



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

19 November 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Parish
Link

Reverend Anne writes...

Today we will have our Annual Parish Meeting after the 9.30 service. The service will be a shorter one, just for today, so that we can gather in the Undercroft, get a quick tea or coffee, and be ready to begin the meeting around 10.30am. This will enable some of our Chinese congregation to attend the meeting and then go to their Service which begins at 11.30. This meeting gives us an opportunity to give thanks to God for the work of the Churchwardens and Parish Councillors which has been carried out over the past 12 months. All the 'departments' of the parish have prepared reports which can be downloaded from the internet, or if you don't have access to the internet, there are hard copies available.

It's great to see what has been achieved during this interregnum – there have been challenges and sadness, achievements and many joys shared by the congregation and the community at large. I give thanks to God also, for the support of all of the congregations for our Parish, sharing hope and confidence in our future ministry here in Box Hill.

Blessings, Anne

Annual Meeting 10.30am Undercroft

Hymns: Introit: 693 • Psalm: no psalm today • Gradual: 652 •
Offertory: 599 • Communion: choir • Final: 215

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.
1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

Prayer of the Day: Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for the new vicar: Bountiful God, you have answered our prayers and provided a faithful pastor to live to work in this community. We pray for The Reverend Victor Fan and his family as they prepare to move to Box Hill. Make the transition as smooth as possible, and give us warm and generous hearts as we prepare for their arrival, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Judges 4.1–10

¹ The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died.
² So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim.
³ Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. ⁴ At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵ She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. ⁶ She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷ I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand." ' ⁸ Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' ⁹ And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. ¹⁰ Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

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

Psalm: 123

¹ To you I lift up my eyes: you who are enthroned in the heavens.
² **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:
or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,**
³ So our eyes look to the Lord our God: until he show us his mercy.

**⁴ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have had our fill of derision.**

⁵ Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:
and with the contempt of the proud.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴ But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 25, beginning at verse 14

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁴ 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." ²¹ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." ²³ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the

ground. Here you have what is yours.”²⁶ But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?”²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void: give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Years Mind

Bill House, Jessie Collins, Sydney Mereweather, John Raselli, Marjorie Gibbs, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: All Souls' Anglican Church Sandringham (Jeremy Watson, Samantha White); The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); Defence Force Chaplains; Pastoral visits to: St Thomas, Winchelsea – (Bp Brad Billings); St John's Frankston North and St Luke's Carrum Downs (Bp Paul Barker); St Michael's and St Luke's North Dandenong (Bp Paul Barker); St Augustine's Church and St Hilary's Network Church Mont Albert North (Bp Kate Prowd); All Saints' Rosebud (Abp Philip Freier).

The Parish: Pray for all those who lead this parish.

The World: Pray for all victims of war and peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

The Nation: Pray for our judges, juries and lawmakers.

Daily Readings

Monday	1 Macabees 1.10-15, 41-64	Ps 119.153-160	Luke 18.35-43
Tuesday	2 Macabees 6.18-31	Ps 3	Luke 19.1-10
Wednesday	2 Macabees 7.1, 20-31	Ps 17.1-7	Luke 19.11-28
Thursday	1 Macabees 2.15-29	Ps 50.1-6	Luke 19.41-44
Friday	1 Macabees 4.36-37, 52-59	Ps 134	Luke 19.45-48
Saturday	1 Macabees 6.1-13	Ps 9.1-4	Luke 20.27-40



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

MEN@WORK

Many thanks to the Men@Work team for completing the work at the Vicarage to prepare it for the new Vicar. A job very well done!

INTERMENT OF ASHES

Lorna Berkley's ashes will be interred on Sunday Nov 26 after the 9.30 service. there will be a combined service on Dec 3 for the dedication of the windows, no 8am.

SOCIAL SUPPORT

There is a volunteering opportunity with Supporting Connections Outreach SAVVI – Supporting Connections program at EACH located in Mont Albert and Box Hill North. <https://www.each.com.au/service/savvi-supporting-connections/> This would be on a weekly or fortnightly basis involved in such activities as playing board games and watering the garden together. *Let Cecilia in the office know If you are interested.*

COMPLINE for CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

St Aidan's, November 26, 6.15pm. Pizza meal afterwards.

