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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**25<sup>th</sup> August 2024**



# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Please all stand*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 594

### SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

### GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you!**

### SENTENCE

Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.'  
*John 6.63*

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." Jesus said: "This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself."

### KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (THE HYMN OF PRAISE)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY / COLLECT

Let us pray.

**Everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called them, each may serve you in holiness and**

truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated for the reading*

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 34:15-22 APBA

15 The eyes of God are on the righteous:  
and his ears towards their cry.

16 **The Lord sets his face against wrongdoers:  
to root out their memory from the earth.**

17 The righteous cry; the Lord hears it:  
and frees them from all their afflictions.

18 **The Lord is close to those who are broken-hearted:  
and the crushed in spirit he saves.**

19 The trials of the righteous are many:  
but our God delivers us from them all.

20 **He guards all our bones: so that not one is broken**

21 Evil will slay the wicked:  
and those who hate the righteous will be destroyed.

22 **The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants:  
and none who hide in him will be destroyed.**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 6:10-20.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

#### **GRADUAL HYMN 512**

**GOSPEL** (Please stand)

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life  
(*John 6:63c,68c*)

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St John 6: 56-69.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said to them, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?’ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, ‘Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, ‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.’

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GRADUAL HYMN** *repeat verses*

**SERMON**

**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed, each in our preferred language.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the Forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *please kneel/sit*

In his goodness and love, the Lord desires our hunger for him and quenches our thirst through the gift of his Body and Blood. With confidence let us bring our needs before him.

*(At the end of each section)* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Conclude the prayer with:*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers:

**Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

[Let us pray.]

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Before his death Joshua said to the people: "Choose today whether you want to follow the Lord or false gods". And Jesus said to his apostles: "Will you also leave me?" In other words the people were given a choice. God forces no one to obey him. He leaves us free. We often abuse our freedom. We choose evil instead of good. (Pause).

We ask the pardon and mercy of Christ.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 477**

*The offering is collected during the hymn. The gifts of the people, Bread and Wine and collection of money, are brought to the Lord's Table.*

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation:

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (ORDINARY TIME)**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for  
sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we  
pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers  
of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for  
you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples,  
saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for  
you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in  
remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and  
looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one  
perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all  
your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with  
whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in  
songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray, each in our preferred language:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the  
time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING THE CONSECRATED BREAD**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

## **THE INVITATION**

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*God invites everyone to gather around his table. We extend an invitation to all baptised Christians to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing arms over chest.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN 714**

### **THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE BLESSING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

May the Father, who fed his children with manna in the wilderness, strengthen you in your pilgrimage to the Promised Land. May the Son, who gave his flesh for food and his blood for drink, keep you in eternal life and raise you up on the last day.

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, help you discern the Lord's body and empower you to proclaim his death until he comes; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen!**

## **DISMISSAL HYMN 108**





# Parish Link

## Notices & Information

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Years Mind

Jeanne and Fr John Stockdale, Ron Bracken, Derek Bennett, Douglas Baker, Dorothy Strachan, Nancy Wright, Win Jackson, and Constance Cox, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Prayers for the Church

The Anglican Church of Mexico (Bp Enrique Trevino Cruz); Christ Church Essendon (George Kirreh); The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People); Ministries to Youth; Pastoral services: Holy Trinity Doncaster (Abp Philip Freier); St Stephen's with St Mary's Mount Waverley (Abp Philip Freier); St Peter's Craigieburn (Bp Kate Prowd); St Augustine's Mont Albert North (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

### Prayer of the Week

Creator God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Daily Readings

Monday	2 Thessalonians 1.1-12	Ps 96.1-6	Matthew 23.13-22
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 2.1-17	Ps 96.7-13	Matthew 23.23-26
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 3.1-18	Ps 128	Matthew 23.27-32
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1.1-9	Ps 145.1-7	Matthew 24.42-51
Friday	1 Corinthians 1.17-25	Ps 33.1-8	Matthew 25.1-13
Saturday	1 Corinthians 1.26-31	Ps 33.13-21	Matthew 25.14-30

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

There is a water leak somewhere on the property and so **all the water has been turned off**. This means that there will be **no morning tea** available after the service. Please bring your own water bottles if required. **Toilets will be available** for the period of the service only.

### CELEBRATING OUR PATRON ST AIDAN 6.15pm, September 1

In addition to our usual Sunday services at St Peter's, we will be marking St Aidan's Day at **St Aidan's Church: 8 Surrey Street, Box Hill South**. This will be a liturgy of scripture, prayer, chants and silences and include the hymn written for our St Aidan's Church: "O God you called St Aidan/to study and to pray". All welcome. We will have opportunity for fellowship with pizza after the service.

