



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

27 November 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Parish Link

Reverend Anne writes ...

Today we begin the Church's New Year – and this year we will be studying the Gospel of Matthew. Our Liturgical colour for Advent is purple (or blue if you have those vestments), which is the same colour we use for Lent. But Advent isn't a sombre time of preparation, Advent is a time when we look with anticipation to the coming the Lord.

Our family has a small Advent decoration which we put out at Advent. It has four candles, which are lit one by one until Christmas. At Church we have a more significant Advent Wreath, which we will bless on Advent Sunday and add to the lit candles each week. Perhaps you could make your own Advent wreath and have it in a special place at home?

Later we will put up the Christmas tree and decorate it with lovely things that bring back memories of times past, as we prepare ourselves to celebrate God's most wondrous gift to us all, His Son, Jesus Christ!



Hymns: Introit 264 • Advent Song 286 v.1 •

Psalm: Hymn 78 • Offertory 443 •

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. Isaiah 2.3a

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer at the time of choosing an incumbent: Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose wisdom, discernment and patience, and give to us warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³ Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

Psalm: 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me: '**Let us go to the house of the Lord.**'

² And now our feet are standing: **within your gates, O Jerusalem;**

³ Jerusalem which is built as a city: **where the pilgrims gather in unity.**

⁴ There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:

as he commanded Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

⁵ There are set thrones of judgement: **the thrones of the house of David.**

⁶ O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: **may those who love you prosper.**

⁷ Peace be within your walls: **and prosperity in your palaces.**

⁸ For the sake of my kindred and companions: **I will pray that peace be with you.**

⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God: **I will seek for your good.**

Second Reading: Romans 13.9-14

⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 24, beginning at Verse 36

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Years Mind

Colin Boulter, Perry Dunstan, Blanche Chapman, Stanley Marshall, Catherine Iris Vollenhoven, and Peter Lovett, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Denise Ferguson, Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod; Clergy & People); University of Divinity (Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor); St Matthias' Richmond (Yvonne Poon); St Stephen's Bayswater – Pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); Parish of Christ Church, Lancefield – Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Silas' & St Anselm Albert Park – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Give thanks for the life of Jessie Collins.

The World: Pray for all African countries in famine or involved in wars.

The Nation: Pray for all those newly elected in Victoria.

Daily Readings

Monday	Isaiah 4.2-6	Ps 122	Matthew 8.5-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 11.1-10	Ps 72.1-7	Luke 10.21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25.6-10	Ps 23	Matthew 15.29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26.1-6	Ps 118.19-25	Matthew 7.21-27
Friday	Isaiah 29.17-24	Ps 27.9-17	Matthew 9.27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30.19-26	Ps 147.1-6	Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5-8



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

MOTHERS' UNION RSL Lunch

The **RSL Lunch will be cancelled** for this year. A combination of Jan being out of action and Covid numbers has meant it cannot proceed. **HOWEVER**, please bring your gifts and leave in the Undercroft and they will be delivered. More information will be given as it comes to hand.



Wine
Fundraiser

Get your orders in by Friday Dec 2!

How to order: There are paper order forms available from the office or Undercroft and online orders can be made here:

<https://prospectwines.com.au/product/box-hill-anglican-church/>

Enquiries: Hilary, cchrb@hotmail.com

ANGLICARE VICTORIA TOY APPEAL

Please leave unwrapped gifts for this appeal in the basket provided at the back of the church. See the list of suggestions beside the basket. Please hand vouchers directly to Rev Anne, Jan Gunst, Margaret Payne or the office for safe keeping.

CLIMATE ACTION GROUP (CAG)

11am on Saturday, 10th December, people interested in environmental issues are invited to come along to our CAG (Climate Action Group). We will discuss how we can be better stewards of our resources in the parish.

CHINESE FELLOWSHIP LUNCH Sunday Dec 4 at 1.00pm.

Our Chinese congregation are generously providing this meal. There's no need to go home between Morning Tea and Lunch, we have some entertainment for you! **Please let Rev'd Anne know if you are coming.**

Christmas services

18 December

7.30pm Carol Service

24 December Christmas Eve

7.30pm Children's and Families' service

10.30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

25 December Christmas Day

Christmas Day Eucharist – 9.30am

Donations for **Christmas Flowers** in memory of loved ones
can be made to the Office

THE GOOD NEWS!

