



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

7 May 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Parish
Link

Rev'd Anne writes...

Called to Serve

I write this in anticipation of watching the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla this weekend, and I am praying for all the Royal Family at this special time. The theme of the Coronation Service is 'Called to Serve' and the Church of England Liturgy will reflect this statement as the King and Queen pledge to serve the people of the Commonwealth under God's law.

The theme is also evident in our readings today – Stephen at his stoning is filled with the Holy Spirit to do God's will to the very end of his life; we are called upon to follow in Jesus' steps as we are urged to fear God and honour the emperor in our lives; and in the Gospel Thomas and Philip question Jesus who patiently explains, yet again, that he is the way, the truth and the life, and that we are all called to serve God through Godly living and belief in Jesus' words and actions.

Many of us have no memory of the Coronation of the late Queen, so this once in a lifetime event is truly one in which we can share joy and happiness. Enjoy our Coronation Morning Tea celebrations!

Blessings, Anne



Called to Serve

Hymns: Introit 379 • Psalm: TiS 19 • Gradual 628
Offertory 390 • Communion 226, 739 • Final 621 (tune 202)

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.' John 14.6

Prayer of the Day

Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; 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: Acts 7.55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm: 31.1–5 and 17–18

¹ To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: let me never be put to shame.

² **O deliver me in your righteousness:
incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.**

³ Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock and my stronghold.

⁴ **Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:
bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me,
for you are my strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit: you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.

¹⁷ **All my days are in your hand: O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.**

¹⁸ Make your face to shine upon your servant: and save me for your mercy's sake.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.11–25

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. ¹² Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. ¹³ For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. ¹⁶ As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. ¹⁷ Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor. ¹⁸ Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' ²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 14, beginning at Verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me

because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Prayer of the Week

Saving God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died for us and rose again and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Years Mind

Frances Allen, Frank Groom, John Noble, Lilian Law, Peter Reynolds, and Elizabeth Gellert, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: St Philip's Mount Waverley (Ruth Newmarch, Breannon Wilkinson); The Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People); Converge International (Jenny George, CEO, and Chaplains); St Aidan's Strathmore – Pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Michael's North Carlton Confirmation (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Luke's Vermont – Pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); All Saints' St Kilda – Pastoral visit (Bp Brad Billings).

The Parish: Pray for Lars as he begins his fundraising virtual journey in the steps of Jesus for a defibrillator for St Peter's.

The World: Pray for Sudan, Ukraine and for the relief of famine in Somalia.

The Nation: Pray for all the mentally ill and for their families.

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 14.5-18	Ps 115.1-7	John 4.21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14.19-28	Ps 45.10-13	John 14.27-31
Wednesday	Acts 15.1-6	Ps 122	John 15.1-8
Thursday	Acts 15.7-21	Ps 96.1-6	John 15.8-11
Friday	Acts 15.22-31	Ps 57.8-12	John 15.12-17
Saturday	Acts 16.1-10	Ps 100	John 15.18-21



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

ST PAUL'S MENTORING PROGRAM TO SVD STUDENTS

Calling all budding mentors/tutors!

For the past five years, there are a number of people at St Paul's Canterbury that mentor SVD international students. They are candidates for priesthood in the Catholic Order of Divine Word Missionaries. Our relationship with the SVD has grown over the years and St Paul's provide four mentors.

Now there are new international students who need mentors and we are asking the folk of St Peter's for assistance!!

We assist by introducing them to the Australian way of life by meeting with them and with reading and correcting their grammar and English expression in their essays. You do not need to be strong in theology!

If you are interested please have a chat with Andrew Flint (St Paul's) on 0419313047.

MOTHERS UNION MEETING May 24

There will be a fashion parade by U&I Designs at the next meeting. This is a new group bringing their collection of affordable fashions suitable for the over 55s. 1.30pm raffle and afternoon tea will be provided. All very welcome.