## 2025 ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS

These are now available to order via Michele Mitchell – Contact on email; [themitchells01@bigpond.com](mailto:themitchells01@bigpond.com) or mobile: 0408 531 045. The cost this year is \$15 each. They make wonderful Christmas presents as well as one for your kitchen/study.

### WINE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Our popular Wine Drive is on again and you can purchase wines from Prospect Wines through their online ordering website. [Box Hill Anglican Church - Prospect Wines fundraiser](#) See Hilary if you have any queries: Phone 9899 7553 or 0400 635 600

### MOTHERS' UNION MEETING August 28

We have a speaker who is a volunteer with Prison Network a not-for-profit organization. This is a Christian-based organisation which works with women in the prison system, such as the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre. This should be very interesting, and we invite any or all parishioners to join us.

### MAP MEETING 2.00pm Saturday (August 24).

The Vicar has kindly arranged for the **meeting to be held at the Vicarage** because of the water being turned off in the Undercroft.

## BOARD GAMES in the Undercroft

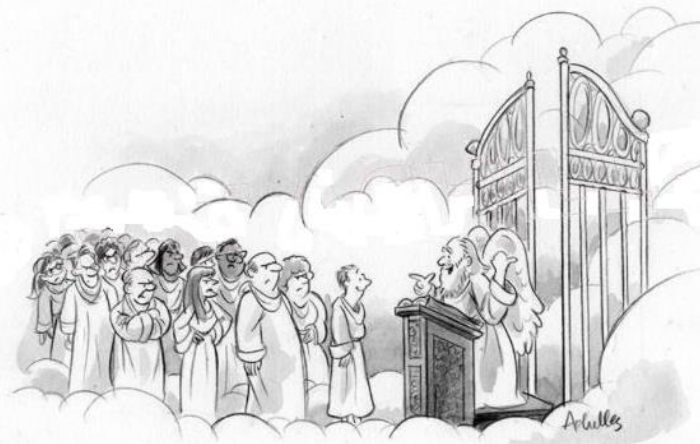
2.00pm Sunday Sept 1

### TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

"Do you know how much it is to rent a church singing group?"

"Do you mean a choir?"

"Fine, yes, do you know how much it is to acquire a church singing group?"



**"Oh, you're a tenor? You can go right in, they're always looking for tenors."**

### 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.

### 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.

<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>Today 25.08.24</b>	<b>Next week</b>
SIDESPERSION	Rob K	Martin & Jennifer F
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Judy J, <i>Kim C</i>	Michele M, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Michele M, Rosemary S	Elizabeth B, Martin F
INTERCESSOR	Judy J	Judy J
COUNTING	Charles B, Lyn B	Michele M, Garry P
MORNING TEA	<b>Barbara P</b> , Keith W, Dianne A	<b>Elizabeth B</b> , Laurence L, Lyn B

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1800 135 246

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## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY 25.08.24

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist  
11.30am Mandarin Bible Study, *office*  
2.00pm Dinka service  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### MONDAY 26.08.24

Vicar's day off  
6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*  
6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### TUES 27.08.24

*Monica, mother of Augustine (d.387)*  
8.30am-12.30pm Office open  
9.00 onwards Parish People@Work  
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### WED 28.08.24

*Augustine of Hippo, bp & teacher, (d.430)*  
9.30-11.30am Playgroup, *Kindergarten*  
10.30am Eucharist  
10.00-11.30am Tai Chi, *hall*  
8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### THU 29.08.24

*Beheading of John the Baptist*  
6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### FRI 30.08.24

8.30am-12.30pm Office open  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### SAT 31.08.24

*Aidan of Lindisfarne, bp & missionary (d.651)*  
*John Bunyan, (d.1688)*  
10.00am Bible Study, *office*  
10.30am-1.30pm Sat School, *hall & U/croft*  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### SUN 1.09.24

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist  
11.30am Mandarin Bible Study, *office*  
2.00pm Dinka service, *church*  
2.00pm Board games, *Undercroft*  
6.15pm Service at St Aidan's  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

## For the Diary

### August 24

Mission Action Plan meeting,  
2.00pm, **Vicarage**

### August 28

MU meeting – speaker from Prison Network

### September 1

(All services as usual this day)  
St Aidan's Day service  
6.15 pm Sunday

### October 6

Blessing of the animals

### October 27

Shoebox Sunday  
(Boxes available from Jan)

## CLERGY

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