



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
15 November, 2020

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online worship and a special welcome to Father Alasdair who is our preacher today. I am looking forward to hearing Alasdair's interpretation of the Gospel parable of the talents. Picking up a bit on my alternative interpretation of last week's parable of the bridesmaids I want to share a bit of writing on this passage by theologian Mark Davis:

For scriptural and theological reasons—not because the parable is too harsh or because one wants to water down the gospel—this parable needs reassessing. It is not a prescriptive parable of how we all need to use our time, talent, and treasure well—as utilitarian as that interpretation may be. This story is a descriptive parable of how the system works when absentee landlords “give” money to servants, only to demand back a healthy return. It is a descriptive parable of someone who refused to participate in that process, in a situation where absentee landowners and their lackeys were the primary interface between Jewish peasantry and the Roman Empire. That servant—deemed “lazy” and unfaithful by the Empire—pays an awful price for refusing to play along. A grim interpretation, perhaps, but no more grim than the words at the beginning of this corpus in Matthew 24: “Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name.”

Next Sunday parishioners will be able to collect the annual meeting pack of documents in preparation for our meeting the following Sunday (29th November @ 1pm).

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.



SUNDAY SERVICE (Control and click) [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsE0_3hCwhQ&feature=youtu.be)

Or go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsE0_3hCwhQ&feature=youtu.be

Sentence

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

Prayer of the Day

Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Judges 4.1-10

¹ The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died.

² So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim.

³ Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. ⁴ At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵ She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. ⁶ She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun." ⁷ I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.' ⁸ Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' ⁹ And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. ¹⁰ Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him. for a full, a terrible end.

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

Psalm: 123

¹ To you I lift up my eyes:
you who are enthroned in the heavens.

² **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:
or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,**

³ So our eyes look to the Lord our God:
until he show us his mercy.

⁴ **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have had our fill of derision.**

⁵ Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:
and with the contempt of the proud.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴ But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 25, verses 14-30

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁴ 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.

¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me

five talents; see, I have made five more talents.”²¹ His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.”²³ His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.”²⁶ But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.”²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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

Years Mind

Arthur Locke, Colin Jones, Eva Claire Paull, Bill House, John Raselli and Sydney Mereweather, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for the Church of Ceylon (Bp Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey, Bp Keerthisiri Fernando); Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasy Chambers, Exec Director); Archdeaconry of Williamstown (Glenn Buijs); St Andrew's Somerville (Phil Hurwood); St Mark's Fitzroy – visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); All Saints' St Kilda East – visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Parish of St John the Evangelist, Epping – visit (Bishop Kate Prowd); Holy Name Vermont South – visit (Bishop Paul Barker); All Saints Rosebud with St Katherine's McCrae – visit (Bishop Paul Barker).

The Parish: Give thanks for St Peter's and all the work done during the lockdown.

The World: Pray for the people and government of the United States.

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

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, June, Gayle, Nigel, Nancy, Kate, Russ, Betty, Jessie, Don, Jim, Alma, Muriel, Faye, Eileen, Nola W, Margaret, Bishop George, Fr. Philip Newman, Reverend Betty, John W, Ron, Pam, Colin, Roderick and Wendy.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void: give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Revelation 1.1-4, 2.1-5a	Ps 1	Luke 18.35-43
Tuesday	Revelation 3.1-6, 14-22	Ps 15	Luke 19.1-10
Wednesday	Revelation 4.1-11	Ps 150	Luke 19.11-28
Thursday	Revelation 5.1-18	Ps 149	Luke 19.11-28
Friday	Revelation 10.8-11	Ps 119-107-112	Luke 19.41-44
Saturday	Revelation 11.4-12	Ps 144.4-10	Luke 20.27-40



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursdays or email the Vicar or cecilia_joyner@hotmail.com*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for the Anglican Parish of Box Hill will be held on **29th November at 1.00pm**. Details of how the meeting will be run this year will be available closer to the time.

November 20 **All nominations** for positions on Parish Council and others must be received by this date. (Forms can be obtained from the Vicar or parish office.)

November 22 Reports, agenda and other meeting information will be available online.

November 29 **Parish AGM** held at 1.00pm (location TBA)

PARISH BOOK

Don't forget to send your contribution (300-500 words) for the parish book to the Vicar or parish office as soon as possible. Reflections on the COVID times.