UPDATE FROM LARS ON HIS CYCLING ROUND THE HOLYLAND (please refer to the insert for info about this)

Day 1

I now have a great appreciation for Joseph Mary and donkey. I spent a whole hour cycling uphill between Beersheba and Hebron. It was tough. I only managed 10 kms. The gradient kept changing between 0 to 3% then it went to 6 and 9% but around one bend I hit a 10 and 12% gradient... I thought of the family's journey back to the Holy Lands ... They were determined ... Driven even. I have no idea of what their roads were like but the uphill journey on sandalled feet speaks of a long lost mental and physical toughness. They had a deep spiritual reason for doing this journey. Wasn't it after Joseph heard God's voice telling him to return to Jerusalem? Or was it an angel messenger? I have only cycled not quite 1/3rd of the elevation to Hebron. Maybe my calculations are off? The internet says it is a rise of some 650m? I managed 275m in 1 hour so far. I know I will hammer out the kms on flatter sections.

Lars

Words for post recessional songs:

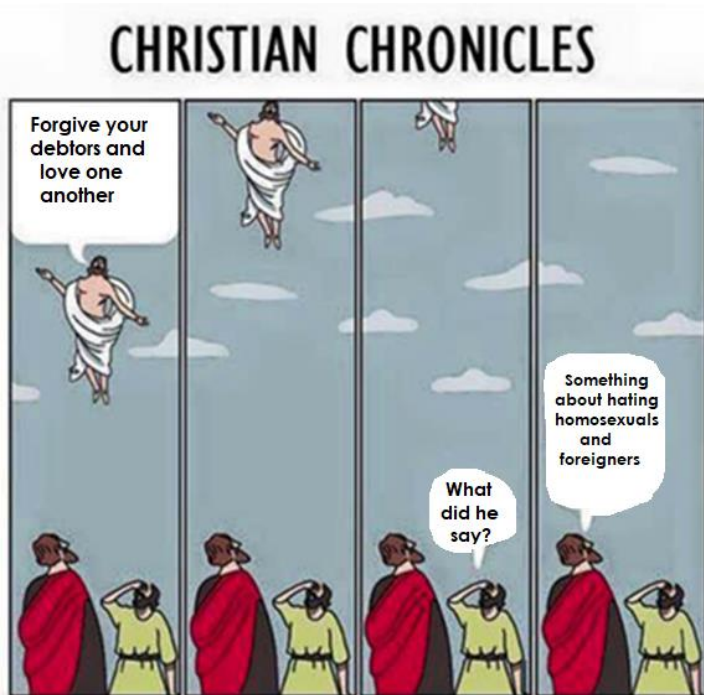
And did those feet in ancient times
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem build-ed here
Among these dark satanic mills?

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Land of hope and glory, mother of the free,
How shall we extol thee, who are born of thee?
Wider still and wider shall thy bounds be set.
God, who made thee mighty, make thee mightier yet.
God, who made thee mighty, make thee mightier yet.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Spotted on a church marquee: "Love your enemies; After all, you made them."



Week Ahead

SUNDAY 7.05.23

Fifth Sunday of EASTER

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 8.05.23

Vicar's day off
9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*
6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 9.05.23

8.30am-1.30pm Office open
9.00-4.00pm Men@Work
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 10.05.23

10.30am Eucharist
9.30-11.30am Playgroup
10-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi *hall*

THU 11.05.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 12.05.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open
5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 13.05.23

10.30am-1.30pm SAIL
2.00 – 5.00pm South Indian Choir, *church*

SUNDAY 14.05.23

Sixth Sunday of EASTER

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

May 7

Coronation Morning Tea
after 9.30am service

May 8-24

Acting Vicar away

May 9

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

May 24

Mothers Union Meeting



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 7.05.23	Next week 14.05.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Noel W, Rob K	Elizabeth B, Dianne A
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Kim C	Judy J, Garry M
READERS	Conrad H, Elizabeth B	Hilary B, Kim C
INTERCESSOR	Conrad/Sophia	Keith W
COUNTING	Margaret R, --	Charles B, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	Elizabeth B , Lyn B, Laurence L	Rosemary S , Peter, Barbara M

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.