



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

24 December 2022

Christmas Eve

Parish
Link

Reverend Anne writes ...

“Oh, Holy Night...” goes the popular Christmas son – and this is a Holy Night. It’s the night when God showed his love for the world through the birth of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world. On this Holy Night we see the love of God, that tender moment when the baby is placed in the manger, and all eyes are on him. To look upon a newborn child is a true miracle – the discomfort of nine months is wiped away, the incredibly strong labour pains are forgotten. And hope and expectation are laid before us – the Hope of new life, and other generation to carry one, a fresh start; and the Expectation that the world will be a better place for this child to grow up in.

God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3. 16

Just like Mary and Joseph, we too look with reflected love at the Christ Child tonight. Jesus Christ gives us the opportunity of a new beginning, a fresh start to our lives as we follow in his footsteps.

Christmas blessings to you!

Anne.



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: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given. Isaiah 9.2, 6

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: 9.2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

Psalm: 96

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song: **sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

² Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations: **and his wonders among all peoples.**

⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:

he is more to be feared than all gods.

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:

it is the Lord who made the heavens.

⁶ Majesty and glory are before him: **beauty and power are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:

render to the Lord glory and might.

⁸ Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:

bring offerings and come into his courts.

- ⁹ O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations that the Lord is king:
**he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved;
and he shall judge the peoples with equity.**
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:
let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
- ¹² Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:
then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord;
- ¹³ For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:
**he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.**

Second Reading: Titus: 2.11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹² training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 2, beginning at Verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

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

Years Mind

Christopher Hill, Mary Wood, Alan Andrewartha, Nellie Packer, Warwick Sheffield, Margaret Robinson, and Jean Smith, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Christmas Flowers are in loving memory of

Hilda Marie Blakeman, Boyd family members & Maja Overstad, Nancy & John Melville, David, Elvena & Thomas Orange, and Gordon Baensch

Prayer Points

The Church: St Stephen's Warrandyte (Mark Hanson); Victorian Council of Churches (Dr Graeme Blackman, President, Ian Smith, Executive Officer); St Stephen's Gardenvale (Bp Paul Barker); Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; The Anglican Church of Melanesia

The Parish: Pray for a holy and joyful Christmas for all our congregations.

The World: Pray for God's peace throughout the world, especially Ukraine.

The Nation: Give thanks for the gift of God's son to the world.

ABM Pew Reflections

The angel says: *Do not be afraid*. The phrase is used throughout the Bible – in the Hebrew Scriptures, in the Apocrypha and in the New Testament. God does not want us to be timid, afraid, anxious or troubled. God wants us, as the birth of Jesus shows, to come closer. Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4.18), and today God surrounds us with perfect love in the birth of the Baby at Bethlehem. Pray this week that you may show perfect love to all you encounter. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa.

Daily Readings

Monday	2 Chronicles 24.17-22	Ps 31.1-8	Matthew 10.17-22
Tuesday	Proverbs 8.22-31	Ps 97	John 20.2-8
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31.15-20	Ps 124	Matthew 2.13-18
Thursday	1 John 2.3-11	Ps 96.1-6	Luke 2.22-35
Friday	1 John 2.12-17	Ps 96.7-9	Luke 2.36-40
Saturday	1 John 2.18-21	Ps 96.10-13	John 1.1-18



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let the Vicar **before** Sunday Ph: 0429 123 478*

CHRISTMAS LUNCH at ST PETER'S

Everyone is invited to come to the Chinese service with Baptisms on Christmas Day at 11.30am. There will be Mandarin, English and Korean translations, so everyone can understand. There will be lunch after the service to which everyone is welcome. So come along and join this multicultural celebration!

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.

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION Advent and 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.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT ST AUGUSTINE'S, MONT ALBERT NORTH

Cnr Rostrevor Parade & Bundoran Parade, Mont Albert North VIC 3129.

Make a point of driving slowly past St Augustine's to view the beautiful Christmas lights and Nativity scene - you will not be disappointed!

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

I have this incredible ability to predict what's inside a wrapped present. It's a gift.

A conscientious minister decided to get acquainted with a new family in his church and so he visited them one Spring evening. After his knock on the door, a lilting voice from within called out, "Is that you, Angel?" "No," replied the minister. "But I'm from the same department."



Week Ahead

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*

MON 26.12.22

Boxing Day

TUES 27.12.22

WED 28.12.22

No Wed service this day

THU 29.12.22

FRI 30.12.22

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 31.12.22

SUNDAY 1.1.23

EPIPHANY

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*

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For the Diary



Christmas Services 2022

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

24 January

Office reopens



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

All child safety concerns must be reported to

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1800 135 246

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Roster for upcoming services

	24.12.22 10.30pm	25.12.22 9.30pm	1.1.23
Sidespeople	Barbara P	Rosemary S, Peter W	
Servers	Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Kim C</i>	Michele M, Judy J Keith Wilkins	
Readers	Charles B, Elizabeth B	Conrad H, Rosemary S	
Intercessors	Michele M	Sophia E (Jan G)	
Morning Tea	<i>Not required</i>	<i>Not required</i>	