



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

Christ the King
22 November, 2020

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online worship today! Today marks the end of the Christian liturgical year. Next week marks the beginning of Advent – the season of preparation before the celebration of Christmas. But before we start Advent we celebrate today the feast of Christ the King, the culmination of this season after Pentecost. When we proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and King we do two things: First, we effectively say that this world is *not* our Lord. Jesus is our Lord and Sovereign and there is no other! Now while we are all bound to many ties in our lives; family, church, community and nation, none of these overrides our primary allegiance to Christ. And second, while it may be easy to say that Jesus is our Lord it is harder to live this out in practice. We are reminded again today in our Gospel text from Matthew of the need for our faith to be evident in our behaviour, in our love and concern and aid for the last and least among us. We can only do this in the power of God's Spirit as Paul reminds us in his letter to the Ephesians today, always aware of God's grace to us and the hope we have been given

A prayer for us today:

O Christ, tirelessly you seek out those who are looking for you and who think that you are far away: teach us, at every moment, to place our spirit in your hands. While we are looking for you, already you have found us. No matter how poor our prayer is, you listen to us far beyond what we can imagine and believe. Amen.

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.

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



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Sentence

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy. Psalm 100.1

Prayer of the Day

God of power and love, who raised your Son Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation: free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 34.20-24

¹¹ For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

Psalm: 100

¹ O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his face with songs of joy.

² **Know that the Lord he is God: it is he who has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

³ Come into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.

**⁴ For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever:
his faithfulness throughout all generations.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 25, verses 31-46

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in

prison and you did not visit me.”⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?”⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.”⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

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

Hymn

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your Church’s story,
bring the bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

See the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children’s warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore.

Years Mind

Marjorie Gibbs, Colin Boulter, Perry Dunstan whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for the Church of Bermuda (Bp Nicholas Dill); Diocese of Armidale (Bp Rick Lewers, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Box Hill (Dianne Sharrock); St Matthew's Ashburton/Melbourne CSI – visit (Bishop Paul Barker); Christ Church St Kilda (Turi Hollis); St Jude's Carlton – visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Christ Church Geelong – visit (Bishop Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for Fr Shane and Sophia as they continue their pilgrimages.

The World: Pray for refugees and victims of war in Ethiopia.

The Nation: Pray for those overwhelmed by anxiety brought on by the pandemic.

Names of those in our parish who need our prayer:

Emma, 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, Wendy and Judy.

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 14.1-5	Ps 24.1-6	Luke 21.1-4
Tuesday	Revelation 14.14-19	Ps 96.9-13	Luke 21.5-11
Wednesday	Revelation 15.1-4	Ps 98	Luke 21.12-19
Thursday	Revelation 18.1-2, 18.21-19a	Ps 100	Luke 21.20-28
Friday	Revelation 20.1-4, 20.11-21.2	Ps 84.1-7	Luke 21.29-33
Saturday	Revelation 22.1-7	Ps 95.1-7	Luke 21.34-36

ABM Pew Reflections

Praxis means essentially doing the Gospel, not simply thinking or talking about it. Today's Gospel contrasts positive and negative examples of Christian praxis. Not only are the sheep carrying out the Gospel in practice, they are not even aware of it. Likewise, the goats are unaware that they are not caring out the Gospel, by not caring for *the least* members of His family. Believing and doing cannot in fact be separated in the Christian life. Both are essential and interdependent. Jesus is Lord of all our believing and all our doing. May God help us to be doers of the Word not hearers only. Give thanks for the work and witness of Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.



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 MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

29th November at 1.00pm.

Parish AGM will be held online by ZOOM

but we hope to have up to 20 spots in the church for those without online access. Please contact Father Shane for more detail if you want to come in person.



ADVENT STUDY streamed

Join if for the Advent study hosted online by Father Shane on Saturdays, 4.00pm.

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).

MEN'S BREAKFAST 8.00am November 28

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

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

Speaker: Mum's son – the VICAR



SOPHIA'S WALK FOR REFUGEES



2 BILLION KILOMETRES TO SAFETY

UNHCR estimate there are currently 79.5 million displaced persons in the world. 80% of them are women and children. **They desperately need help of all kinds.** Sophia will aim to walk 238 km, the distance for Hadeel and her family to walk, fleeing Syria. 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>



Last orders for the wine drive 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.**
- **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. Or, 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

2021 LECTONARIES

Copies of *An Australian Lectionary 2021* are available from the office for \$14.00. It contains all the appointed readings for each day. Please contact the office or Cecilia if you would like a copy. Limited numbers. anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR: STUDIES ON THE READINGS FOR YEAR B Saturday 28 November 2020 | 9.30am–12.30pm. By Zoom conference

\$25 | \$20 concession

A day for clergy and lay people to be enriched by the readings from Mark and elsewhere in the Bible for the forthcoming Church Year B.

