



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

11 December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Link

Fr. Alasdair writes...

The Third Sunday of Lent is also called Joy Sunday. It fits into the four themes of advent, namely Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. It is the time that we think of being Joyful, because of the Hope, Peace and Love that Christ brings.

Joy is not the same as happiness, for happiness is a fleeting emotion. No one is happy all the time – it is just too tiring! But Joy is a state of being in which we exist when we know the Hope, Peace and Love that Christ has for us, that we have for Him, and that we share among us. We can be Joyful in the Lord while being unhappy in our lives, for the life sustained by our Lord is our Joy.

We thank Our Lord Jesus that Joy is one of the foundations for our relationship with him. He brings “Joy to the World”.



Hymns: Introit 272 • Advent Song 286 v.1, 2& 3 • Psalm: Hymn 161
Gradual 210 omit v 2&3 • Offertory 279 • Communion 633 • Final Hymn 315

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.' Isaiah 35.3–4

Prayer of the Day

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and 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 35.1-10

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf stopped; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

In place of the Psalm: The Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:

from this day all generations will call me blessed;

The Almighty has done great things for me: **and holy is his name.**

God has mercy on those who fear him: **from generation to generation.**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones: **and lifting up the lowly.**

God has filled the hungry with good things: **and sent the rich away empty.**

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: **to remember the promise of mercy,**

The promise made to our forebears: **to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: James 5.7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 11, beginning at Verse 2

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴ Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' ⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?' ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you: come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end and your children may live in peace, honouring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Years Mind

Elizabeth Jones, Frances Forward, Stella McKenzie, Paul Hoare, and Maxwell Abbott, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Holy Apostles Sunshine Braybrook (Paul Priyajayanth); Royal School of Church Music (Roslyn Carolane, Chair); St Alban the Martyr St Albans – Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Luke's Mulgrave – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker) ; Casey Dinka Congregation - Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); The Anglican Church of Kenya (Abp Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate).

The Parish: Pray for our clergy as they work hard to lead and support us.

The World: Pray for Ukraine and the people of North Korea and Russia.

The Nation: Pray for all farmers and those who work in agriculture.

Daily Readings

Monday	Numbers 24.2-7	Ps 25.3-9	Matthew 21.23-27
Tuesday	Zephaniah 3.1-13	Ps 34.15-22	Matthew 21.28-32
Wednesday	Isaiah 45.6-26	Ps 85.8-13	Luke 7.19-23
Thursday	Isaiah 54.1-10	Ps 30.1-5	Luke 7.24-30
Friday	Isaiah 56.1-8	Ps 67	John 5.33-36
Saturday	Genesis 49.2, 8-10	Ps 72.1-7	Matthew 1.1-7



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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations towards purchasing fresh flowers for Christmas would be appreciated; also, if you wish to have flowers in memory of a loved one included for Christmas Day, please speak to Margaret Rockow today, or Cecilia in the Parish Office **no later than Tuesday 20th December**, for the details to be included in the Christmas Parish Link.



7.30pm, December 2022

This is our first Nine Lessons and Carols service since 2019. Our choir will lead us in carol singing and it is an opportunity to hear the Christmas story through bible readings. All are most welcome to attend.

There may be a supper in the Undercroft after the service and this will be confirmed before the event.

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION

Advent and Christmas Appeal 2022

This Advent and Christmas, Anglicans in Development invites you to support projects which will positively impact individuals and communities in Australia and around the world. The Advent and Christmas Appeal focusses on two key areas.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya and Nungalinya Colleges both train Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders to become future leaders.

AID's Sustainable Communities Water, Sanitation and Hygiene program provides clean water and sanitation to thousands of people in Kenya, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, and Myanmar, and funds are needed to ensure the program can reach more people in vital need of these resources.

[Click here to donate](#) or go their website for more information.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council meeting is THIS MONDAY, 12th December at 7.30pm, to allow people to go to the Cathedral service to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women.

