



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

29 January 2023

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Parish  
Link

Reverend Anne writes ...

Today, we commission the new Parish Council Members and the Churchwardens. We will also commission those who have leadership roles in the parish. What is leadership? I believe leadership is taking on a role that gives you the opportunity to encourage and enable others to reach their full potential in intellectual ways, material ways, physical ways and any other conduits that can be used for the good of all.

Our readings today give us wonderful guidance so that we can do this - Micah calls us to remember what God has directed us to do: "Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God." And in the Gospel according to Matthew we read the Beatitudes - the words of Jesus spoken to the crowds who followed him, wonderful words of encouragement and a guide for us all today.

God's blessing to each of you!

Anne

“Blessed are the  
**POOR IN SPIRIT,**  
for theirs is the  
**KINGDOM OF**  
**HEAVEN”**

*Hymns:* Introit 474 *omit verse 3* • Psalm 15 • Gradual 568  
Offertory 647 • Communion 546 • Final Hymn 626

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

Sentence: Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

1 Corinthians 13.14

### Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart: give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Micah 6.1-8

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup> 'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.' <sup>6</sup> 'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' <sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

### Psalms 15

<sup>1</sup> Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle:

**or who may dwell upon your holy hill?**

<sup>2</sup> Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing which is right:

**who speaks the truth from the heart,**

**and has not slandered with the tongue;**

<sup>3</sup> Who has done no evil to a friend: **nor vented abuse against a neighbour;**

<sup>4</sup> In whose eyes the worthless have no honour:

**but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;**

<sup>5</sup> Whoever has sworn to a neighbour: **and will not go back on that oath;**

<sup>6</sup> Who has not put money to usury: **nor taken a bribe against the innocent.**

<sup>7</sup> Whoever does these things: **shall never be overthrown.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

<sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew, Chapter 5, beginning at Verse 1

## Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely

on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

### Prayer of the Week

O Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing: send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

### Years Mind

Bruce Simmons, Joyce Stephens, Charles Maryon Crooks, and Russell Tyson, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Prayer Points

*The Church:* St John's Camberwell (John Baldock, Helen Creed); The Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, General Secretary Anne Hywood, the General Synod & the Standing Committee); Archdeaconry of Maroondah (Bruce Bickerdike); St Mark's Dromana – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); The Church of Pakistan (United).

*The Parish:* Give thanks for the work cheerfully undertaken by the Men@Work.

*The World:* Pray for the people of Ukraine and those in Iran and Afghanistan.

*The Nation:* Pray for all students and teachers returning for a new school year.

### Daily Readings

Monday	Hebrews 11.32-40	Ps 31.23-27	Mark 5.1-20
Tuesday	Hebrews 12.1-4	Ps 22.26-32	Mark 5.21-43
Wednesday	Hebrews 12.4-7, 11-15	Ps 103.15-18	Mark 6.1-6
Thursday	Hebrews 12.18-24	Ps 48.9-13	Mark 6.7-13
Friday	Hebrews 13.1-8	Ps 27.1-6	Mark 6.14-29
Saturday	Hebrews 13.15-17, 20-21	Ps 23	Mark 6.30-34



*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)*

### KEYS

We are wanting to update our key register and to ensure that all keys are documented. If you have a spare key or one you know longer require that belongs to the church, please return it to Cecilia in the office.

## CHAPEL RENOVATION

Many thanks to the Men@Work group for their hard work in repairing the chapel ceiling and updating the lighting and heating in the chapel. Have a look at the new carpet, also. We are grateful for the hours of work this group put in and for the volunteering of their expertise.

## MOTHERS' UNION

As our first meeting on February 22 falls on Ash Wednesday we have decided to begin with attending the 10.30am service, followed by BYO lunch and BYO mug. Tea and coffee supplied. A talk will be given by Reverend Hugh Prentice. All welcome to join us.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer Service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan. It will be held at 7.00pm on Friday, March 3 at St Clare Catholic Church, corner of Woodhouse Grove and Killara Street, Box Hill North. Supper will follow. Guest speaker: Father Phuong from St Francis Xavier, St Clare. He has spent four years in Taiwan and will give a snapshot of the country and Christian life there.

