



**ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL**  
4 September 2022  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Parish  
Link**

**The Vicar writes...**

Happy Father's Day to all fathers in the parish! As I prepared this week's sermon I was struck by Jesus instruction in Luke 14 to 'count the cost.' Given that we, as a collected parish and as individual members of the faith community of St Peter's, are doing just that today on this our Thanksgiving Sunday, it is apt to be reminded of this. As we face an uncertain future, I thank all parishioners for their faithfulness and generosity and support of this wonderful community of Anglicans here in Box Hill!

Of course, in the Gospel Jesus is referring to our decision to follow his way and for us to be aware of what we are doing. To be a follower of Christ is for us to embark on a completely counter-cultural way of life that really is 'all or nothing.' You cannot be a part-time follower of Jesus. To use the buzz words of today – it really is 24/7! How that works out in everyday life is the question of discipleship we ALL face. To use old theological language, it is the process of 'sanctification.' Between the decision to believe in Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and when we die is our Christian walk; our journey in the footsteps of Christ. I believe that this journey is one of steps forward and back; highs and lows; leaps of understanding and long dark nights of the soul yet is a journey of deepening maturity in Christ. It is not something we fit into our busy schedules so as to make ourselves feel good or be seen as 'the good Christian.' It is as our Lord reminds us today something we need to think seriously about and consider the true ramifications of our decision to follow him. May God's Spirit strengthen us as we 'count' and as we 'journey.'



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple. Luke 14.27

### Prayer of the Day

God of the ages, you call the Church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times: grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows, so that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work you have set before us; through your Son, 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: Jeremiah 18.1-11

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> ‘Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.’ <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup> The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. <sup>5</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup> Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup> but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup> And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup> but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup> Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

### Psalm: 139.1-5, 12-18

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:  
**you know when I sit or when I stand,  
you comprehend my thoughts long before.**

<sup>2</sup> You discern my path and the places where I rest:  
**you are acquainted with all my ways.**

<sup>3</sup> For there is not a word on my tongue: **but you, Lord, know it altogether.**

<sup>4</sup> You have encompassed me behind and before:  
**and have laid your hand upon me.**

<sup>5</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: **so high that I cannot endure it.**

<sup>12</sup> For you have created my inward parts:  
**you knit me together in my mother’s womb.**

<sup>13</sup> I will praise you, for you are to be feared:  
**fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.**

<sup>14</sup> You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you:

**when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth.**

**15 Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:**

**and in your book were all my members written;**

**16 Day by day they were fashioned: and not one was late in growing.**

**17 How deep are your thoughts to me, O God: and how great is the sum of them!**

**18 Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand:**

**were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.**

## Second Reading: Philemon 1.1-25

**1** Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, **2** to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: **3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **4** When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God **5** because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. **6** I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. **7** I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. **8** For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, **9** yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. **10** I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. **11** Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. **12** I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. **13** I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; **14** but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. **15** Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, **16** no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. **17** So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. **18** If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. **19** I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. **20** Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

**21** Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. **22** One thing more - prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. **23** Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, **24** and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers. **25** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke, Chapter 14, beginning at Verse 25

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. <sup>34</sup> ‘Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’

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

### Prayer of the Week

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and so great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Years Mind

Heather Woods, Spencer Mack, Anne Bindon, Jean Poulter, Stanley Thompson, Don Walter, Alice Gledhill, and Bill Smith, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Prayer Points

*The Church:* The Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith); Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People); Anglican Early Childhood Services; St Michael & St Luke's Dandenong; St George's East Ivanhoe – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Eanswythe's, Altona – Pastoral Service (Bp Kate Prowd); St John's Croydon – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker).

*The Parish:* Pray for our Stewardship program and for the church wardens.

*The World:* Pray for the people of Pakistan and Afghanistan as they endure floods.

*The Nation:* Give thanks for those who volunteer to assist in the community.