For more information and to register go to www.trybooking.com/647150 or email to theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or call **03 9348 7127**.

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.

COVID-19 VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

to the **FIVE CATHEDRALS** of the **ANGLICAN PROVINCE** of **VICTORIA**

Congratulations to Father Shane on his 945 kilometre pilgrimage to the cathedrals in Victoria. There is still just time to support this virtual pilgrimage as he completes the walk on this Sunday.

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?

Fr Shane expects to arrive back at St Peter's this Sunday!



Greetings to the following St Peter's parishioners, who are celebrating birthdays in the next week or so:

Janet Hubner, Linda Boyd, Sophia Errey, Carole Plumridge and Margaret Dymond.

And many happy returns for Bishop George, who celebrated his birthday last week.

JOURNEYS AT HOME

Not so plain vanilla

What is the second most expensive spice after saffron? Yes, it's (real) vanilla. Astonishingly, although "vanilla" only began to be used in European cooking from the mid 19th c its huge popularity sees it as ubiquitous in flavourings and scents.

However, while 20,000 metric tons of vanillin – synthetic vanilla – are consumed worldwide annually, true vanilla accounts for only 2000 metric tons annually, selling for up to \$1000 a kg, although the price varies dramatically. Do you look for tiny black flecks in any vanilla-flavoured product? If you find them it may be an indication that the seeds of a beautiful orchid have been used in the production – or, sadly, the makers may simply have used “exhausted” seeds, the residue after extracting all the flavor to give their product a more prestigious touch while flavouring it with synthetic vanilla – just one of the scams associated with this much sought after spice.

The vanilla orchid is native to Mexico. (Of the 25,000-plus known orchid species this is the only one with an agricultural application.) In the wild it is a large sprawling vine which can grow up to 50m long and live for perhaps 1000 years. The large cream and yellow flowers, of typical orchid shape, are borne in clusters. Although the flowers have both male and female parts they need to be pollinated by either a species of bee not found outside Mexico, or by hummingbirds. Since the flowers last just half a day before dying, exposure to pollination is critical. The Aztecs were already aware of the unique qualities of vanilla, which contains between 200 and 500 different compounds, having acquired it from the Totonacs, who believed it had sprung from the blood of a pure Princess. They used it to flavor the drink made from the cacao pod.

When first brought to Europe it was used in the same way, until around 1602 Hugh Morgan, apothecary to Elizabeth I of England, compounded puddings flavoured with the beans, which proved a great favourite with the sweet-loving monarch. His supply must have come from pirated Spanish vessels, since Spain had a monopoly. In his *New Voyage Around the World* (1697) William Dampier wrote of seeing vanilla in Mexico “*The Vinello is a little Pod full of small black*



seeds; it is four or five inches long, about the bigness of a stem of tobacco, and when dried much resembling it, so that our Privateers at first have often thrown them away when they took any, wondering why the Spaniards should lay up tobacco stems.” The name, meaning “little pod” was given to it by the Portuguese; the Aztecs called it “black flower”.

However it was not until the 18th c that the French developed vanilla-flavoured ice cream. That gourmet,

Thomas Jefferson, ordered recurrent supplies of vanilla “batons” as he called them, - up to fifty at a time - through his agents, and among his papers is his handwritten recipe for vanilla ice cream, probably the first in America. What would he have made of the proliferation of commercial vanilla ices, an industry worth multi-billion dollars in the US alone.

Efforts to grow the vine outside Mexico were tried early on. While the vine itself flourished no seed pods resulted because of the lack of appropriate pollinators. One of the areas in which it had been established was the French colony Île Bourbon (now Réunion) in the Indian Ocean off East Africa. The vines – offspring of ones which had come to France from the collection of Charles Greville in London – grew successfully, but for 40 years no pods were produced. Then, in 1841, a 12 year old slave boy, Edmond Albius, succeeded in using a sliver of bamboo to successfully hand pollinate the flowers. By 1898 Bourbon was exporting 200 tonnes of vanilla pods per annum. Even today “Bourbon” vanilla pods are regarded as being the finest in the world – vanilla, like wine, is dependent for nuances of flavour on the genetics of the plant, but above all on the soil and climate in which it grows – Reunion is an active volcanic island. The bulk of the current vanilla crop is grown in Madagascar and Indonesia. However, the crop is very subject to climatic conditions – 2017 cyclones in Madagascar reduced the output to almost nothing, devastating the already impoverished country.

Not only is the orchid tricky to pollinate - because of the short flower life the vines must be constantly monitored for opening flowers – the maturation of the pods is long and complex. After 6 to 9 months the plump green pods begin to turn yellow and split and are then ready to harvest. They then need to undergo a multistep curing process of steaming and drying which traditionally took 5 to 7 months, which has now been whittled down to about a month in the Indonesian process – which, however, comes with a loss of flavour. In the process about 6kg of pods will be reduced to 500g of saleable material. The whole bean, a paste made with the seeds, or an extract of the bean in alcohol and water can then be utilized.