MEN'S BREAKFAST 28th November 2020

How? In the Undercroft or as a virtual meeting on ZOOM.

At 8.00 am

Topic: "Mum and Me by Rail across the USA"

Speaker: Mum's son – the VICAR





WINE FUNDRAISING

Order from Prospect wines in Nunawading as part of our wine fundraiser. **Last orders at the end of November.** Please contact Hilary with any queries: 0400 635 600 or cchrb@hotmail.com

. All orders are to be in **packs of six or multiples of six**. However, anyone who does not need six items can piggyback onto someone else's order, let me know so we can coordinate this.

- **There is a \$6 delivery charge for the wine and other orders**
- Anyone who orders twice will receive a free 375 ml bottle of Rutherglen Muscat and all orders are entered into a raffle free of charge for mystery prizes.

HOW TO ORDER:

1. ORDER ONLINE at Prospect Wines [here](#)
2. Email Cecilia for a copy of the order form anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com.
Discuss forms and cheque payment with Hilary.
Direct payment: Frivilla Pty Ltd, BSB 633108, Acc. No: 118382969
3. Pick up a form from the U'croft on Sat mornings during the Food Bank collection and proceed as above.
Questions? Talk to Hilary 0400 635 600 or cchrb@hotmail.com

SOPHIA'S WALK FOR REFUGEES



2 BILLION KILOMETRES TO SAFETY

This is a fundraising initiative from UNHCR – 2 billion is the estimated number of kilometres refugees have walked to reach safety.

Sophia will aim to walk 238 km, the distance for Hadeel and her family to walk, fleeing Syria to escape the encroaching war with her husband and four children – 5, 4 and 2 year old twins, crossing over into Iraq and reaching a refugee camp there. The goal, if possible, is achieving donations of \$700.
Donations and/or encouragement most welcome!

Help Sophia raise money for refugees.

The website to find out more and to make donations is

<https://stepwithrefugees.org.au/sophia-errey>

COVID-19 VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

to the FIVE CATHEDRALS of the ANGLICAN PROVINCE of VICTORIA

There is still plenty of time to support Father Shane's virtual pilgrimage as he walks daily, recording the kilometres on the map from St Peter's to the Anglican cathedrals in Victoria and back to St Peter's.

The pilgrimage is also a fundraiser for the Whitehorse Community Centre. Details of where donations can be made and further information can be found by emailing him: vicar@anglicansboxhill.org.au Ph: 0432 681 177

Pledges can be made into the following account:

BSB 033-135 Account Number: 535329

Find out more on the blog about the pilgrimage weekly at: <http://fathershane.org>

WHERE IS HE NOW? *This week Fr Shane is now on his way from Sale (virtually) to St Paul's Cathedral in the city!*

BREAD DELIVERY AND FOOD DONATION

Groceries are being collected and passed on to St Thomas' Burwood who have a food bank for in-need international students.

Drop off time: 10.00-11.00am Sat morning, Undercroft

The following items have been requested:

Cooking oil (not olive), Long Life Milk, Tea & Coffee, Cereal, Breakfast Spreads: Jams, Honey, Vegemite, Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Rice, Lentils, Chick peas, Tinned Meals (ring top preferred), Tinned Vegetables/Fruit (ring top preferred), Toiletries, Toilet Paper, Tinned Tuna (ring top preferred), Washing Powder, 2 Minute Noodles, Tinned Soups (ring top preferred).

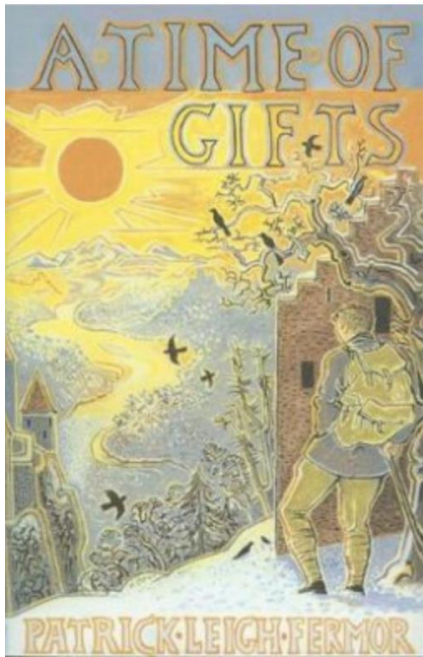
DIARIES and CHRISTMAS CARDS

Mothers' Union diaries and Christmas cards will be available to order soon. Let Jan know if you are interested. Ph: 98906528 or 0425 75 7 778.

