



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
20 February 2022

Parish
Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our in-person and online worship. In the readings for the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany, the theme of love is prominent. However, we are not just called to love those who love us or to do good to those who do good to us. Jesus calls us to love our enemies. This theme is evident in the first reading and the psalm also encourages us not to fret over those with evil desires and actions. God is sovereign and God will ultimately bring justice to this world. God calls us to love and forgive. This way of life seems impossible to actually live out in our day to day circumstances and relationships with other people. This kind of living can only be the result of the Holy Spirit's work within us. The Spirit's power at work within us will lead us to this kind of love, kindness, and generosity. As Jesus is at work within us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, he is sanctifying us and forming us into his image with his heart toward others. The key verse is Luke 6:31 "Do to others as you would have them do to you." This is such a simple phrase, but a hard principle by which to live. So often we want to seek revenge and vindicate ourselves. Jesus calls us to love them and to have his perspective on the situation. We need to **learn** what Joseph learned: what others meant for evil, God meant for good. We have to **trust** that God will work out justice in the circumstances of our lives. We are simply called to **live** by the qualities of the kingdom: love, forgiveness, mercy. May our prayer this week be that we so learn, trust and live as God desires.

Seventh Sunday after

EPIPHANY

Sentence

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Luke 6.35

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 45.3-11, 45.15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalms: 37.1-11, 40-41

¹ Do not vie with the wicked: **or envy those that do wrong;**

² For they will soon wither like the grass: **and fade away like the green leaf.**

³ Trust in the Lord and do good:

and you shall dwell in the land and feed in safe pastures.

⁴ Let the Lord be your delight: **and he will grant you your heart's desire.**

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord: **trust him, and he will act.**

⁶ He will make your righteousness shine as clear as the light:

and your innocence as the noonday.

⁷ Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him:

**do not be vexed when someone prospers,
when they put their evil purposes to work.**

⁸ Let go of anger and abandon wrath: **let not envy move you to do evil.**

⁹ For the wicked shall be cut down:

but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.

¹⁰ In a little while the ungodly shall be no more:

you will look for them in their place, but they will not be found.

¹¹ But the meek shall possess the land: **and enjoy the abundance of peace.**

⁴⁰ Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord:

he is their strength in time of trouble.

⁴¹ The Lord will help them and deliver them:

**he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them,
because they come to him for refuge.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.35-50

³⁵ But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. ⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 6, verses 27-38

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁷ 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do

good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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



Years Mind

Billie Kennedy, Jim Wright, Norman King, Dot Bartlett, Kathleen Mary Gavey, Susan Chamberlain, and Victor Jesudhason, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East; Ministry to the Defence Force (Bishop Grant Dibden, Chaplains & Members of the Defence Forces); Melbourne Grammar School (Philip Grutzner, Principal; Hans Christiansen, William Peacock, Malcolm Woolrich, Chaplains); City on a Hill Melbourne (Guy Mason, Andrew Grills, Matt Keller, Stephanie Judd); 40th Anniversary of Tamil Christian Congregation of Victoria – Thanksgiving Service (Abp Philip Freier).

The Parish: Give thanks for the return of our clergy, Esther and Shane.

The World: Pray for a peaceful resolution of tensions between Russia and Ukraine.

The Nation: Pray for wisdom and understanding in our politicians.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	James 3.13-18	Ps 19.7-10	Mark 9.14-29
Tuesday	James 4.1-10	Ps 55.20-23	Mark 9.30-37
Wednesday	James 4.13-17	Ps 49.1-4, 10-12	Mark 9.38-40
Thursday	James 5.1-6	Ps 49.17-21	Mark 9.41-50
Friday	James 5.9-12	Ps 103.6-14	Mark 10.1-12
Saturday	James 5.19-20	Ps 141	Mark 10.13-16

ABM Pew Reflections

In this week's gospel reading Jesus gives us practical advice about how to live a good life: we are to love those that we would not normally be drawn towards – our enemies. We are to do good to those who hate us, bless those who curse us, and

pray for those who abuse us. This doesn't mean that those who do bad things to us should be immune from the consequences of their acts, but rather that we should not act in a way that damages ourselves even further. We are not to be judgemental, and we are to avoid condemning others. We are to try to fill our lives with goodness. Forgive me, Lord, for when and wherever I have had abuse and hatred in my heart. Help me to amend my life so that I come closer to others and to you. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar, especially at this time of tension



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



GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK It is true that your computer uses a surge of electricity when it starts up, but it's a small surge. To save power it is suggested that you turn off your monitor if you aren't going to use your PC for more than 20 minutes, and turn off your CPU and monitor if you're not going to use your PC for more than 2 hours.

OPEN HOUSE at CHURCH HOUSE

Come and see the (almost) completed renovations at Church House and have a cup of tea or coffee while getting the autographs of the renovators! All welcome. **Tuesday, March 1, 10.00am – Midday.** Next door to St Aidan's in Surrey Street, Box Hill South.

2022 LENTEN STUDY

The Vicar is holding a Lenten Study beginning on **March 5 at 10.30 - 11.30am.** This study will continue for six weeks, concluding on April 9 and will be held in the Undercroft. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church if you are interested. The study book, *Embracing Justice* will be made available for \$25.

