



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Third Sunday of Advent
13 December, 2020

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online and in-person worship today! "Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasises the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Saviour means for us. But the greater joy for Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in his glory to lead us into the kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament. Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete is Latin for "Rejoice". In our church we light the traditional rose candle on our Advent wreath as a marker of this day. Another prayer to use at worship today from the collection, "Praying the Eucharist – Prayers for personal use" edited by Richard Harries.

O God, give me honesty to recognise that in the virtue on which I so pride myself there is some seed of evil; Gentleness to accept that in the dark rages and longings which so disturb me there is some good. And grant me to strive after that integrity of deed and motive which you have revealed in Jesus. 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.

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 [here](#)

Or go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztpud6weHxk&feature=youtu.be>

The Third Candle of Advent:

Sentence

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God. Isaiah 61.1-2

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 61.1-4, 61.8-11

¹ The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, he planting of the Lord, to display his glory. ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ⁸ For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

Psalm: 126

¹ When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
then were we like those restored to life.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with singing.**

³ Then said they among the heathen:
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

⁴ **Truly the Lord has done great things for us:
and therefore we rejoiced.**

⁵ Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
as the streams return to the dry south.

⁶ **Those who sow in tears:
shall reap with songs of joy.**

⁷ They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.12-28

¹² But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³ esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵ See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil. ²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. ²⁵ Beloved, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 1, verses 6-8, 19-28

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the

light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.'

²¹ And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' ²² Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³ He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' ²⁶ John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

Years Mind

Frances Forward, Stella McKenzie, Paul Hoare, Maxwell Abbott, Viola Errey, Edna Usher whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury) (Bp Timothy Thornton); The Diocese of The Murray (Bp Keith Dalby, Clergy & People); Beaconhills College (Tony Sheumack, Principal; Peggy Kruse, Chaplain); The Parish of Holy Trinity, Bacchus Marsh w. Christ Church, Myrning and St George's Balliang (Richard Litjens, Heidin Kunoo); St John's Anglican Church, Upper Beaconsfield – Pastoral Service (Bishop Paul Barker); St Paul's Cathedral – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Give thanks for families able to be together again.

The World: Pray for governments and peoples of Sudan, Ethiopia and Afghanistan.

The Nation: Pray for our police and those in quarantine.

Names of those in our parish who need our prayer:

Emma, Miriam, Phil and Sandra, Joan, Alistair, Freya, John, Lauren, Mark, Sue, Nola, Lorraine, June, Gayle, Nigel, Nancy, Kate, Russ, Betty, Jessie, Don, Alma, Muriel, Faye, Eileen, Nola W, Margaret, John W, Colin, Wendy and Judy, Annette, Dot, Rohan, Anok, Reverend Betty, Bishop George.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you: come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end and your children may live in peace, honouring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17	Ps 25.3-9	Matthew 21.23-27
Tuesday	Zephaniah 3.1, 9-13	Ps 34.15-22	Matthew 21.28-32
Wednesday	Isaiah 45.6-26	Ps 85.8-13	Luke 7.19-23
Thursday	Genesis 49.2, 8-10	Ps 72.1-7	Matthew 1.1-17
Friday	Jeremiah 23.5-8	Ps 72.15-21	Matthew 1.18-24
Saturday	Judges 13.2-7, 24-25	Ps 71.17-22	Luke 1.5-25

ABM Pew Reflections

In this week's Gospel we have part of John's stunning Prologue. We also have John's introduction of John the Baptist. The one who sets the scene for the coming Messiah. John's appearance is prophesied. In fact, he is the last of the Old Testament style of prophets, coming out of the wilderness and preaching judgement and repentance. John makes it very clear that he is not the Messiah and points to the one to come. Jesus will turn up soon enough. From the very beginning of the narrative in John's Gospel there is a tension with the Jewish leaders who want to know "who are you?" - first John and then Jesus himself. The rest of the Gospel is taken up with answering this question. We give thanks to God for John the evangelist and his Gospel of profound wisdom and witness. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursday
anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com*

Service Times at Christmas

24 Dec **Christmas Eve**

6.00pm Children's Service

9.30pm and 11.30pm, Eucharist

25 Dec **Christmas Day** 8.00am, 9.30am, Eucharist

As we have restricted numbers allowed in the church building at any one in time, parishioners are asked to ring or email the office and "book" for your preferred time.