JOURNEYS AT HOME

Patrick Leigh Fermor – Walking to Constantinople

Sir Patrick Michael Leigh Fermor, DSO, was to become famous for, in 1944, leading a group which succeeded in abducting a German General in occupied Crete, and transporting him to British controlled Cairo. But of all the events of his



remarkable life, perhaps none was more consequential than his decision, at 18, to walk from the coast of Holland to Istanbul.

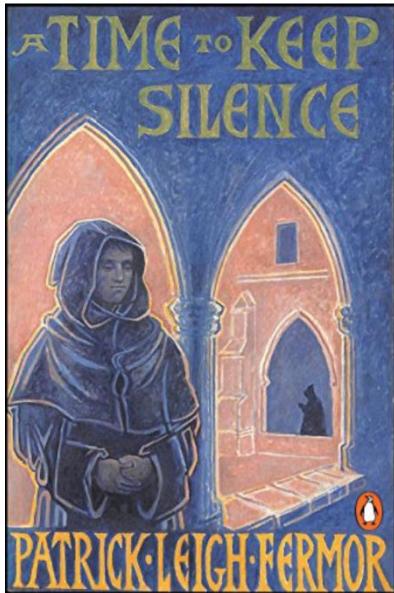
Born in 1915 to an ill-assorted couple, the boy was christened Patrick, but was commonly called Paddy. On his walk he used the name Michael, in Greece he was Mihali – he also had a number of nicknames. Perhaps this variety reflects his protean character; gifted with a wonderful memory, a thirst for knowledge, an abundance of charm and a gregarious, boisterous side he was also drawn to retreat into solitude.

Paddy's childhood was disrupted; left with foster parents while his parents were in India – his father was a distinguished geologist – at 4 he was transferred to the care of his mother. He was 11 when his parents divorced, and there followed a series of schools from all of which he was expelled for greater or lesser

misdemeanors. His maths was terrible, but he had already developed a taste for literature, languages – and women, drinking and partying - by his mid teens. Spending a year supposedly studying to obtain enough academic credits to enter the army, but instead hanging out with bohemian groups in London further entrenched these tendencies, and led both he and his parents to despair for his future. On a whim, he decided to set out for the Hook of Holland and walk to Constantinople – the old name, which he used in preference to the current Istanbul.

With a donated rucksack stocked chiefly with classical literature, clothes from an army surplus store, and the expectation that he could live on an allowance of 4 pounds a month, and a friend's gift of 20 pounds he left London on 9 December 1933 in rain, and landed in Rotterdam in snow. That first night he fell asleep after supper in a waterfront bar. The proprietor gave him a warm bedroom for the night, but charged him only for the meal "This was the first marvelous instance of a kindness and hospitality that was to occur again and again on these travels."

It was only after publishing a number of books on his later travels that, in 1977, he published the first volume of an account of his walk, *A Time of Gifts. On Foot to Constantinople From the Hook of Holland to the Middle Danube*. During the journey he had kept diary notebooks, but most were either stolen or lost, so his account is based on memories which are sometimes conflated or enhanced – indeed one writer described his account as a novel, rather than a travelogue. What matters, however, is not so much the accuracy or otherwise of Fermor's memories of his walk, but the astonishing quality of his highly evocative writing. Although a



brilliant writer he agonized over the process of writing (in longhand), and eventually, after severe bouts of writers' block, and sheer procrastination, he never finished the final volume of the three devoted to his walk. One of the reasons he spent substantial blocks of time in monasteries, both Orthodox and Catholic, was that this removal from his active social life enabled him to accomplish more writing, as he describes in *A Time to Keep Silence* (1957).

Almost every page of *A Time of Gifts* in particular, but also the succeeding volumes *Between the Woods and the Water – On Foot to Constantinople from the Hook of Holland: the Middle Danube to the Iron Gates* (1986) and the unfinished *The Broken Road – Travels from Bulgaria to Mount Athos* (2013) published from his notes after his death, contains quotable passages, often vivid

evocations of beauty, joy and companionship. While the teenage Michael definitely lacked the detailed knowledge of history and culture which his later self poured into the books, he had already acquired a love for, and knowledge of, art, particularly architecture, which enabled him to discern and appreciate the details of what he saw.