ANGLICARE DIXON HOUSE APPEAL

Christmas gifts for parents given by luncheon patrons and MU members and parishioners for Dixon house and Mission House need to be given to myself or Margaret Payne **before 6th Dec**. The gifts and food are distributed in first week of Dec. Jan Gunst. 0425757778.

OLD FASHIONED MOVIE AFTERNOON

Everyone enjoyed the old fashioned movie afternoon last week. 24 patrons attended and donations raised \$330. Thanks to all who attended or helped.

MOTHERS UNION

AGM is on November 22nd. This will be followed by "Show and Tell". All parishioners welcome.

RSL LUNCH 13 December, 11.30am

Only 20 places are booked for this annual lunch so please let Jan know as soon as possible if you want to be there. Ring Jan 0425757778 to book your plac .



WINE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Here is the link to the online wine drive order form. (If required, paper forms available from Hilary.) The cost for local delivery remains at \$9.00. (Sometimes you can pool together your orders to share this delivery cost.)

<https://prospectwines.com.au/product/box-hill-anglican-church/>

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Upon hearing of the impending burial of an old friend at a remote plot out in the country, a kind-hearted bagpiper decided to play at the graveside in his honour. On the day, his satnav let him down and he had great difficulty finding the site, until he finally came upon what seemed like the right place, only to realise that he had clearly just missed the burial.

He rushed across to the open grave, with the coffin yet to be earthed up, took out his pipes and began to play. Soon he was joined by the only two people still there, obviously the grave-diggers, who had been sitting in their van eating their sandwiches.

He gave it the works, ending up with a moving rendition of 'Amazing Grace', said a quick prayer and made his exit. As he passed the van, he heard one digger say to another, 'You know, I've been putting in septic tanks for thirty years, and that's the first time that's ever happened...!'



CHURCH MEETINGS ARE BRILLIANT

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 19.11.23

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist
- 9.30am Farsi Service, *kindergarten*
- 11.30am Mandarin service
- 2.00-3.00pm Alpha Course, *office*
- 2.30pm Dinka service
- 2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Aidan's*

MON 20.11.23

- 6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*
- 6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*

TUES 21.11.23

- 8.30am-12.30pm Office open
- 9.00-1.00pm Men at Work
- 6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall*

WED 22.11.23

- 10.30am Eucharist
- 9.30-11.30am Play group, *kindergarten*
- 10.00-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*
- 8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 23.11.23

- 4.30-9.30pm Student piano concert
- 6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 24.11.23

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

SAT 25.11.23

- 10.30am-1.30pm Sat School, *hall & Undercroft*
- 1.00-4.00pm Student piano concert
- 4.30-7.30pm Student piano concert
- 7.30-8.30pm Concert Supper, *Undercroft*

SUNDAY 26.11.23

Christ the King

- 8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist
- 9.30am Farsi Service, *kindergarten*
- 11.30am Mandarin service
- 2.00-3.00pm Alpha Course, *office*
- 2.30pm Dinka service
- 2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Aidan's*

For the Diary

November 19

- Parish Annual General Meeting
- 10.30am Undercroft

November 26

- *Ashes of Lorna Berkeley in Memorial Garden after 9.30am service
- *Compline for Christ the King Sunday St Aidan's, 6.15pm

December 3

- Advent Sunday
- Dedication of new windows in chapel during the **9.30am service** (No 8.00am service on the day)

December 13

- Mothers Union Christmas lunch

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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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Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

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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 19.11.23	Next week 26.11.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Michele M, Barbara P	Rosemary S, Martin F
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>	Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Elizabeth B, Conrad H	Kim C, Hilary B
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Keith W
COUNTING	Hilary B, Margaret R	Elizabeth B, Charles B
MORNING TEA	Cecilia , Margaret R, Jan G, Jenny F	Barbara P , Keith Wilkins, Dianne A

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.