



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

26 March 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Parish
Link

Rev'd Anne writes...

We are deep into the season of Lent, and we know that we will soon be lamenting the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we look at Ezekiel's Valley of Dry Bones, a sight of devastation – and yet through the power of God, those bones again took on flesh and came alive. The Psalmist's plaintive cry “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!” comes from desperation, when there seems to be no hope.

But the reading from Romans gives us hope – setting the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. And the Gospel of St John's story of the raising of Lazarus again shows the power of God in a very physical way. Prayer and faith in God enables God to do great things through us.



Week 5 Creating a Sacred Space: Incorporate smells

Many people love to use incense or perfumed candles at this season, but this just makes me sneeze. However other fragrances, like roses, fresh baked bread and the fresh smell of rain inspire me and there are creative ways to incorporate these into our Lenten space.

Hymns: Introit 131 • Psalm 130, TiS 81 • Gradual 407

Offertory: 246 • Communion 344 • Final 242

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Special Prayer

Sentence: Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Joel 2.13

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and one another: call forth our penitence and acts of love, and strengthen us to face our mortality, so that we may look with confidence for your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Ezekiel 37.1-14

¹ The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' ⁴ Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹ Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

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

Psalm: 130

- ¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice;
² **O let your ears consider well: the voice of my supplication.**
³ If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong: who then, O Lord, could stand?
⁴ **But there is forgiveness with you: so that you shall be feared.**
⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him: and in his word is my hope.
⁶ **My soul looks for the Lord: more than watchmen for the morning,
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**
⁷ O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is ample redemption.
⁸ **He will redeem Israel: from the multitude of their sins.**

Second Reading: Romans 8.6-11

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 11, beginning at Verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸ The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹² The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely

to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' ¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

Prayer of the Week

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us

to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Years Mind

Peg Eadon, Charmain Brydon-Brown, Kathleen Hoare, and Iris Tiller, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: Holy Trinity Hampton Park (Argo Biswas); The Diocese of Willochra (Bp-elect Jeremy, Clergy & People); St Andrew's Brighton; St Peter's Brighton Beach – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker).

The Parish: Pray for all in care homes and hospital at this time.

The World: Pray for all whose lives are affected by natural disasters.

The Nation: Pray for reconciliation amongst the peoples of this country.

Daily Readings

Monday	Susanna 41-64	Ps 23	John 8.1-11
Tuesday	Numbers 21.4-9	Ps 102.18-22	John 8.21-30
Wednesday	Daniel 3.14-20, 24-28	Song of the 3YM 29-34	John 8.31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17.3-9	Ps 105.7-11	John 8.51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20.10-13	Ps 18.1-7	John 10.31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37.21-28	Ps 85.8-13	John 11.45-57



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

Daylight time ends in time for a sleep in on Palm Sunday morning!

ORPHANAGE/SCHOOL IN BOR

Thank you very much to everyone who donated generously to our appeal for the orphanage/school in Bor. I have deposited \$1,025 cash donations into the orphanage account, and other donations have been made by credit card or on-line. Anyone who made a cash donation last Sunday who would like a receipt, please let me know how much you donated. All donations are tax-deductible.

The **bank account** listed in last week's Link is the Parish account - money paid into that account will be transferred to the orphanage account. If anyone would like to make a donation direct to the Bor Orphanage account, the account details are:

Bank: ANZ Name of account: Abaar Orphanage
BSB: 013-225 Account number: 280731691



Carbon Fast

for Lent

March 26th – 1st

Fast from Driving

- Lift share, cycle, walk or take public transport for your commute and shopping

Prayer: Lord, we pray that all people of the earth understand that resources are not limitless. We pray that all people understand how their actions affect people on the other side of the world. We pray that all peoples strive for balance between self-interest and the common good. Amen

BULB ORDERS - Fundraiser

Don't forget to order your bulbs! Please take a form and use the safe online ordering system by April 6. Queries? Chat to Hilary. 040 0635600

NEW LIFE AT EASTER

This Easter Day please bring a flower or greenery on a stem. We will celebrate our new life at Easter with placing a flower on a special cross at the time of Communion or a Blessing.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

THE LENT GROUP

THEY MEET IN LENT TO STUDY THE LENT COURSE, READ THE LENT BOOK ETC

THE
ACADEMIC:
READ
THEOLOGY
AT
UNIVERSITY



THE
BLUFFER:
READ THE
ANSWERS
IN THE
BACK OF
THE BOOK



THE
HUMORIST:
HAS NOT
GRASPED
THE
SERIOUSNESS
OF THE
OCCASION



THE
TANGENTIAL:
TAKES THE
CONVERSATION
IN
UNEXPECTED
DIRECTIONS



THE
SHARER
OF
UNINTERESTING
ANECDOTES



THE
SHARER
OF
TRAGIC
PERSONAL
CIRCUMSTANCES



THE
UNDER-
PREPARED
LEADER:
REGRETS
NOT
LOOKING
AT THE
MATERIAL
BEFORE-
HAND



Week Ahead

SUNDAY 26.3.23

Fifth Sunday in Lent,

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 27.3.23

Vicar's day off

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 28.3.23

8.30am-1.30pm Office open

9.00-4.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 29.3.23

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 30.3.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

7.30pm Lenten Study by Zoom

FRI 31.3.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 1.4.23

10.30am Lenten Study, *office*

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

SUNDAY 2.4.23

Sixth Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday

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

March 26

Mothers Union Lady Day Choral Eucharist
4.00pm, St Paul's Cathedral

April 2

Election of Synod reps

April 6

Final day for bulb fundraiser

April 30

Celebration of St Philip's Day

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK and EASTER April 4-9

Tuesday 7.30pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion;
7.30pm Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Institution of
the Last Supper, and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday 9.30am Service of Reflection

Holy Saturday Eve 7.30pm Prayers at the
Tomb

EASTER DAY

9.30am Choral Eucharist

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

1038 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill.

Parish Office: 9899 5122

E anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com

W www.anglicansboxhill.org.au

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

Vicar

Reverend Anne Kennedy (Acting Vicar)

T 0429 123 478

E robann29@bigpond.com

Assistant priest:

Reverend Alasdair MacKinnon-Love SCP

0438 323 059

E alsadair@mackinnonlove.com

Associate Clergy

Reverend Esther Zhang

T 0405 602 439 **E** esther_win@hotmail.com

Honorary Clergy

Reverend Betty Bracken 9939 5881

Sudanese Ministry

Reverend Joseph Arou

T 0431 541 535

E aroujoseph18@gmail.com

Wardens:

Margaret Dooley 0438 129 161

Sophia Errey 9878 6297

Garry Male 0421 056 706

Prayers and Readings from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, Copyright Broughton Publishing 1995.

The Scripture quotations contained herein are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible © 1989 the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and are used by permission. All rights reserved.

Roster for Sunday 9.30am service

	Today 26.03.23	Next week 2.04.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Rob K, Martin F	Rosemary S, Noel W
SERVERS	Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Garry M</i>	Michele M, Judy J, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Jan G, Edwin C	Martin F, Rosemary S
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B	Sophia E/Jan G
COUNTING	Hilary B, Elizabeth B	Michele M, Garry P
MORNING TEA	Barbara P , Dianne A, Keith W	Elizabeth B , Laurence L, 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.