



**ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9 August, 2020

# Parish Link

## **Our Vicar writes...**

Welcome to our online worship today. Our Gospel reading this morning continues straight on from last week's in a very long day for Jesus! The disciples find themselves caught in a fierce storm and Jesus comes to them. A traditional interpretation focuses on Peter, who if he kept his eyes on Jesus instead of being distracted, might not have begun to sink. The message for us from this would be to remain focussed on our Lord and Saviour even if the situation seems dire around us. Another line of reflection points us to where Jesus is and what he does. In all of life's trials and tribulations Jesus comes to us! In all of life's difficulties it is our God who saves us. There is encouragement to be gained from Jesus statement to the disciples (and to us), "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." In a world that seems to have gone crazy; in challenging times for people of faith worldwide, and for our parish, the matter is one of continuing to open our hearts to the transformation and presence of God in order for us to mature and deepen our faith and be able to do all that is asked of us! May that be our prayer this day.

### **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**

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**TOILETS** – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

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**OH&S** – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.

## Sentence

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Matthew 14.26–27

## Prayer of the Day

Mighty God and ruler of all creation, give new strength to our faith, that we may recognise your presence even when all hope seems lost. Help us to face all trials with serenity as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life and come at the last to your eternal peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Readings

First Reading: first book of Kings, Chapter 19, verses 9-18

<sup>9</sup> At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' <sup>10</sup> He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' <sup>11</sup> He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' <sup>14</sup> He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

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

Psalm: 105.1-6, 105.16-22

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:  
tell among the peoples what things he has done.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing to him, O sing praises:  
and be telling of all his marvellous works.**

<sup>3</sup> Exult in his holy name:  
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

<sup>4</sup> **Seek the Lord and his strength:  
O seek his face continually.**

<sup>5</sup> Call to mind what wonders he has done:  
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,

<sup>6</sup> **O seed of Abraham his servant:  
O children of Jacob his chosen one.**

<sup>16</sup> Then he called down a famine on the land:  
and destroyed the bread that was their stay.

<sup>17</sup> **But he had sent a man ahead of them:  
Joseph who was sold into slavery,**

<sup>18</sup> Whose feet they fastened with fetters:  
and thrust his neck into a hoop of iron.

<sup>19</sup> **Till the time that his words proved true:  
he was tested by the Lord's command.**

<sup>20</sup> Then the king sent and loosed him:  
the ruler of nations set him free;

<sup>21</sup> **He made him master of his household:  
and ruler over all his possessions,**

<sup>22</sup> To rebuke his officers at will:  
and to teach his counsellors wisdom.

## Second Reading: Romans 10.4-15

<sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. <sup>5</sup> Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' <sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have

never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew, Chapter 14, beginning at verse 22

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' <sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' <sup>29</sup> He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' <sup>34</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. <sup>35</sup> After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, <sup>36</sup> and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

### **Years Mind**

Colin Simpson, Lorna Berkeley, Don Daniel, Elizabeth Watkins,  
Robert Wallace, George Strachan, Ellen Toussaint, Werner Gronlund  
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### **Prayer Points**

*The Church:* Pray for the Anglican Church of Rwanda (Abp Laurent Mbanda); Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester, Clergy & People); Ridley College (Brian Rosner, Principal; Tim Foster, Richard Trist); St James' Dandenong (Graeme Peters, Oyem Amaylek, Michael Kicevski, George Ladu); St Stephen's Bayswater – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); Parish of Christ Church Lancefield w. St Paul's Romsey – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

*The Parish:* Pray for all our congregation as we start this lockdown period.

*The World:* Pray for all political prisoners and victims of injustice.

*The Nation:* Pray for the lonely, the frightened and the despairing.

*Names of those in our parish who need our prayer:*

Emma, Eric and Bev, Miriam, Phil and Sandra, Joan, Alistair, Freya, John, Lauren, Mark, Sue, Christine, Nola, Lorraine, Neville, June, Gayle, Nigel, Nancy, Kate, Gwen, Russ, Betty, Jessie, Don, Jim, Alma, Muriel, Faye, Eileen, Nola W, Margaret, Fr. Philip Newman and Louis.

