



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

28 January 2024

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Parish Link

Reverend Anne writes...

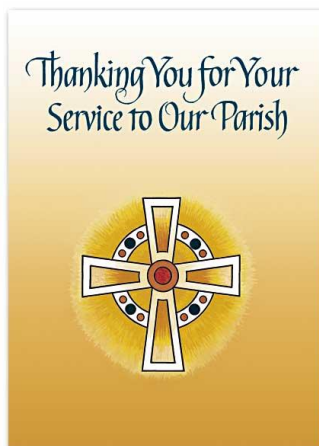
This week we will turn the page to see a new chapter opening up in the life of our Community. Rev'd Victor Fan's Commissioning on Tuesday evening is a cause for great celebration as we look forward to his spiritual leadership as our Vicar for the coming years.

Give him and his family a warm welcome as they settle into new routines. Support them with prayer and encouragement as you get to know each other. Don't forget to wear your new name tags!

Thank you for the support you have given me as Acting Vicar over the last 17 months. It's been a great joy to minister in this place, and I look forward to being part of our congregation in the future.

God's blessing to each of you!

Anne



Hymns: Introit: 452 • Psalm: hymn 111, omit vs 3&4 • Gradual: 638 tune 654•
Offertory: sheet *They raged at Jesus' sermon* • Communion: 523
Final: sheet *In Christ alone*

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. Matthew 9.35

Prayer of the Day: God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending: enable us both to love you with all our heart and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for the new vicar: Bountiful God, we thank you for choosing a faithful pastor to serve as Vicar of our Parish. We pray for Reverend Victor Fan as he prepares to take up his appointment. Give us warm and generous hearts as we prepare to welcome him and his family into our community. **Amen**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20

¹⁵ The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.'

¹⁷ Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

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

Psalms: 111

¹ O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart:
in the company of the upright and among the congregation.

² **The works of the Lord are great:
and studied by all who take delight in them.**

³ His deeds are majestic and glorious: and his righteousness stands for ever.

⁴ **His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered:
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

⁵ He gives food to those that fear him: he remembers his covenant for ever.

⁶ **He showed his people the power of his acts:
in giving them the heritage of the heathen.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just: and all his commandments are sure;

⁸ **They stand firm for ever and ever: they are done in faithfulness and in truth.**

⁹ He sent redemption to his people, he ordained his covenant for ever:
holy is his name and worthy to be feared.

**¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and of good understanding are those that keep his commandments:
his praise shall endure for ever.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8.1-13

¹ Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ² Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³ but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴ Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.' ⁵ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷ It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ 'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹² But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark, Chapter 1, beginning at verse 21

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

Prayer of the Week: O Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing: send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.



Years Mind

Daisy Stanley, Bruce Simmons, Joyce Stephens, and Charles Maryon Crooks, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: St Mark's Anglican Church Camberwell (Vaughn Spring, Stephen Hale, Locum, Angus Monro, David Shannon); The Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, General Secretary Anne Hywood, the General Synod & the Standing Committee); Anglican Men's Society; The Anglican Church of Southern Africa (The Abp Thabo Cecil Makgoba); St James & St Peter's Kilsyth and Montrose – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker).

The Parish: Give thanks for the work of Rev'd Anne in the parish and pray for her and Rob as they start a new chapter. Pray for Rev'd Victor and his family as he begins his role at St Peter's.

The World: Pray for all war-torn places in the world and for the displaced.

The Nation: Pray for students and teachers as they return for the school year.

Daily Readings

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| Monday | 2 Samuel 15.13-16.13 | Ps 3 | Mark 51.1-20 |
| Tuesday | 2 Samuel 18.9-19.3 | Ps 86.1-7 | Mark 5.21-43 |
| Wednesday | 2 Samuel 24.2-17 | Ps 32.1-7 | Mark 6.1-6 |
| Thursday | 1 Kings 2.1-12 | Ps 144.1-4 | Mark 6.7-13 |
| Friday | Sirach 47.2-11 | Ps 18.48-52 | Mark 6.14-29 |
| Saturday | 1 Kings 3.4-13 | Ps 119.9-16 | Mark 6.30-34 |

ABM Pew Reflections

As we follow Jesus, we go with him to the synagogue to hear his teaching as he reveals wisdom and authority. We see Jesus answer cries to be made whole as unclean spirits depart obeying the Holy One of God. We walk with Jesus and continue to grow in knowledge that we may speak the words of God. • God, your works are great and glorious, raise me up to proclaim your name. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in South Sudan.



