



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
14 October, 2018

Parish Link

Fr Harry Writes...

Dear friends,

This week the news has been dominated by the report of the International Committee on Climate Change. It is grim reading. If the world does not reduce its carbon emissions drastically by 2050 we shall face disaster. Droughts and therefore bushfires will become more frequent. The Great Barrier Reef and many other coral reefs will die completely. South East Australia can expect temperatures of 50 degrees. Sea levels will rise as the Arctic and Antarctic icecaps melt. Some Pacific islands will disappear under the ocean and the people who live on them will become refugees. Great rivers on which many people depend for water and irrigation will dry up as the mountain glaciers melt. There will be many more cyclones and hurricanes. There will be wars and conflicts as people fight over declining food and water supplies. Is this the world we want to leave for our grandchildren? We know we can phase out coal and switch to renewable energy. Yet our government has no energy policy. We should be afraid and angry and with state and federal elections coming up we should maintain our rage. Our reading from the book of Job reminds us that this world, the wonderful creation which we take for granted is where we see God at work. God made it. God knows how it works and where it is vulnerable. It is God's home which God shares with us. He gives it to us to enjoy and to care for. It sustains our life but only so long as we respect it and know it as a holy place where we meet the Holy God.

Morning tea

Morning tea is served in the undercroft
after the 9.30am service. Please join us.

Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News
Telling the story afresh
Expressing God's love
Nurturing and sharing faith
Equipping to serve
Serving the community

Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

FOR YOUR 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 in 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.

Sentence

There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for Jesus' sake, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. Mark 10.29–30

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, in your Son you call not the righteous but sinners to repentance: draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Job 38.1-18

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? 'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? — when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped"? 'Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

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

Psalm: 22. 1-15 in the *APBA* prayer book, p. 241

Second Reading: Hebrews 4.12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in

every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark, Chapter 10, beginning at verse 17.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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

Welcome to the Lord's Table.

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion
or to come forward for a blessing.

Years Mind

Joyce Brown, Joy Husband, Glenn Hearn, Hilda Werkwerth
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Church in Wales (Abp John Davies); Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Department of Theological Education (Bp Brad Billings, Assistant Bishop, Monomeeth Episcopate); Holy Trinity Surrey Hills – confirmation service (Bp Paul Barker); East Malvern RSL Sub-Branch Centenary Commemoration Service (Bp Brad Billings).

The Parish: Give thanks for the success of our outreach to the community in our Spring Fair and for the all the fellowship and hard work of our congregations.

The World: Continue to pray for the victims and their families of the tsunami and earthquake in Indonesia and for other natural disasters around the world. Pray for the work of the rescue and aid workers.

The Nation/Community: Pray for the good government of our state of Victoria and for all the states in Australia and relations between state and federal governments.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by sight: give us such trust in your fatherly care that in the face of all perplexities we may give proof of our faith by the courage of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Galatians 4.22-5.1	Ps 113	Luke 11.29-32
Tuesday	Galatians 5.1-6	Ps 119.41-48	Luke 11.37-41
Wednesday	Galatians 5.18-25	Ps 1	Luke 11.42-46
Thursday	Ephesians 1.1-10	Ps 98.1-7	Luke 11.47-54
Friday	Ephesians 1.11-14	Ps 33.6-12	Luke 12.1-7
Saturday	Ephesians 1.15-23	Ps 8	Luke 12.8-12

Important Notices

*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please email the office and let Cecilia know **before** Thursdays or email anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com. Please keep notices to the point as space is limited.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

25 November 2018

The service on this Sunday will start at **9.00am** and will be the only service for this day. The AGM will begin directly after the service finishes at 10.30am and it is hoped that all parishioners will be able to attend this important meeting.

Blessing of the Pets



**Sunday 21st October
10.00am**

*Bring your Pet for a Blessing
Light refreshments to follow*

SPRING FAIR

How are you all this morning?

I write this, five days before our Spring Fair and realise that so many of you have again prayed for, planned, toiled and created many wonderful items for us to sell. Praise the Lord for your support. I hope that next week's Link will be able to repeat a report similar to that written on October 16 1908. About 110 years ago!

"A very successful sale of gifts was held at St Peter's parish hall, Box Hill, on Friday, Saturday, and Monday evenings. The weather was fine throughout, and there was a large attendance each evening, and extensive business was done by the stall holders, assisted by a host of attractive attendants, who were charmingly insistent in their efforts to exchange goods for the current coin of the realm."

