



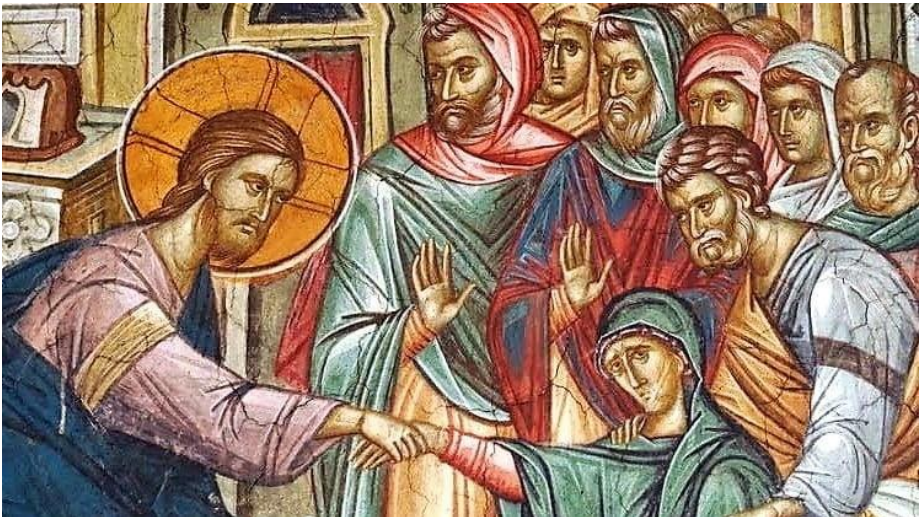
ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

4 February 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Parish
Link

Welcome to Fr Victor Fan
on his first Sunday service at St Peter's!



Hymns: Introit: 622 • Psalm: 147 • Gradual: 572•
Offertory: 686 • Communion: 513 Final: 547

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles. Isaiah 40.31

Prayer of the Day: Saving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and brought them wholeness of body and mind: inspire us, his disciples, so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by our words and by the dedication and integrity of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 40.21-31

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³ who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm: 147.1-11

¹ O praise the Lord, for it is good to sing praises to our God:
and to praise him is joyful and right.

² **The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem:**

he is gathering together the scattered outcasts of Israel.

³ He heals the broken in spirit: and binds up their wounds.

⁴ **He counts the number of the stars: and calls them all by name.**

⁵ Great is our Lord, and great is his power:
there is no measuring his understanding.

⁶ **The Lord restores the humble: but he brings down the wicked to the dust.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9.16-23

¹⁶ If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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 29

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' ³⁸ He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

Prayer of the Week: Father of all, who gave your only-begotten Son to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Years Mind

Russ Tyson, Jim Allen, Jack & Helena Pockett, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: The Oak Tree Parish of St Mary's Caulfield with St Clement's Elsternwick (Mark Juers, Andrew Stewart, Karen Winsemius); The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); Authorised Stipendiary Lay Ministers; The Anglican Church of South America (Abp Nicholas Drayson); St Mary's West Perth – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker).

The Parish: Give thanks for the presence of our new Vicar and his family.

The World: Pray for the people of Ukraine, the Middle East and South Sudan.

The Nation: Give thanks for our doctors, nurses and paramedics.

Daily Readings

Monday	1 Kings 8.1-13	Ps 132.7-11	Mark 6.53-56
Tuesday	1 Kings 8.22-30	Ps 84.1-4	Mark 7.1-13
Wednesday	1 Kings 10.1-10	Ps 37.35-40	Mark 7.14-23
Thursday	1 Kings 11.4-13	Ps 106.32-39	Mark 7.24-30
Friday	1 Kings 11.29-12.9	Ps 81.10-16	Mark 7.31-37
Saturday	1 Kings 12.26-13.34	Ps 106. 20-24	Mark 8.1-10



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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS REVEREND BETTY BRACKEN

Rev'd Betty Bracken is celebrating 30 years since being ordained as a deacon – 6th February, 1994. We thank God for her work during that time and for Betty's presence with us at St Peter's.