### Daily Readings

Monday	1 Corinthians 5.1-8	Ps 5.3-7	Luke 6.6-11
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 6.1-11	Ps 149	Luke 6.12-19
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 7.25-31	Ps 45.10-15	Luke 6.20-26

Thursday	1 Corinthians 8.1-7, 10-13	Ps 139.13-18	Luke 6.27-38
Friday	1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-27	Ps 84.1-7	Luke 6.39-42
Saturday	1 Corinthians 10.14-22	Ps 116.11-18	Luke 6.43-49



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

One simple way to cut your food-related emissions is to waste less. Buying what you need and actually eating it — instead of tossing it out — means that the energy used to produce your food has been spent efficiently.

### NOW IS THE TIME TO PACK A SHOEBOX!

Yes, it that time again, it has crept up on us.

**25th September is Shoe Box Sunday.**

As always, I have boxes, also starter bags for \$10. If you want me to "do" a box for you, then please let me know. In 2021, 25,747 boxes were packed with over 100 countries receiving them. If you need help let me know. Jan.



### "WE CAME TO WHITEHORSE TO START A NEW LIFE"

The Box Hill Historical Society received a grant from the Victorian Government Support Fund and PROV, to interview long-standing Chinese residents of Whitehorse.

Interviews with five residents (**including Laurence Law**) who spoke about their experiences in moving into this area were recorded as part of this project.

**The four short videos will be launched on Saturday 10 September at 11.00am, in the Bert Lewis Room at Box Hill Library.**

A small exhibition of photographs will also be on display at Box Hill Library during **Heritage Week (8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September)**.

**<https://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/things-do/festivals-and-events/heritage-week/chasing-dragons-tale>**

### MU CHRISTMAS CARDS.

These are available again this year. Prices. \$3 (old stock), \$4.(last year's design), \$5 for this year's design. Jan is taking orders and money.

# QUIZ NIGHT

BOX HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
QUIZ NIGHT

Date: Friday, September 9

Time: 7.30pm

Where: in the hall

Tickets: \$20 per head. Book or buy on the night

Get a table together or come along and join one! Lots of fun. Book now through the office or see Fr Shane. It's his last quiz....!

## TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A friend was lamenting that "Take Me To Church" was playing at her son's rollerskating birthday party. She thought the song was inappropriate for rollerskating.

I completely agreed and said there should definitely be a separation of church and skate.



## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY 4.09.22

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 5.09.22

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

### TUES 6.09.22

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

### WED 7.09.22

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

### THU 8.09.22

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

### FRI 9.09.22

7.30am Eucharist  
5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

### SAT 10.09.21

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

### SUNDAY 11.09.22

9.30am Eucharist  
**After service**, farewell to Fr Shane and Janet in the hall  
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

### September 4

Stewardship Sunday

### September 9 Friday

Box Hill Historical Society Quiz Night  
7.30pm. \$20 per head, *hall*

### September 10

Set up and concert VMTA, 9 am – 6 pm

### September 11 Sunday

Final Sunday service with the Fr Shane  
**No** 8.00am service  
Morning tea in the hall afterwards

### September 12 – October 4

Fr Alasdair locum

### September 25

Shoe Box Sunday

### October 5

Reverend Anne locum  
until appointment of new vicar

### November 19 Saturday

Australian Welsh Male Choir  
2.00pm, St Peter's

### 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.



## ST PETER'S

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### Office Hours:

Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

Thu 9.00am – 1.00pm

### 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

Kooyoora Professional Standards

1800 135 246

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## Roster for Sunday 9.30am service

	<b>Today 4.09.22</b>	<b>Next week 11.09.22</b>
SIDESPEOPLE	Rob K, Ken McD	Martin F, Rosemary S
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Judy J, Kim C	Michele M, Elizabeth B, Garry M
READERS	Laurence L, Hilary B	TBA
INTERCESSOR	Keith W	Michele M
COUNTING	Kim C, Ted G	Hilary B, Ken McD
MORNING TEA	Elizabeth B, Lyn B, Laurence L	Rosemary S, Peter W, Barbara M, Cecilia, <b>and others who can assist</b>

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.