Shane

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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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All child safety concerns must be reported to
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1800 135 246

Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 24.07.22	Next week 31.07.22
SIDESPEOPLE	Dianne A, Ted	Martin F, Rosemary S
SERVERS	Elizabeth B, Rosemary S, <i>Kim C</i>	Michele M, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Barbara P, Charles B	Michele M, Margaret D
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B,	Janet H
COUNTING	Margaret R, Lyn B	Ted G, Garry P
MORNING TEA	Barbara P , Dianne A, Keith Wilkins	Elizabeth B , Jan G, Lyn B

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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.