



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL  
16 July 2023  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Parish  
Link

The Vicar writes...

We continue to journey through Genesis, hearing the stories of our ancestors. Today we hear how Isaac and Rebekah's twin boys were different even before birth, struggling in the womb. Esau, the first-born, makes a life-changing split-second decision to sell his birthright to his younger brother, Jacob, for a plate of lentil stew. Jacob, now the inheritor of his father's property, has a much easier life than his brother.

I wonder if you've made a split-second decision in your younger years that's had a lasting effect on your life? The story of the Sower talks about where the seed fell, on different surfaces, resulting in varied results as the seeds developed. How has your life been affected by the 'ground' into which you were planted?

Blessings, Anne



*Hymns:* Introit 439 • Psalm 119 (TIS 75) • Gradual 458  
Offertory 450 • Communion 597 • Final 531

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

Sentence: The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life. John 6.63, 68

### Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through 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: Genesis 25.19–34

<sup>19</sup> These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, <sup>20</sup> and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. <sup>21</sup> Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. <sup>22</sup> The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD. <sup>23</sup> And the LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' <sup>24</sup> When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. <sup>25</sup> The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup> Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. <sup>27</sup> When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. <sup>28</sup> Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. <sup>29</sup> Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. <sup>30</sup> Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) <sup>31</sup> Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' <sup>32</sup> Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' <sup>33</sup> Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

### Psalm: 119.105–112

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet: and a light to my path.

<sup>106</sup> **I have vowed and sworn an oath: to keep your righteous judgements.**

<sup>107</sup> I have been afflicted beyond measure:  
Lord, give me life according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> **Accept, O Lord, the freewill offerings of my mouth:  
and teach me your judgements.**

<sup>109</sup> I take my life in my hands continually: yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> **The wicked have laid a snare for me:  
but I have not strayed from your precepts.**

<sup>111</sup> Your commands are my inheritance for ever: they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> **I have set my heart to fulfil your statutes: always, even to the end.**

## Second Reading: Romans 8.1–11

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> 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, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> 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 Matthew, Chapter 1, beginning at Verse 1

## Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> Let anyone with ears listen!' <sup>18</sup> 'Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does

not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

### Prayer of the Week

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Years Mind

Betty Groom, Joan Simmons, Nellie Berry, Adele Hearn, Jim Bartlett, Wallace Fowler, and Doris Edwards, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Prayer Points

*The Church:* Brimbank Anglican Parish (Vacant incumbency, Agatha Wakyereza); The Diocese of Central Queensland (Bishop Peter Grice, Clergy & People); Trinity College & Theological School (Robert Derrenbacher, Dean); Evensong to mark the opening of the International Congress of Genetics (Abp Phillip Frier); St Jude's Carlton – Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Paul's Frankston – Pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Michael's North Carlton – Pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell);

*The Parish:* Pray for those unwell or in hospital.

*The World:* Pray for peace in Sudan, Ukraine and the Middle East.

*The Nation:* Pray for our police, magistrates and judges.

### Daily Readings

Monday	Exodus 1.8-14, 22	Ps 124	Matthew 10.34 – 11.1
Tuesday	Exodus 2.1-15a	Ps 69.31-38	Matthew 11.20-24
Wednesday	Exodus 3.1-6, 9-12	Ps 103.1-7	Matthew 11.25-27
Thursday	Exodus 3.13-20	Ps 105.23-27	Matthew 11.28-30
Friday	Exodus 11.10-12.14	Ps 116.11-18	Matthew 12.1-8
Saturday	Exodus 12.37-42	Ps 136.1, 10-16	Matthew 12.14-21



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)

### WHERE IS LARS NOW?

Lars has now reached a total of \$1,957.90 in his fundraising bike ride to raise funds for a defibrillator for St Peter's. Two-thirds of the way to the total! Congratulations Lars!

Donate through our bank account, using the reference **AED**.

