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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.

Sentence: A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. Matthew 1.23

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 7.10-16

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

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

Psalm: 80.1-7, 17-19

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock:

you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;

² Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:

stir up your power, and come to save us.

³ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴ O Lord God of hosts: **how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears:

and given them tears to drink in good measure.

⁶ You have made us the victim of our neighbours:

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷ Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:

on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.

¹⁸ And so we shall not turn back from you:

give us life, and we will call upon your name.

¹⁹ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 1, beginning at Verse 18

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

Prayer of the Week

O Lord, raise up your power and come among us, and with great might succour us, that, whereas through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Years Mind

Viola Errey, Edna Usher, Jean Lemont, Thelma Leggett, and Athol Kennedy, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: St John's Upper Beaconsfield (Shannon Lee); Karingal - St Laurence Community Services; City on a Hill Surf Coast – Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Agnes Black Rock, Holy Trinity Hampton confirmation service – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People); The Anglican Church of Korea (Bp Peter Lee Kyeong-Ho, Primate).

The Parish: Pray for all those who are in care, in hospital or confined to home.

The World: Pray for all countries affected by famine or war,

The Nation: Pray for our school students and teachers as they finish their year.

Daily Readings

Monday	Judges 13.2-7, 24-25	Ps 71.17-22	Luke 1.5-25
Tuesday	Isaiah 7.10-14	Ps 24.1-6	Luke 1.28-38
Wednesday	Songs 2.8-14	Ps 33.17-21	Luke 1.39-45
Thursday	1 Samuel, 1.24-28	Song of Hannah	Luke 1.46-56
Friday	Malachi 3.1-4, 4.2-3	Ps 25.3-9	Luke 1.57-66
Saturday	Isaiah 62.1-5	Ps 89.19-29	Matthew 1.1-25



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



7.30pm, **December 2022**

Tonight

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 will be a supper in the Undercroft after the service. Donations welcome.

JANUARY-JUNE 2023 ROSTER

Michele is about to prepare the roster for the first half of 2023. Could you please advise her if you **do not wish** to continue with your nominated tasks and more importantly, if you will consider joining the roster for any of the following: Flower Arranging, Sidespersons, Servers, Crucifer, Readers, Intercessions, Counting, Morning Tea; these are all important tasks and a part of our worship. Please either speak to Michele or contact her on 0408 531 045 / themitchells01@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.

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION Advent & Christmas Appeal 2022

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.

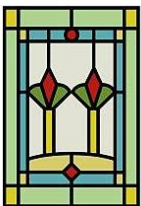


KENYA HUNGER CRISIS

Appeal closes 31/1/2023. Your donation will be directed to the Imarisha Maisha program in Kenya, enabling Anglican Overseas Aid to

support the Anglican Diocese of Mt Kenya West continue the vital program and respond to the hunger crisis. Anglican Overseas Aid: ABN 39 116 072 050

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



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.

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

According to my chocolate advent calendar.... there is only 3 days till Xmas.

Knowing that the pastor enjoyed his drink, a hotel owner offered him a case of cherry brandy for Christmas in exchange for a free ad in the church newsletter. The pastor agreed and ran this in the next issue: "The pastor would like to thank Patrick Smith for his kind gift of a crate of fruit and for the spirit in which it was given."

NINE LESSONS

LEARNED AT THE CAROL SERVICE

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YOU WILL NEED TO GET THERE EARLY IF YOU WANT A GOOD SEAT

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PARKING SPACES WILL BE HARD TO COME BY

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THE WORLDWIDE CANDLE SHORTAGE HAS NOT KICKED IN YET

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THE SERVICE SHEET LOOKS REMARKABLY SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S

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CAROLS WORK BEST WHEN EVERYONE HAS THE SAME WORDS

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OASIS IS FLAMMABLE SO IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA TO PUT CANDLES IN IT

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SMALL CHILDREN DO NOT ESPECIALLY ENJOY LISTENING TO NINE READINGS

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PARENTS DO NOT ESPECIALLY ENJOY RESTRAINING THEIR CHILDREN DURING NINE READINGS

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YOU ARE HIGHLY LIKELY TO CATCH A COLD IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE ONE

Week Ahead

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*

MON 19.12.22

TUES 20.12.22

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men@Work

WED 21.12.22

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

10.30am Eucharist

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 22.12.22

1.00-3.00pm Set up and concert

FRI 23.12.22

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 24.12.21

CHRISTMAS EVE

7.30pm Children and Family service

10.30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

SUNDAY 25.12.22

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

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

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

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For the Diary

December 18

Interment of ashes of Bishop George directly after 9.30am service
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December 18

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 and Family 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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Reporting Child Abuse

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Roster for upcoming services

	18.12.22	24.12.22 10.30pm	25.12.22 9.30am
Sidespeople	Michele M, Barbara P	Barbara P	Rosemary S, Peter W
Servers	Rosemary S, Judy <i>Kim C</i>	Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Kim C</i>	Michele M, Judy J Keith Wilkins
Readers	Conrad H, Garry P	Charles B, Elizabeth B	Conrad H, Rosemary S
Intercessors	Elizabeth B	Michele M	Sophia E (Jan G)
Morning Tea	Rosemary S, Peter W, Jenny F, Barbara Moss	<i>Not required</i>	<i>Not required</i>
Counting	Garry P, Ted G		

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.