### Prayer of the Week

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer in time of a pandemic

*Lord Jesus Christ, healer and friend, come and care for all of us through the danger and uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic. To people who are sick, bring healing. To people who are displaced, isolated, or cut off from family, friends or work, bring comfort and companionship. Work with medical staff as they care for the sick, and protect them from harm. Give skill and fruitful research to scientists as they search for treatments, prevention and a cure. To public health authorities, give wisdom to decide the best ways to manage both this crisis and our anxieties. When communities are fearful, give a calm spirit, and kindness to neighbours and strangers. Through this testing time, and through all the risks we face together, teach us once again how we can love one another as you have loved us. Amen*

### Daily Readings

<b>Monday</b>	Ezekiel 1.2-5, 24-28	Ps 148.1-6	Matthew 17.22-27
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ezekiel 2.8-3-4	Ps 119.97	Matthew 18.1-5, 10-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ezekiel 9.1-7, 10.18-22	Ps 99	Matthew 18.15-20
<b>Thursday</b>	Ezekiel 12.1-12	Ps 78.55-63	Matthew 18.21-19.1
<b>Friday</b>	Ezekiel 16.1-15, 59-63	Song of Isaiah	Matthew 19.3-12
<b>Saturday</b>	Ezekiel 18.1-13, 30-32	Ps 51.1-10-14	Matthew 19.13-15

### ABM Pew Reflections

Like St Stephen, Zechariah son of the priest Jehoiada was a man whose life upset those in authority. His death came as a result of his calling truth to power. In recent months we have seen various demonstrations around the world to remind those in power that Black Lives Matter. If power corrupts, it also deafens. That was true in Old Testament times, when St Stephen was martyred, and in our own day and age: To quote the song, *They would not listen, they're not listening still: Perhaps they never will.* Nonetheless, our faith calls us to action against injustice. Pray that

the Church will not be feeble when it comes to speaking up against the many injustices that blight our world. Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Kenya.



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursdays or email [anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com)*

## **THE CHURCH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED**

With the new coronavirus restrictions, the office at St Peter's **cannot stay open**. We will produce the Link from home so please still send emails to the Vicar ([vicar@anglicansboxhill.org.au](mailto:vicar@anglicansboxhill.org.au)) and he will forward them as necessary. You can contact Cecilia directly at [cecilia\\_joyner@hotmail.com](mailto:cecilia_joyner@hotmail.com).



Please refer to the website:

[Sunday service link on Website](#)

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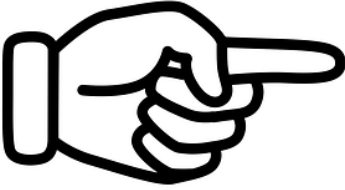
## **JAN'S BISCUITS**

Some of Jan's biscuits are still available. There are different varieties and sizes which are for sale for \$5 and \$7 per tub as a parish fundraiser.

If you would like some biscuits then please ring Jan. Ph: 9890 6528

*Much appreciated, Jan!*





## BREAD DELIVERY AND FOOD DONATION

**The bread and food deliveries will still take place. Please deliver your groceries as usual and pick up bread. Food emergency relief is important and permitted at this time by the government.**

**Please ring the Vicar if you want to contribute food but cannot bring it. Or to find out more. 0432 681 177**

## NEW DONATIONS SUGGESTIONS

Thanks to all those who are donating items to our Sudanese families. Here is a list of additional items to supplement the basics which are requested.

**Foods:** Peanut Butter, crunchy. Biscuits, eg. Milk arrowroot, Teddy bear or Savoys. Full cream milk. Milo.

**Household needs:** Toothpaste. Soft toothbrushes. Paper towel. Toilet paper. Spray cleaner, home brand. Dishwashing liquid.

Drop off time:10.00-11.00am

## MOTHERS UNION FUNDRAISING

As we will not be able to have our annual fund raiser service on 9th August it would be a good idea if all members could make a small donation (no work involved).

As well I have crocheted a single bed rug in rainbow colours to **raffle**, with a knee rug as 2nd prize. \$2 per ticket.

Any donations from parishioners would be well received. This will go towards our current Australian projects, eg, supporting parenting programmes in PNG, and northern outreach, which facilitates people going to remote communities to share the Word of God.

If you have been transferring your Free Will Offering to the church account, then donations and raffle money can be transferred this way also, with the reference MU donation or raffle. Tickets will be done for you or talk to Jan, 98906528.

Thank you. Jan Gunst, MU Leader.