Here is part of his description of the Abbey of Melk, a Benedictine monastery soaring high on a bluff overlooking the Danube, as he is led through it by a young monk

Afterwards, it was in confused musical terms that the stages of our progress strung themselves together in my memory. This is how they resound there still. Overtures and preludes followed each other as courtyard opened on courtyard. Ascending staircases unfolded as vaingloriously as pavanes....Among the receding infinity of gold bindings in the library, the polished reflections, the galleries and the terrestrial and celestial globes gleaming in the radiance of their flared embrasures, music, again, seemed to intervene. A magnificent and measured polyphony crept in one's ears...

Before he left England a friend of a friend had presented him with letters of introduction to friends in Germany. This was to prove invaluable indeed. From the time of his first visit to one of these friends he was passed from castle to Schloss to stately home of a series of cultured, hospitable and interesting aristocrats in Germany, Austria, Hungary and Rumania. The visit of a good looking young man, breathlessly interested in what he could absorb of their history, was perhaps itself a gift to these last survivors of a way of life which the impending war would wipe out forever.

Not all of his experiences were pleasant, of course. His description of a Munich beer hall has been described as a vision of hell. While he was in a drunken sleep

his money, passport and books were stolen – without, however, stopping his onward progress, thanks to a friendly British consul.

Fermor was little interested in European politics. When he entered Germany it had been under the control of Hitler since January 1933. His encounters with Nazi cohorts left him angry, but he had little grasp of the general situation. Among many fleeting encounters with women he had a serious relationship of four years with Princess Balasha Cantacuzene with whom he returned to England in 1937. However, as soon as war was declared in late 1939 he joined the Intelligence Corps, which eventually led to his posting in Crete, and the daring abduction of General Kriepe, with whom he bonded over a shared love of classical literature.

After the war he travelled with Joan Eyres-Monsell, whom he had met in Cairo during his service there. She provided the photographs, he the texts, for accounts of travel in the Caribbean – his friend Ian Fleming drew on it for some of his Bond material – and the more remote parts of Greece. In 1968 he and Joan married, and spent most of their time in Kardamyli, in Crete, until his death in 2011.

Jan Morris, herself a gifted travel writer, describes a letter from the publisher John Murray asking her to review *A Time of Gifts* in 1977. He wrote that he was perhaps biased “but I really do think it is a work of genius.” She concludes “I agree with him, and so will posterity.”

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...



A man appeared before St. Peter at the pearly gates. "Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asked.

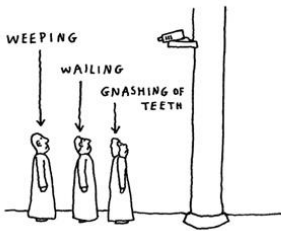
"Well," the man said, "once I came upon a gang of bikers who were threatening a young woman. I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked him on the head, kicked over his bike, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. 'Now leave her alone!' I yelled."

St. Peter was impressed: "When did this happen?"

"Just a couple of minutes ago."

THE PROJECTOR

A SACRED OFFICE: THE CHANGING OF THE BULB



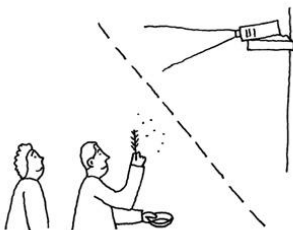
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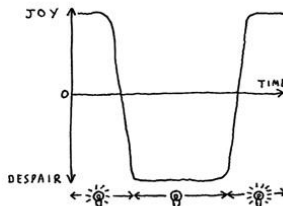
THE BOX IS CAREFULLY PROCESSED DOWN THE AISLE



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THE LAMP IS BLESSED AS IT IS SWITCHED ON FOR THE FIRST TIME



THE MINISTERS DEPART, REJOICING



THE OFFICE IS REPEATED AFTER ANOTHER 1250 HOURS OF USE

This Week

SUN 15.11.20

Sunday

9.30am Streamed live service
(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 16.11.20

TUES 17.11.20

Office closed

WED 18.11.20

THU 19.11.20

Office OPEN

FRI 20.11.20

SAT 21.11.20

Food drop off and bread collection
Between 10 – 11.00am

SUN 22.11.20 (St Cecilia's Day)

9.30am Streamed live service

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