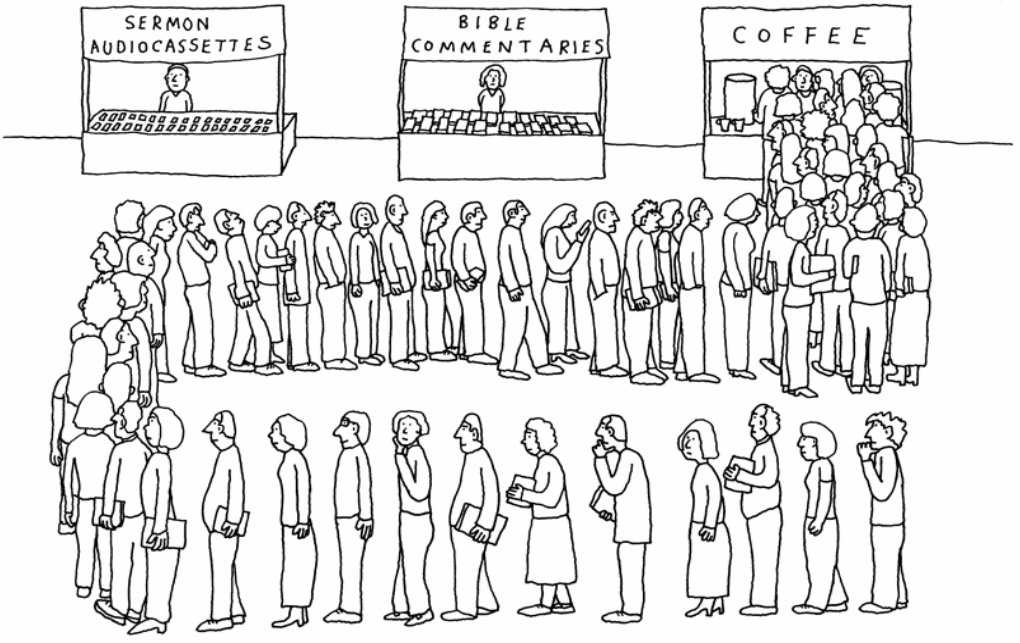
Articles are invited for our quarterly newsletter, they don't have to be very wordy, can be fun as well as serious. As the Editor, the Acting Vicar is pushing to get things done, so if anyone would like to take on the Editorship for this edition, she'd be grateful...!

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

I really don't see much future for advent calendars... It feels like their days are numbered.

THE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

A TYPICAL SCENE



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THIS PASSAGE STRESSES ME OUT! WHAT IF I GET LEFT BEHIND?

ACTUALLY, IF YOU READ IT CAREFULLY...

YOU'LL NOTICE THAT "IN THE DAYS OF NOAH" THE PEOPLE THAT "WERE TAKEN" WERE THE ONES WHO WERE SWEEPED AWAY BY THE FLOOD. YOU ACTUALLY WANT TO BE LEFT BEHIND.

WAIT! ALL THESE YEARS I'VE BEEN PRAYING FOR THE WRONG THING!?



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MATTHEW 24:36-44

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Week Ahead

SUNDAY 27.11.22

First Sunday of Advent

9.30am Eucharist

10.30am Annual General Meeting

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Peter's*

4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

MON 28.11.22

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 29.11.22

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 30.11.22

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group *kindergarten*

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 1.12.22

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 2.12.22

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 3.12.21

10.30am-1.30pm SAIL, *hall & Undercroft*

3.00 – 10.00pm Sudanese Group, *hall*

4.00-10.00pm GWS orchestral concert

SUNDAY 4.12.22

Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Peter's*

4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

For the Diary

November 27

Annual General Parish Meeting 10.30am

No 8.00am service on this day.

December 1 Thursday

VMTA set up and concert. 4.00-9.00pm

December 2

Prospect Wine Drive finishes

December 3

*GWS orchestral concert.

Set up and concert: 4.00-10pm

*Christmas market at St Paul's

Canterbury with St Peter's

having a stall, 2.00-5.00pm

*Sudanese Group, 3.00-10.00pm, *Hall*

December 4

Fellowship lunch

with Chinese Congregation 1.00pm

December 10

Climate Action Group meeting 11.00am

December 18

Carol Service 7.30pm

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.

Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to

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Roster for Sunday 9.30am service

	Today 27.11.22	Next week 4.12.22
SIDESPEOPLE	Ted G, Ken McD	Rosemary S, Martin F
SERVERS	Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Garry M</i>	Judy J, Michele M, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Linda B, Rosemary S	Barbara P, Charles B
INTERCESSOR	Keith W	Michele M
COUNTING	Michele M, Margaret R	Kim C, Charles B
MORNING TEA	Barbara P , Keith W, Dianne A	Elizabeth B , Laurence L, Lyn 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.