## JOURNEYS AT HOME

### Grace Livingston Hill

Grace Livingston Hill authored over 100 books and many short stories over her writing career between 1886 and 1946. It is estimated that over 84 million copies of her novels have been sold. They are generally categorized as “Christian romance” – Hill sought to convey a sense of Christian faith, and there is always a happy ending in terms of the leading characters personal relationships as well as Christian belief. Hill specifically noted her intention to “share the message of salvation” – in other words incorporate an orthodox Protestant framework of belief in the books, most often in a very direct and open way. They are rarely great writing, plots recur, and are often less than believable, yet they find an enthusiastic audience still, having been republished as eBooks.



Is it just the feel-good factor? Perhaps there are other reasons.

Grace was born in 1865 in eastern USA. Her father was a Presbyterian minister and both her mother and aunt (Isabella Alden) were writers, also with a strong moral and religious emphasis. Her first published book (1886) was written to earn money to go to Chautauqua, a fascinating Christian institution with which Alden was heavily involved (more of this in a later issue...). This was the pattern of the future – the need to live by writing. In 1892 she married Frank Hill, a Presbyterian pastor also. Shortly after their marriage she learned that he was addicted to prescription drugs. She had two daughters with him, and continued to write, producing three novels and innumerable magazine pieces before his death in 1899. She continued to support her children and widowed mother by writing, establishing enough financial stability to purchase a home in 1904. She married a music teacher in that year, against advice. He proved to be abusive and did not contribute to the family finances and after several of his prolonged absences they agreed to separate in 1914. During this time, and into the 1920s at least one and often two of her novels appeared each year, and in 1919 two of them were made into movies. She also had hundreds of (unpaid) speaking engagements, and was heavily involved with the local Italian community. The relentless pace continued into the 1930s, with three novels published in 1938 alone. She was still working on a novel at the time of her death in 1947.

In the early part of her career Hill wrote several novels set in historical time, but the majority were based on contemporary settings. Because of the span of decades over which she continued to publish the books give a fascinating overview of current situations, attitudes, and speech patterns – Hill had a good ear for slang. Here is a young man in *Homing* (1938) “Okay, kiddo, I’m leaving you. See you subse!” Current readers are also clearly fascinated by her detailed



descriptions of houses, dress and food. So popularly nostalgic is the last that an eBook has been devoted to Christmas menus drawn from the novels.

Doubtless the “wholesome” content of the novels – as the publishers put it – was a significant factor in the enjoyment they offered to readers of their own time. Although many of the plots have melodramatic elements, the familiarity of the settings in middleclass American towns and cities would also have provided an accessible and comfortable environment for readers. While fantasies of dramatic improvements are common in them, many plots also feature sudden downward reversals, and brave attempts to eke out a hard existence. How hard this was for Hill’s central characters, may come as somewhat of a surprise to us today.

In *Homing* Jane Scarlett is an orphan, working at the button counter of a large department store. She lives in a “third storey back” room of a dingy boarding house, with neither heating nor cooling and once a week “privileges” in a dirty bath. Half starved and unbearably hot she counts her blessings, “Here with only a box for a wash stand and a tin pitcher and a bowl that did not match. There was a calico curtain around it for she had tacked it there herself...And there was the ugly painted bureau with its paint half gone...it had four drawers where she could keep her simple wardrobe. Some hall bedrooms hadn’t even that. And over there in the corner around the nails on which she had hung her garments there was another calico curtain. She had bought it and hemmed it and put it up herself. She was thankful for that. It did make her room more of a habitation.”

In *The Christmas Bride* (1934, but set in the late 1920s) Gregory Sterling, a young man who has struggled to eke out a living on a Western farm finds himself wealthy when oil is discovered on the land. Lonely, without surviving relatives, he returns to his home town with a vague hope of looking up old friends. From the window of his hotel he sees a woman slip off a bench in the park opposite. Margaret McLaren has collapsed from starvation after leaving her job due to her employer’s harassment. She has been desperately struggling to send money to her elderly grandparents, who have been forced to mortgage their farm to a crooked local dealer who aims to foreclose on them and build a resort on the land. Forced out of the hospital he has taken her to, she is homeless, but finds a job addressing envelopes which pays 50 cents for a day’s work.

“A bowl of soup, a cup of coffee. It didn’t cost so much! She looked wistfully at the change. If only she could find a cheap bed and have a good night’s sleep, but she must have breakfast. There was barely enough left for a meager breakfast and perhaps a sandwich to eat at noon. She mustn’t indulge in a bed. The railroad station would do tonight.”