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ADVENT STUDY

Join in the Advent study which takes place in the church office on Sundays at 4.00pm.

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

BREAD DELIVERY AND FOOD DONATION

Groceries are still being collected for those in need.

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).

ANGLICARE VICTORIA TOY AND FOOD APPEAL

Our parish is urging all parishioners and friends to support the annual Anglicare Victoria Christmas appeal. Normally we would ask for donations to be brought to the church but this year are asking for you to go online and make a donation:

<https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/donation/anglicare-victoria-toy-and-food-appeal-2020/>



Whitehorse Farmers Market

This is on today. Go along to support our stall at the Nunawading Civic Centre. 8.00am-1.00pm.



CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING GOODS FROM JAN

With no fete, Jan has still been busy making things. These hand towels and Christmas goodies are now for sale. The hand towels come in a variety of designs for \$5 each or \$6 a double. Christmas food, including biscuits, shortbread, mince pies and fruitcake are all available for sale.

Contact Jan with requests and orders 042 575 7778.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

And just because...

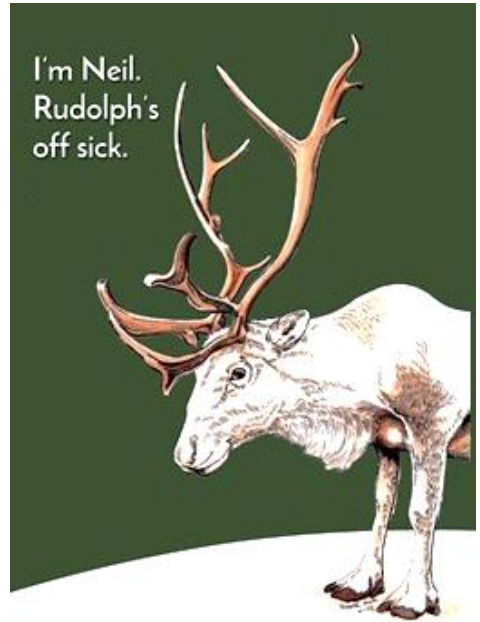
No nativity this year because the three wise men would have to quarantine.

The shepherds have been sacked as they are not eligible for Job Keeper.

The inn keeper has shut under lockdown regulations and had a slump in booking.

Santa won't be working as he would break the rule of visiting more than one house in a day.

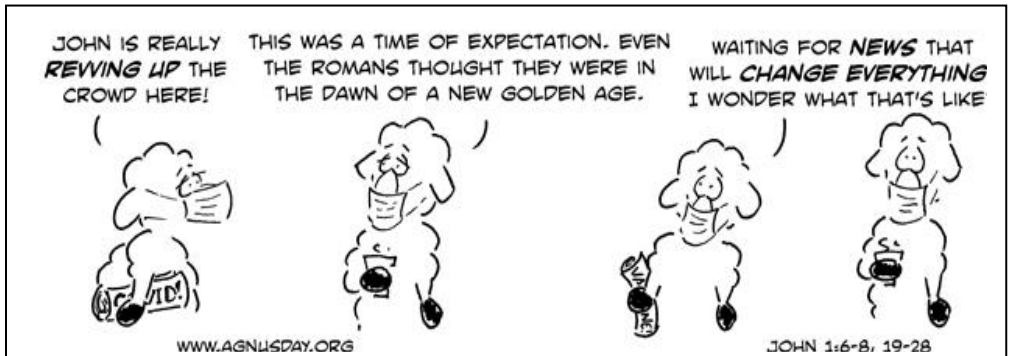
As for Rudolph, with that red nose, he should be isolating and taking a test.



Two nuns were driving through Transylvania when all of a sudden Dracula appeared in front of them causing them to make a sudden stop!

One of the nuns says to the other one, "Quick, show him your Cross!"

So the other nun winds down the car window and yells, "Get out of the way you toothy moron!"



This Week

SUN 13.12.20

Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am service

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

4.00pm Advent Study, Office

MON 14.12.20

TUES 15.12.20

8.00-11.00am Men at Work

8.30am – 12.30pm Office OPEN

WED 16.12.20

1030am Eucharist

THU 17.12.20

10am – 2.00pm Office OPEN

FRI 18.12.20

7.30am Eucharist

SAT 19.12.20

10-11.00am Food drop off

SUN 20.12.20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eucharist **8.00am, 9.30am**

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

4.00pm Advent Study, Office

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