Also, congratulations to Reverend Anne Kennedy who celebrated her 10 years since ordination as deacon, last week.

THANKS FROM REVEREND ANNE

Thank you everyone for celebrating my second retirement last Sunday. The table looked beautiful, and it really signified what I'd been trying to do while I was Acting Vicar – to have everyone together, sharing fellowship and laughter, and enjoying each other's company, all in the name of our wonderful and surprising God! Thank you for your gifts, comments, prayers and friendship, all of which I will treasure. Blessings, Anne

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY at St Andrews Christian College in Wantirna South, have the following available:

Payroll Officer – Part Time 2 days per week (approx. 0.4), permanent ongoing
Please enquire of the position description for this role, as well as a Non-Teaching Application form. External advertisements can also be found on their employment page: [St Andrews - Employment](#).

IT TAKES ONE WOMAN – FLORENCE LI TIM OI: the first Anglican Woman Priest

Last Sunday, our locum vicar Anne spoke of the first Anglican woman priest ordained 80 years ago in southern China by Bishop Ronald Hall (yes – ordained 25 January 1944 St Paul's Conversion) with an icon of her at the altar. The story of her humble and saintly life is quite inspiring. If you would like to know more about her, just google The Li Tim Oi Foundation and follow the links to her story in summary form under Resources <https://www.ltof.org.uk/litimoi-story/> There are also two books: one a biography *Much Beloved Daughter* (1985) and one a memoir *Raindrops on my life* (1996). Bishop Hall's perspective can be seen in his biography *R.O. (1985)*. There are also two 30 minute videos on YouTube *Return to Hepu* and *Beyond Hepu*. (If there's sufficient interest, Keith Wilkins would be happy to repeat what he presented to the St Peter's Mothers Union meeting in Nov 2021.)

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

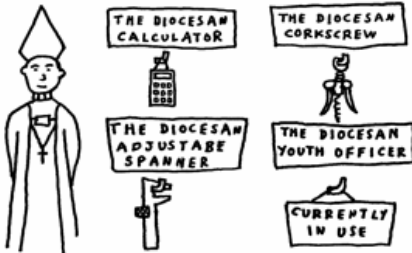
Fr Victor will be holding bible studies this Lent, one on Zoom and one in person. Times and dates will be available shortly.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

At Sunday school, the younger children were drawing pictures illustrating Biblical stories. The teacher walked by and noticed one little boy was drawing an aeroplane! "Oh, what Bible story are you drawing?" she asked. "This is the Flight into Egypt," the little boy answered. "See, here is Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. And this," he said, pointing to the front of the plane, "is Pontius. He's the Pilot."

We are all in favour of change.. as long as it doesnt make any difference

BISHOPS WHAT THEY DO



TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DIOCESAN PORTFOLIO OF ASSETS



RESPOND TO CRISES WHEN THEY OCCUR



SIT IN THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS



DISCIPLINE THE CLERGY

Week Ahead

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*

MONDAY 5.02.24

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*

6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*

TUES 6.02.23

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 7.02.24

9.30-11.30am Playgroup, *Kindergarten*

10.30am Eucharist

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

THU 8.02.24

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 9.02.24

9.00am-1.00pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 10.02.24

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

SUNDAY 11.02.24

Last 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

February 7

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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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 4.02.24	Next week 11.02.24
SIDESPEOPLE	Sandra L, Martin F	Noel W, Elizabeth B
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Michele M, <i>Kim C</i>	Judy J, Michele M, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Michele M, Elizabeth B	Garry P, Martin F
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B	Judy J
COUNTING	Michele M, Rob K	Garry P, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	Elizabeth B , Laurence L, Lyn B	Rosemary S , Peter W, Margaret R

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.