*Brentwood* (1937) explores the interaction of a girl adopted by a wealthy family, Marjorie Wetherill, and her birth family. Finding a letter with their address after the death of her adoptive mother she impulsively travels across the country and arrives at the house a week before Christmas, in bitter cold. She is greeted at the door by a girl

“wearing a soiled and torn flimsy dress of flowered material...and a cheap old coat with all the buttons hanging off...her hands were swollen and red with the cold and she shivered as she stood grimly there staring at her most unwelcome guest.”

This is Betty, her twin sister, and Marjorie is astounded to discover that she also has four younger siblings. Her mother is ill with pneumonia, her father has been out of work for some time due to the closing down of the firm in which he was chief accountant, and the rented house is without heat, gas, or any food except that saved to give to the mother. Virtually all of the contents have been pawned. The novel gives

a vivid picture of the desperate contrivances of poverty by a family which had previously been comfortably off, with a substantial house and car.

Many of Alden’s republished novels bear this disclaimer “You’ll find this book reflects many of the feelings and attitudes prevalent at the time of its original publication. It may contain references that reflect mores and opinions that directly conflict with today’s prevailing sentiments.” This is equally true for Hill, but it is also true that the combination of specific details like those above, and portrayals of characters whose qualities are still very much to be found today, although they may be expressed in different circumstances, give her novels ongoing appeal. Websites devoted to her work testify to the continuing relevance for many readers of the Christian message and the Bible quotations which underpin it, but their comments also reveal that the vivid evocations that the books offer of the texture of a past daily life are absorbing.

In a preface to a 1954 republication of *A New Name* (1926) Hill’s daughter Ruth wrote of her mother

“I can remember many a time when a young person would come to her downhearted, depressed and loaded with guilt, ready to give up. She would lay aside her own work without question and listen, sometimes for hours, to the story that was poured out.

Hope, joy and peace often took the place of despair as the penitent went out bravely to face life again, upheld by the power of God, and conscious of the ‘New Name’ that was now a reality.”

## **TO MAKE YOU SMILE...**

A man was caught in a flood. Two men came by in a boat to rescue him, but he waved them away, shouting, ‘No, the Lord will save me.’

One hour later another boat came along, but again the man said, ‘No, the Lord will save me.’

Eventually a helicopter arrived but the man insisted, ‘The Lord will save me.’

Inevitably, the man drowned and, at the gates of heaven, he asked St Peter, ‘Why didn’t the Lord save me?’

For heaven’s sake,’ St Peter replied. ‘He sent two boats and a helicopter –what more did you want?’

# PUZZLING...

Answer to last week's puzzle in the hidden saying of Paul: love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

## THE LITURGICAL PAUSE

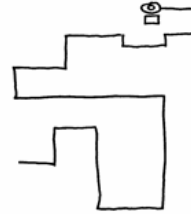
THIS IS ONE OF THE CENTRAL ELEMENTS OF A CHURCH SERVICE.  
WE OBSERVE A LITURGICAL PAUSE AT THE FOLLOWING POINTS:



AT MOMENTS WHEN PONDERING IS EXPECTED



WHEN THE ORGANIST HASN'T COME IN



WHEN THE READER HAS A PARTICULARLY GRUELLING JOURNEY TO THE LECTERN



WHEN AN EASTER FIRE OR ADVENT CANDLE REFUSES TO LIGHT



WHEN NO-ONE WILL ADMIT TO BEING THE PERSON DOWN TO LEAD THE INTERCESSIONS



WHEN NOBODY HAS A CLUE WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN NEXT

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YOU CAN HARDLY **BLAME** PETER. IT'S NOT LIKE HE'D WALKED ON WATER **BEFORE!** TRUE.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO SEE IS THAT EVEN THOUGH PETER TAKES HIS EYES OFF JESUS, JESUS NEVER TAKES HIS EYES OFF OF PETER.

I'M SUPPOSED TO FIND SOMETHING PROFOUND IN THAT AREN'T I?

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MATTHEW 14:22-33

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## This Week

**SUN 9.8.20**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9.30am Streamed live service

(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

**MON 10.8.20**

**TUES 11.8.20**

Office closed

**WED 12.8.20**

**THU 13.8.20**

Office closed

**FRI 14.8.20**

**SAT 15.8.20**

Food drop off and bread delivery

**SUN 16.8.20**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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