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

COMMISSIONING OF NEW VICAR

Our new vicar, Reverend Victor Fan, will be commissioned into his role on **Tuesday, January 30 at 7.30pm**. Supper afterwards in the hall.

You should have all received an invitation to attend and it is important that we all attend, if possible, on this important occasion.

CHRISTMAS TREE

There is a manufactured Christmas tree available to a good home. It is almost two metres high and comes with its box. See Garry M or Garry P or Rob Kennedy if you are interested.

SUPPER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you can bring either savoury or sweet dishes to help with the supper after the commissioning of Father Victor, please see Jan or Cecilia. (We will not be serving hot food.) Food can be left in the hall before the service, or given to Cecilia in the office on Tuesday morning.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The first Parish Council meeting for the year will happen on Tuesday, February 13, in the Undercroft. All reports should reach the Secretary, Garry P, in time for distribution.

NAME TAGS

With our new vicar coming, we are hoping everyone will start wearing their name tags so we can all be recognised! If you need a new name tag, please email the office and ask for one: anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com

FAREWELL TO OUR ACTING VICAR

There will be an opportunity to thank Reverend Anne Kennedy, our wonderful Acting Vicar, directly after her final Sunday service in the role on January 28 at morning tea.

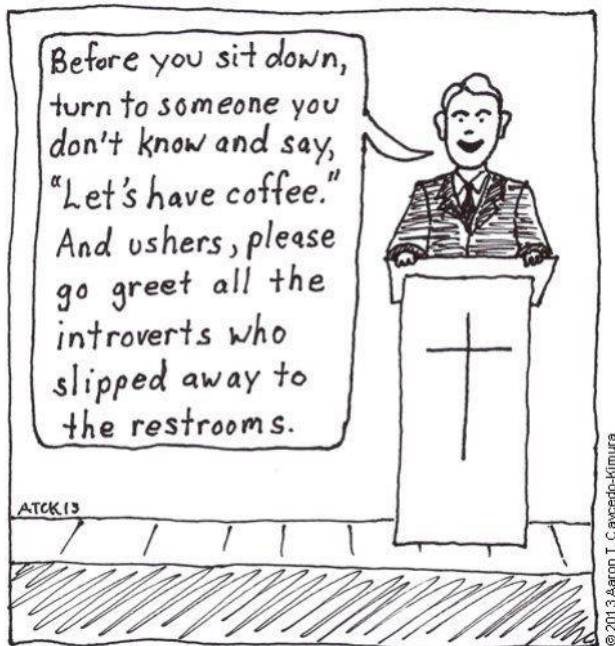
Goodbye!
& THANK YOU

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

The vicar was told that the organ needed restoration work. So, before the Sunday morning service, he told the organist that he would make an appeal for funds after the notices, and that some music would be appropriate. Imagine his surprise when, having asked those interested in giving financial support to stand, the organist played the national anthem!

Q: How do we know that Peter was a good fisherman?

A: By his net income!



Week Ahead

SUNDAY 28.01.24

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am Eucharist 9.30am Eucharist

9.30am Farsi Service, *kindergarten*

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

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

MONDAY 29.01.24

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*

6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*

TUES 30.01.23

9.00am-1.00pm Office open

9.00 onwards Parish People@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall, on holidays*

7.30pm Commissioning service of new vicar

WED 31.01.24

10.30am Eucharist

10.00-11.30am Tai Chi *hall, on holidays*

THU 1.02.24

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 2.02.24

9.00am-1.00pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 3.02.24

10.30am-1.30pm Sat School, *on holidays*

SUNDAY 4.02.24

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

9.30am Farsi Service, *kindergarten*

11.30am Mandarin service

1.00pm Badminton, *hall*

2.30pm Dinka service

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

For the Diary

January 28

Special Morning Teas after the 9.30am service for Rev'd Anne

January 30

Tuesday 7.30pm

Commissioning of our new vicar

February 2024

Playgroup resumes

February 13

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, U'croft

February 14

Ash Wednesday

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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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Tue & Fri 9.00am – 1.00pm

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.

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Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be
reported to
Kooyoora Professional Standards
1800 135 246

Roster for upcoming services

| | Today 28.01.24 | Next week 4.02.24 |
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| SIDESPEOPLE | Dianne A, Rosemary S | Sandra L, Martin F |
| SERVERS | Michele M, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i> | Rosemary S, Michele M, <i>Kim C</i> |
| READERS | Judy J, Edwin C | Michele M, Elizabeth B |
| INTERCESSOR | Keith W | Elizabeth B |
| COUNTING | Lyn B, Garry P | Michele M, Rob K |
| 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.