We are selling only on Saturday. What stamina they had back in 1908 for three evenings! There will be a proper report in next week's Link. *Hilary Blakeman*

DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP

Starts again next Sunday!

What will the next topic be? Come along and find out or...
tell Esther or Sophia your best guess, and if you are correct
there is a reward for you!

ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2019

Orders are now being taken for the 2019 edition of the Anglican Church Calendar – still a bargain at \$12 each – ideal for gifts. Please see/contact Michele Mitchell on 9890 4387/themitchells01@bigpond.com

SHOEBOX SUNDAY October 28

We are looking forward to having a large stack of shoeboxes for "Operation Christmas Child" this year. Boxes can be left at the office from now on (see Jan) or be brought on the day.

BIBLE STUDY
Seven Stories – Introduction
ALL WELCOME

Please join us for this Bible study on the nonviolent message of the Bible. Our first series of three will be an introduction to reading the Bible, understanding what 'atonement' has meant over the centuries, and learning about the 'scapegoat mechanism'. Studies will start on **Thursdays, 7.30pm** in the **Undercroft** starting on **November 15** and continuing on November 22 and 29.

If you have ever wondered ...

- Why does the Bible seem to contradict itself?
- Why is there so much violence in the Bible?
- There's a lot in the Bible that I can't relate to.
- Does the Bible have anything useful to say in the 21st century?

... then this Bible study is for you!

We will be following the book *Seven Stories: How to study and teach the nonviolent Bible*. It is available on Amazon as a paperback or kindle but it is quite pricey. You don't need to have your own copy, though. Contact Janet Hubner for more information or if you need help with transport: janet.hubner@hotmail.com, ph. 0437 489 982.



Invitation to a Garden Party at
Bishopscourt

In support of

Dream Stitches Sewing Program for
Refugee & Migrant Women

27 October, 1.30 – 4.00pm



This is wonderful chance to see Bishopscourt gardens and attend this worthwhile event for a highly enjoyable afternoon.

Tickets available from Barbara Plumridge for \$35.



What's on this Week

TODAY 14.10.18

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am **Holy Communion**

9.30am **Holy Communion**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

Discipleship resumes 21/10

7.30pm *Al Anon, hall*

MON 15.10.18

7.30pm *Narcotics Anonymous, St Aidan's*

TUES 16.10.18

8.30-11.30pm **Men at Work**

10.00-1.00 **Joyful Chinese, hall**

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**

WED 17.10.18

10.30am **Eucharist**

2.00pm **Set up for Play Group, hall**

6.00-7.00pm **Chinese Dancing, hall**

8.00-9.00pm **Choir Practice, u/croft**

THU 18.10.18

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

9.30-11.30am **Play Group, hall**

600-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer, u/croft**

FRI 19.10.18

7.30am **Eucharist**

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 20.10.18

9am-12pm **Homework Club, hall**

SUN 21.10.18

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am **Holy Communion**

10.00am **Family & Children's Service**

Blessing of the Pets

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

2.30-3.30pm **Discipleship, hall**

7.30pm *Al Anon, hall*

For the Diary

17-20 October

Synod

20 October

VMTA Concert, 2.00-6.00pm

21 October

Blessing of the Pets



27 October

Dream Stitches Garden Party
at Bishopscourt 1.30-4.00pm

28 October

Shoobox Sunday



4 November

Bishop Genieve visits the parish
Combined service at **10.30am**
with Baptism and Confirmation

15 November

7.30pm Bible Study begins

25 November

Service this day starts **9.00am**
Annual General Meeting
(directly after service)

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During the service, let God speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

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Clergy are available for confession / counselling by appointment.

Roster 9.30am Service and 10.00am FACS

SIDESPEOPLE	Today 14/10/18 Elizabeth B, Don W, Margaret P W	Next week 21/10/18 Barbara P, Michele M W
SERVERS	Today 14/10/18 Sophia E, Keith W	Next week 21/10/18 Not rostered
READERS	Today week 14/10/18 Charles B, Jan G	Next 21/10/18 Not rostered
INTERCESSOR	Today 14/10/18 Keith W	Next week 21/10/18 Not rostered
MORNING TEA	Today 14/10/18 Gwen McD, Janet H, Rosemary S, Peter W	Next week 21/10/18 Cecilia M, Margaret R, Keith W, Jan G