LEWIS PLUMRIDGE WINDOW

A stained glass window in memory of Lewis Plumridge, our late organist, is planned for the chapel. An appeal has been opened and if you would like to know more, please speak to Reverend Anne.

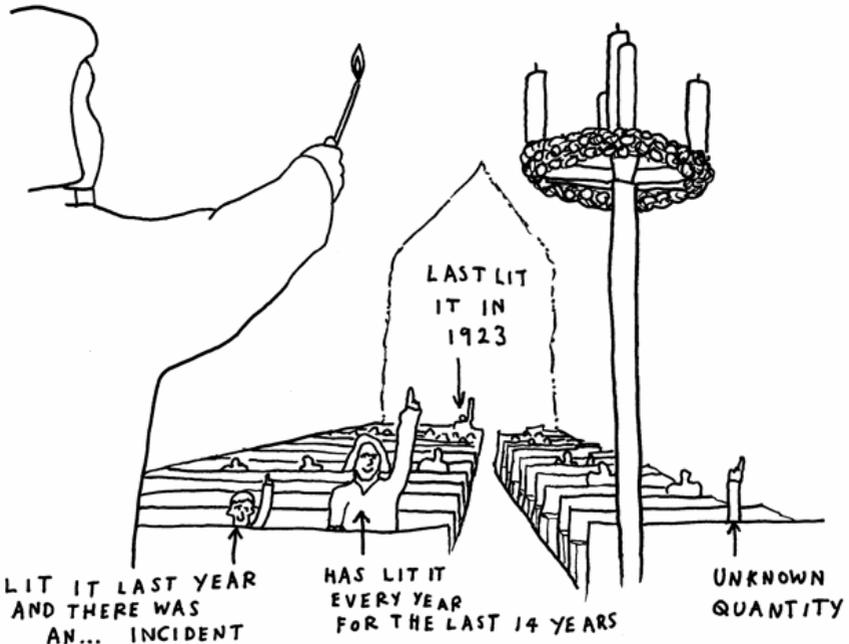
TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

One day during our children's sermon, I was telling the kids about how the angel came to Mary to tell her about how she would help bring Jesus into the world. One little girl seemed puzzled about this whole scene. Then another child asked what I thought the first thing Mary would have asked for after the angel left her. Instantly this little girl chimed in with "I'll bet she asked for a little help from Joseph!"

I don't know who's worse, the people who sign their cats' names on Christmas cards or the cats who refuse to sign.

ADVENT

DURING THE SUNDAYS IN ADVENT THE VICAR MUST CHOOSE SOMEONE TO LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE. IT IS ONE OF THE YEAR'S MOST DIFFICULT DECISIONS



Week Ahead

SUNDAY 11.12.22

Third 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*

MON 12.12.22

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

TUES 13.12.22

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 14.12.22

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group *kindergarten*

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 15.12.22

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 16.12.22

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 17.12.21

Set up and concert 1.00-3.00pm

SUNDAY 18.12.22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

7.30pm Carol Service

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

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

For the Diary

December 12

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

December 17

Set up and concert 1.00-3.00pm

December 18

Interment of ashes of Bishop George
directly after 9.30am service

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Carol Service 7.30pm

December 21

Last day for the Office for 2022

December 22 Thursday

Set up and concert 1.00-3.00pm



Christmas Services 2022

18 December

Carol Service 7.30pm

24 December Christmas Eve

7.30pm Children's and Families' service

10.30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

25 December Christmas Day

Eucharist – 9.30am

11.30am Mandarin Service

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 11.12.22	Next week 18.12.22
SIDESPEOPLE	Sandra L, Noel W	Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Elizabeth B, Michele M, <i>Garry M</i>	Rosemary S, Judy J, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Michele M, Margaret D	Conrad H, Garry P
INTERCESSOR	Sophia/ Rosemary S	Elizabeth B
COUNTING	Elizabeth B, Lyn B	Garry P, Ted G
MORNING TEA	Rosemary S , Peter W, Barbara M	Cecilia , Margaret R, 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.