As vanilla increased rapidly in popularity – perhaps stimulated by its inclusion in Coca Cola from 1886 – chemists sought ways to synthesize it. As early as 1874 the most important component had been synthesized from pine tree sap. Most food grade vanillin is derived from guaiacol, a compound occurring naturally in many plants including celery seeds, citrus peel and tobacco leaves. It is one of the substances which contributes flavour to both whisky and roast coffee. However it is most cheaply produced from lignin, a paper pulp by-product, or from petrochemicals, and more recently from manipulated DNA grown in cell cultures. Unlike the natural product it is entirely standard in flavour. It also generates large amounts of waste-water in production. The

resulting synthetic is typically sold for consumption in food as “vanilla essence”, even though the vanilla orchid has not been involved in any way in its production. The synthetic version accounts for 99% of “vanilla”.

In his excellent 2004 book on vanilla Tim Ecott records a conversation with women in Madagascar, who received \$3 a day for sorting the beans, watched by security

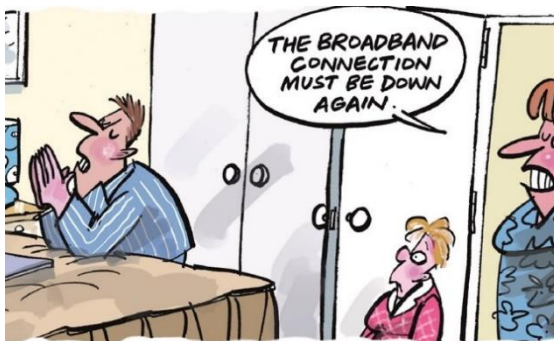
guards and frisked several times a day to ensure they were not stealing some of the valuable product. One plucked up courage to ask the foreigner why the beans were so valuable – what were they used for? Disappointed in his response that they were used in food they conferred together, then questioned “Is it true they are used in making dynamite? No? Then are they used in making tires?” Diplomatically, he emphasized their use in food and “We can’t grow it in our countries. And Madagascar vanilla is the best”, finally bringing smiles to their faces.

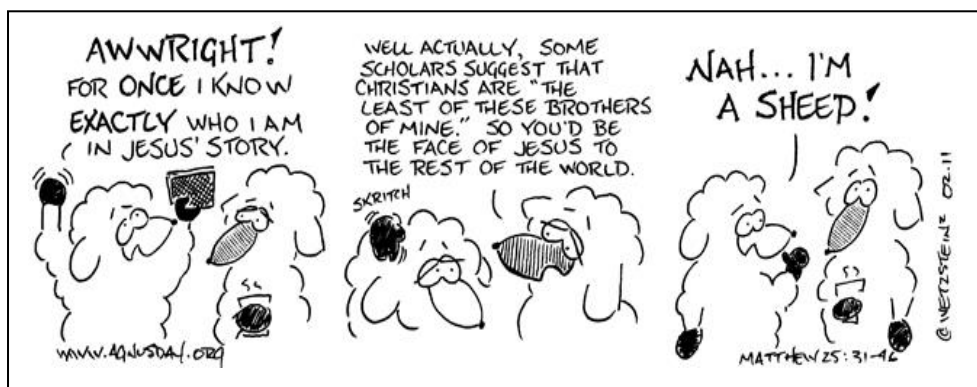
Curiously, even though the cured pod is a deep brownish black, as are the tiny seeds, “vanilla” has come to be associated with white or pale coloured desserts, perhaps through the association with ice-cream, for which it remains the most popular synthetic flavour. It is estimated that today vanillin is used in some 18,000 products, and in America alone the average consumption is 5.4 gm per person per annum. Perhaps also its enormous popularity led to its association with the bland and the boring in a range of areas. As Rebecca Rupp noted

A plain-vanilla wardrobe lacks pizzazz; plain-vanilla technologies lack bells and whistles; plain-vanilla automobiles miss out on chrome, fins, and flashy hood ornaments; and plain-vanilla music is the sort of soulless drone that afflicts us in elevators. The truth is, though, that plain vanilla is anything but dull.
(National Geographic October 23 2014).

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A Sunday school class was instructed to draw a Nativity scene. A little boy's drawing included the manger, Joseph, Mary, and the infant, but also included a rather portly fellow off to one side. When asked who it was, the child said, “That’s Round John Virgin.”





This Week

SUN 22.11.20

**Christ the King
(St Cecilia's Day)**

9.30am Streamed live service

MON 23.11.20

TUES 24.11.20

Office closed

WED 25.11.20

1030am Eucharist

THU 26.11.20

Office OPEN

FRI 27.11.20

7.30am Eucharist

SAT 28.11.20

8.00am Men's Breakfast
10-11.00am Food drop off
4.00pm Advent Study

SUN 29.11.20

9.30am Streamed live service

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