



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Celebrating St Peter's Day
27 June, 2021

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our in person and online worship today! Welcome to our Patronal festival as we celebrate our Patron Saint – St Peter. Welcome also to our regional Bishop Genieve who is guest preacher and celebrant today. We also welcome the friends and family of John and Jeanne Stockdale who ashes we will inter after the 9.30am service. Of all the episodes involving Peter in the Gospel one of my favourites is his response to Jesus question, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter says, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” It is interesting to note the location of Jesus and the disciples when this incident occurs. They are at Caesarea Philippi, about 25k north of the Sea of Galilee. There could have been few districts with more religious associations than Caesarea Philippi. The Syrian's had many temples there; the area was said to be the birthplace of the Greek God Pan; the River Jordan was said to start here and Herod the Great had built a great temple of white marble to the godhead of Caesar. It was Herod's son Philip who changed the name of the place from Pnias to Caesarea and added his own name Philippi - of Philip to distinguish it from Caesarea on the Mediterranean. It is not hard to see Jesus standing amidst the religions and idols and temptations of our day, saying the same question to us, “Who do you say that I am?” Can we answer like our patron Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God?

Can we be the rock's upon which Christ builds his church? The Church of God is more than this lovely building that we come to once a week. The church is you and me - the relationships we have with each other in the body of Christ. And that's why to know God involves more than just knowing about God. Theology is good and right and if we do not exercise our minds to the fullest concerning the nature of God and our relationship with God, then we pay God a disservice, however, the key is in our worship of the living God; in our relationship with God that goes on every day. We can rest in God but we cannot rest in the armchair watching others grow and go on. Our prayer is that we can answer Jesus question “Who do you say that I am?” with the answer “You are to me the Christ - the son of the living God and I will praise, reverence, and serve you, for that is why I am created.

Celebrating St Peter
on our
Patronal Festival



Sentence:

'My grace is sufficient for you,' says the Lord, 'for my power is made perfect in weakness.' 2 Corinthians 12.9

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, whose apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their deaths as in their lives: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 12.1-11

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. 'Quick, get up!' he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, 'Put on your clothes and sandals.' And Peter did so. 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me,' the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.'

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

Psalm 87

¹ He has founded it upon a holy hill: and the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

² **Glorious things shall be spoken of you:
O Zion, city of our God.**

³ I might speak of my kindred in Egypt or in Babylon:
in Philistia, Tyre or Nubia, where each was born.

**4 But of Zion it shall be said: many were born in her,
he that is Most High has established her.**

5 When the Lord draws up the record of the nations:
he shall take note where everyone was born.

**6 And the singers and the dancers together:
shall make their song to your name.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 21, verses 15-22

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the

leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

Years Mind

Mary Greig, Peter James, Edgar Boreham, Dorothy Lapworth, Peter Danby, and Fr James Robertson Senior, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Church of Pakistan (United); Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasy Chambers, Exec Director); Camberwell Girls' Grammar School (Debbie Dunwoody, Principal; Helen Creed, Chaplain); St Thomas' Werribee (Ken Bechaz, Nisher Kunoo); St Paul's Canterbury – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St David's Moorabin – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Peter's Box Hill – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Give thanks for the continuing presence of our church in Box Hill.

The World: Pray for all churches named for St Peter that their congregations may be inspired by him to grow in faith and service.

The Nation: Pray for the weak and the dispossessed and all in prisons.

Prayer of the Week

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to suffer death upon a cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Genesis 18.16-33	Ps 103.6-14	Matthew 8.18-22
Tuesday	Genesis 19.15-29	Ps 26	Matthew 8.23-27
Wednesday	Genesis 21.5, 8-20	Ps 34.1-10	Matthew 8.28-34
Thursday	Genesis 22.1-9	Ps 116.1-9	Matthew 9.1-8
Friday	Genesis 23.1-4, 62-67	Ps 106.1-5	Matthew 9.9-13
Saturday	Genesis 27.1-5, 15-29	Ps 135.1-6	Matthew 9.14-17

ABM Pew Reflections

Today the Psalmist assures us that he *sought the Lord's help and he answered: and he freed me from all my fears*. Again we see how God frees us from all our anxieties and worries if we bring our concerns in prayer. How many anxieties must Peter and Paul have had, especially as they were martyred in Christ's name. Yet, their remained steadfast in the Lord. Pray that like the Psalmist, St Peter and St Paul, you would cast all your cares on the Lord and bear testimony to God's unfailing love. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South East Asia.



*If you have a notice to be included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursday 9899 5122 or anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com*

RECYCLING RING PULLS, CAPS, ETC.

Don't forget to save your metal ring pulls and give them to Jan for recycling. Bread tags can be dropped off at Bendigo Bank Blackburn South.

At the moment I am **not** accepting plastic bottle tops as my contact for them has dried up.

Used stamps go to Mothers Union.

QR CODE

If you have a smartphone please do use it for the QR code on entering the church buildings. (The hall has its own code.) For your convenience you will also find the code on the last page of the Link.

We would ask sidespersons to ensure that anyone new to the church using the paper sign in, also adds their phone number so these details can be added to the electronic sign in kiosk.

MUCH APPRECIATION

Margaret Payne has decided to "retire" from the Flower Roster, after many, many years. A special thank you to Margaret for her loyal support with helping arrange flowers and greenery (for Advent) at St. Peter's – it is time to stop & smell the roses!





AUSTRALIAN WELSH MALE CHOIR CONCERT

at ST PETER'S

2.00pm Saturday, July 24

Tickets \$25 and \$10 concession

Tickets available from the office or after the 9.30am service.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to pick up the bread from Ashburton at 5.30pm on a Friday afternoon on a monthly roster. The bread is of great help to the Saturday School families and appreciated by our congregation, but help is needed if we want it to continue to be available. Please speak to Fr Alasdair if you can help. 0438 323 059

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A respected church leader arrived in a large city to deliver a series of presentations. At a banquet the first evening, he noticed some reporters in the audience. He wanted to use some of the stories he told that night in his presentations the next day, so he asked the reporters to omit them from their articles. One article that came out the next day concluded with this line: "The Reverend also told a number of stories that cannot be printed."



DURING A LIVELY GAME OF PICK-UP BASKETBALL, PETER DENIES JESUS THREE TIMES.

Week Ahead

SUN 27.6.21

St Peter's Day Celebration

8.00am and 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 28.6.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 29.6.21

8.00-11.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 30.6.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft*

THU 1.7.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 2.7.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 3.7.21

10am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall* and *Undercroft*

SUN 4.7.21

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am & 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

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For the Diary

June 27

9.30am

Patronal Festival

Visit by Bishop Genieve

July 15

Playgroup resumes

July 18

Family and Children's Service (FACS)

10.00am

July 24

Welsh Choir Concert, 2.00pm

August 29

11.00am Combined Service
Celebration of St Aidan's Day
and the 7th birthday of the Chinese
celebration



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.



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Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to
Kooyoora Professional Standards
1800 135 246

Mission Statement

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

Vision

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

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Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 27.6.21	Next week 4.7.21
SIDESPEOPLE	Ted G, Ken McD	TBC
SERVERS	Sophia E, Rosemary S	Sophia E, Michele M
READERS	Barbara P, Charles B	Margaret Dooley, Michele Mitchell
INTERCESSOR	Janet H	Keith W
COUNTING	Charles B, Daryl P	TBC
MORNING TEA	<i>No morning tea</i>	Elizabeth B (M), Laurence L, Lyn B