**Name of Account:** Anglican Parish of Box Hill    **Bank Name:** NAB

**Bank BSB No (6 digits):** 083 004    **Account No:** 3468 14183

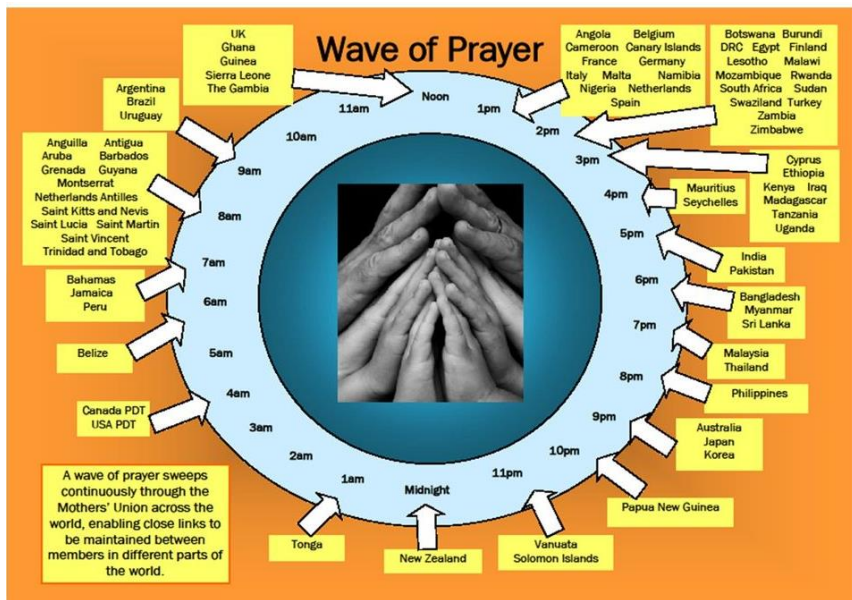
### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

As there is a funeral on this Friday at St Peter's, the office hours will be altered.

**Tuesday** 8.30am – 1.30pm,    **Friday** 8.00 – 10.00am

### WAVE OF PRAYER Mothers Union Wednesday 26 July at 1.30pm

The Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer is a special way of connecting MU members with each other around the world through the ministry of prayer. MU members are asked to pray for particular rostered dioceses at midday local time, so that each MU diocese is prayed for on five consecutive days each year.



## TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A group of Christians are tasked with changing a lightbulb.

The Charismatic changes it easily; his hands are already up.

The Roman Catholic refuses; he prefers candles.

The Pentecostal changes it while his friends pray against the Lord of Darkness.

The Christian Scientist can't, but he prays for the light to turn back on.

The Calvinist refuses; God has predestined when the light will be on.

The Anglican changes the lightbulb while his friends say how much they liked the old one.

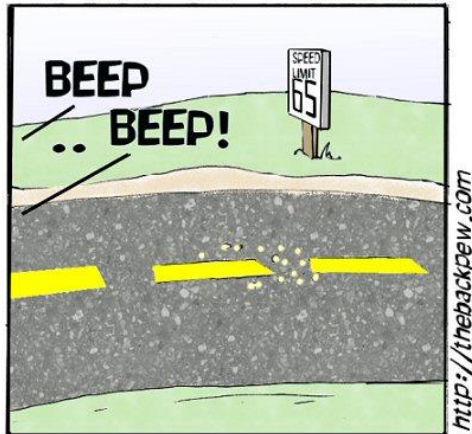
The Mormon tries to change it as five wives tell him how to do it right.

The Baptist changes the lightbulb, gets it approved by three committees, and then they all eat some casserole.

The Lutheran refuses: he doesn't believe in change.

The Unitarian chooses not to make a statement either in favour of, or against, the need for a lightbulb. However, if in your own journey you have found that lightbulbs work for you, you are encouraged to create a poem or modern dance about your personal relationship with the lightbulb, and present it next Sunday when we will explore a number of lightbulb traditions including incandescent, fluorescent, halogen, compact fluorescent, low-pressure sodium, and LED, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence.

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



<http://thebackpew.com>

and some seeds fell onto the highway  
and were eaten by the ROAD RUNNER

**Mt. 13:4-23 (Seed Parable)**

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY 16.07.23

#### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Aidan's*

4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

### MON 17.07.23

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

### TUES 18.07.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men at Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall*

### WED 19.07.23

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group (*kindergarten*)

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

### THU 20.07.23

6.00-9.00pm Sudanese prayer, *church*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

### FRI 21.07.23

8.00am-10.00pm Office open

10.30am Funeral of Colin Boyd

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

### SAT 22.07.21

10.30am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall* and  
*Undercroft*

### SUNDAY 23.07.23

#### Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Aidan's*

4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

## For the Diary

### July 26

Wave of Prayer 1.30pm

### August 8

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

### August 13

MU Fundraising Service

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### 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

Kooyoora Professional Standards  
1800 135 246

## Roster for Sunday 9.30am service

	<b>Today 16.07.23</b>	<b>Next week 23.07.23</b>
SIDESPEOPLE	Michele M, Barbara P	Elizabeth B, Rosemary S
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>	Elizabeth B, Judy J, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Elizabeth B, Hilary B	Kim C, Dianne A
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B	Sophia E/ Jan G
COUNTING	Garry P, Lyn B	Elizabeth B, Margaret R
MORNING TEA	<b>Cecilia</b> , Margaret R, Jan G	Rosemary S, Peter W, 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.