## LEWIS PLUMRIDGE MEMORIAL WINDOW

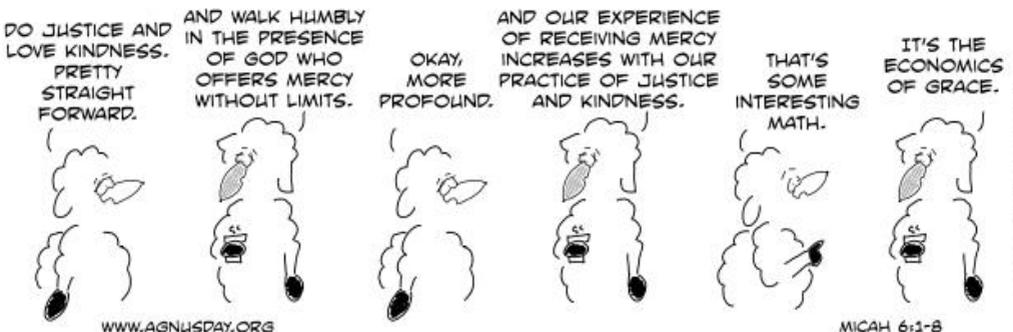
If you would like to donate towards the cost of a memorial window for our organist of 37 years, the Late Lewis Plumridge, please hand your gift to either Cecilia, or the Acting Vicar.

## MORNING TEA

The rostered morning tea after the 9.30am service resumes this morning. Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to be on the roster.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is now open each week on Tuesdays and Fridays, 8.30am – 12.30pm on both days. Feel free to drop in or contact me if you have any queries, notices to include in the Link, or any other concern. Cecilia



# TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

If you are unhappy with our vicar, simply have our churchwardens send a copy of this letter to six other churches who are also tired of their vicar.

Then bundle up our vicar and send him to the church on the top of the list in the letter. Within a week you will receive 16,435 vicars and one of them should be all right!

Have faith in this chain letter for vicars. Do not break the chain. One church did – and got their old vicar back!

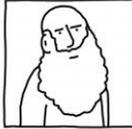
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BUILT THE TOWER



INSTALLED GAS LIGHTING



MAGNIFICENT BEARD



FOUNDED THE SCHOOL



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NAME ON A PLAQUE



LARGELY ABSENT



INTRODUCED INNOVATIONS



ABOLISHED INNOVATIONS



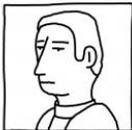
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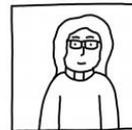
UPSET THE FLOWER ARRANGERS



PUB OUTREACH MINISTRY



BEFRIENDED THE METHODISTS



STARTED THE FOOD BANK



KEPT THE PLACE GOING

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY 29.1.23

#### Fourth Sunday after 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*

### MON 30.1.23

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

4.00-9.00pm Set up and concert:

### TUES 31.1.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

### WED 1.2.23

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group *kindergarten*

10-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

### THU 2.2.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

### FRI 3.2.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

### SAT 4.2.23

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

### SUNDAY 5.2.23

#### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

### February 14

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm, *U'croft*

### February 22

Ash Wednesday

10.30am, 7.30pm services

### February 22

Mothers' Union 10.30am service

Lunch and meeting afterwards, *U'croft*

### March 3

World Day of Prayer service, 7.00pm

St Clare's, Box Hill North

### April 29

Closing service at St Philip's

### April 30

Celebration of St Philip's Day

### 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

Fri 8.30am – 12.30pm

### 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 29.01.23</b>	<b>Next week 5.02.23</b>
SIDESPEOPLE	Martin F, Dianne A	Rosemary S, Sandra L
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Elizabeth B, Garry M	Michele M, Judy J, Kim C
READERS	Rosemary S, Linda B	Charles B, Barbara P
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B	Sophia E/ Rosemary S
COUNTING	Hilary B, Elizabeth B	Michelle M, Garry P
MORNING TEA	<b>Cecilia</b> , Jan G, Lyn B	<b>Elizabeth B</b> , Laurence 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.