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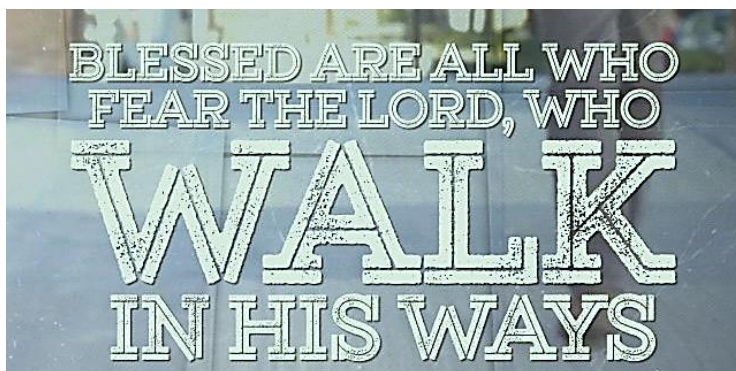
Our readings continue to guide us through life, citing passages that are to encourage and to educate us on the way God wants us to behave.

Deuteronomy tells each of us that we have been chosen by God, and God's only expectation is for us to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God.....for your own well-being. The Psalm tells of the glory of keeping God's Law.

The reading from Corinthians urges the young church to heal its divisions, and to look to God for the growth. Some may plant, some may water, but it is only God who can put life into the Church.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus addresses some of our human failings, and the consequences of going against God's will in our daily lives.

These are challenges not only for 1st Century Christians, but for us today. Blessings.



Hymns: Introit 117 • Psalm • Gradual 428
Offertory 534 • Communion 514 • Final 526

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Psalm 119.1

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives: grant that we may never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Spirit, may fulfil your law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Master, who lives and reigns with you and 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: Deuteronomy 10.12-22

¹² So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. ¹⁴ Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, ¹⁵ yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. ¹⁶ Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. ¹⁷ For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸ who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. ¹⁹ You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. ²² Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

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

Psalm: 119.1-8

¹ Blessed are those whose way is blameless: who walk in the law of the Lord.

² **Blessed are those who keep his commands:
and seek him with their whole heart;**

³ Those who do no wrong: but walk in the ways of our God.

⁴ **For you, Lord, have commanded us: to persevere in all your precepts.**

⁵ If only my ways were unerring: towards the keeping of your statutes!

⁶ **Then I should not be ashamed: when I looked on all your commandments.**

⁷ I will praise you with sincerity of heart: as I learn your righteous judgements.

⁸ **I will keep your statutes: O forsake me not utterly.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.1-9

¹ And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴ For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? ⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. ⁹ For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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 21

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²¹ 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement."' ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery."' ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹ 'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce."' ³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³ 'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you

have made to the Lord.” ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let your word be “Yes, Yes” or “No, No”; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

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

Prayer of the Week

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Years Mind

Marjorie Wright, Jan Smale, John Morris, Leonard Miller, Allan Gale, Lily Tighe, William Bailey, and Peter Senior, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: City on a Hill Melbourne (David Chiswell, David Hewitt, Guy Mason, Matthew Keller, Stephanie Judd); The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Hume Anglican Grammar School (Bill Sweeney, Principal).

The Parish: Pray for our Parish Council and all our leadership.

The World: Pray for Ukrainians, and those affected by the earthquake in Turkey.

The Nation: Pray for those who are without a safe place to live.

Daily Readings

Monday	Genesis 4.1-15, 25	Ps 50.20-24	Mark 8.11-13
Tuesday	Genesis 6.5-8, 7.1-5, 10	Ps 29.5-10	Mark 8.14-21
Wednesday	Genesis 8.6-13, 20-22	Ps 116.11-18	Mark 8.22-26
Thursday	Genesis 9.1-13	Ps 102.18-22	Mark 8.27-33
Friday	Genesis 11.1-9	Ps 33.8-17	Mark 8.34.9.1
Saturday	Hebrews 11.1-7	Ps 145.8-13	Mark 9.2-13



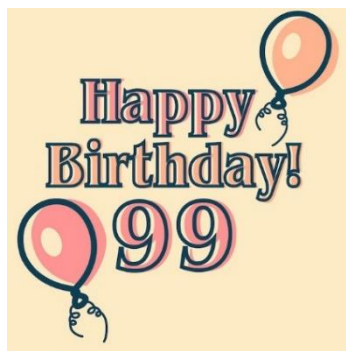
If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing before Thursday at anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com

LENTEN STUDY

10.30am Saturday morning Feb 25 – April 1

7.30 pm Thursday evening Zoom March 2 – March 23

2023 Lent Study by Bishop Bill Ray \$10.95



Congratulations Marjorie!

INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE

After the Christmas break the **Incumbency Committee** (Kim Cornish, Margaret Rockow, Sophia Errey) have resumed the process of finding a new incumbent for the parish, commencing with a meeting with Bishop Genieve and the Diocesan representatives held on 8th February. Please be aware that all discussions are confidential at this point and keep praying for the parish, the committee, and potential incumbents!



The midweek Wednesday service on the 15th February will be held at **9.00am for this week only.**

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's Catholic Church, corner of Woodhouse Grove and Killara Street, Box Hill North. Supper will follow.

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. More details about it will be available soon.

KNITTING FOR MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The MU are asking knitters to make knitted or crocheted beanies and scarves for sailors who travel to cold places. Actual wool is wanted and can be bought from \$2 shops or Spotlight, etc.

A speaker from Mission to Seafarers will come to MU later in the year to collect them. Queries: speak to Jan

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Definitions from church life

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

PEWSHEET: Your receipt for attending Morning Service

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

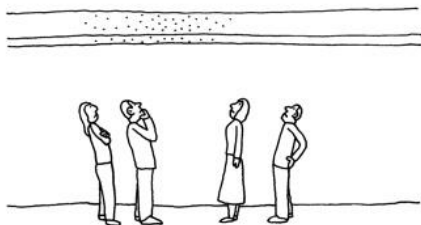
RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at Sunday morning worship, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

PEW: A medieval torture device still found in some churches.

PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of a formal Sung Eucharist, consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

SIDESMEN: The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew

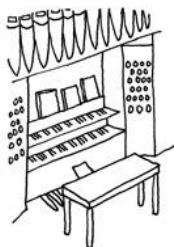
TERRIBLE DISCOVERIES



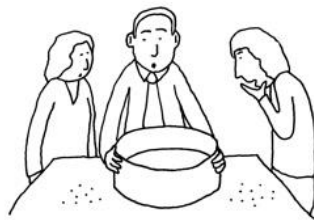
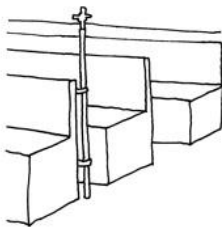
THE BEAMS ARE ROTTEN AND COULD
COLLAPSE AT ANY MOMENT



OUR MOST PRECIOUS ARTEFACTS
HAVE BEEN STOLEN



THE ORGANIST AND THE CHURCHWARDEN
HAVE GONE MISSING SIMULTANEOUSLY



SOMEONE HAS EATEN
ALL OF THE BISCUITS

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 12.2.23

Sixth 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*

MON 13.2.23

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

4.00-9.00pm Set up and concert:

TUES 14.2.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

WED 15.2.23

9.00am Eucharist (change of time for this week only)

9.30-11.30am Play group *kindergarten*

10-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 16.2.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 17.2.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 18.2.23

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

SUNDAY 19.2.23

Last 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*

February 25

Sat Lenten Study begins

March 2

Thurs Lenten Study by Zoom, 7.30pm

March 3

World Day of Prayer service, 7.00pm

St Clare's, Box Hill North

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.



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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 12.02.23	Next week 19.02.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Noel W, Rob K	Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Garry M</i>	Rosemary S, Judy J, <i>Keith W</i>
READERS	Margaret D, Keith W	Garry P, Conrad H
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Keith W
COUNTING	Ken McD, Margaret R	Charles B, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	Cecilia , Barbara M	Cecilia , Margaret R, Jan G, Jennifer 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.