CONGRATULATIONS CARD FOR GEOFFREY TISDALL

If you would like to sign the card for Geoffrey, former Vicar of St Peter's during the 1980's, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination, please see Margaret Rockow. Warmest blessings to Father Geoffrey as he marks 50 years since his ordination on 20th February 1972.

THE GOOD NEWS

Please send any articles or items you want included in the March issue Good News to Rev'd Anne Kennedy before February 28.

Email: robann29@bigpond.com

TONGA EMERGENCY APPEAL

ABM's Anglicans in Development (AID) has mounted an emergency appeal for the people of Tonga, following the volcanic eruptions and tsunami waves which hit on Saturday, 15 January.

All funds raised by AID will go to Anglican Missions NZ who are working closely with their Anglican Diocese of Polynesia. To learn more, please go to:

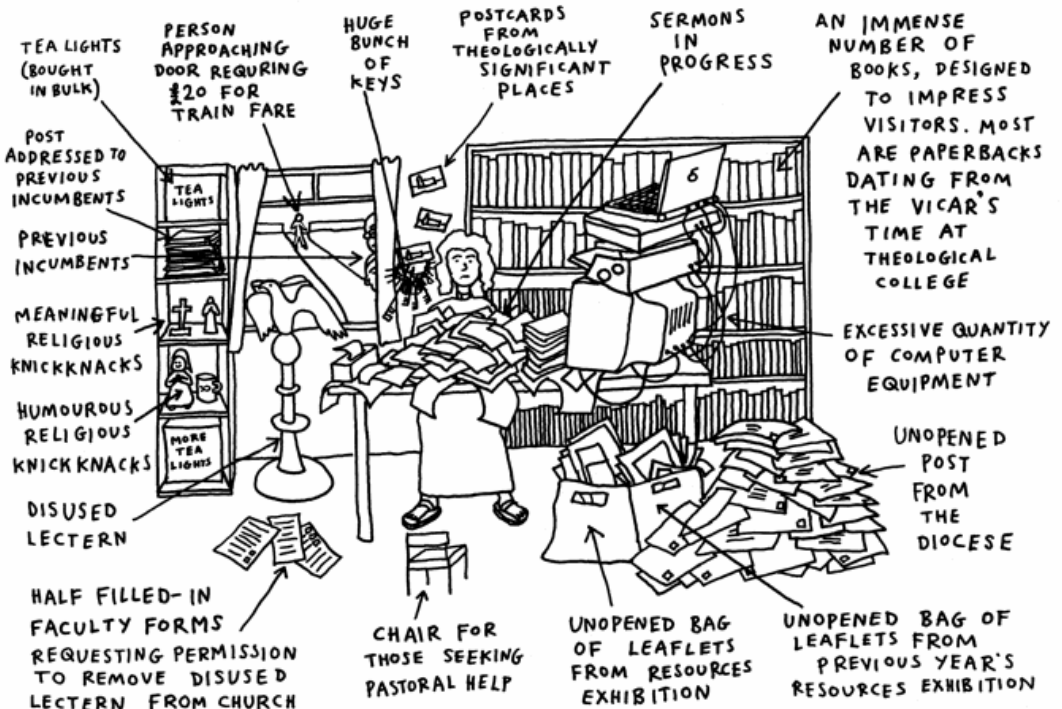
Tonga Emergency Appeal - Anglican Board of Mission (abmission.org)

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

There was a knock on the door this past Saturday morning. I opened it to find a young, well-dressed man standing there who said: "Hello sir, I'm a Jehovah's Witness. So I said, "Come in and sit down." I offered him a fresh cup of coffee and asked, "What do you want to talk about?"

He said, "I'm not sure... nobody ever let me in before."

THE VICAR'S STUDY



Week Ahead

SUN 20.02.22

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am Eucharist

9.30am Live and streamed service

11.30am Mandarin service

live and streamed

2.30pm Dinka service

MON 21.02.22

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 22.02.22

9.00-1.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 23.02.22

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

2.00pm Play Group set up, *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 24.02.22

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 25.02.22

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 26.02.21

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

SUN 27.02.22

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Transfiguration

8.00am Eucharist

9.30am Live and streamed service

11.30am Mandarin service

live and streamed

2.30pm Dinka service

For the Diary

1 March

Church House Open House

10am-12 midday

2 March

Ash Wednesday Services

10.30am, 7.30pm

4 March

World Day of Prayer, 7.30pm

St Paul's Lutheran Church, Box Hill Sth

5 March

Wedding, St Peter's, 4.00pm

6 March

First day of Lent Study

10.30-11.30am, *Undercroft*

19 March

VMTA concert all day, 9am-6pm

Saturday, *church*

23 March

Mothers Union Meeting, U/croft

26 March

Percy Grainger WS rehearsal & concert

4.00-10.00pm, Saturday, *church*

Prayers and Readings from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, Copyright Broughton Publishing 1995.

The Scripture quotations contained herein are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible © 1989 the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and are used by permission. All rights reserved.

OUR 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.



ST PETER'S

1038 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill.

Parish Office: 9899 5122

E anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com

W www.anglicansboxhill.org.au

Office Hours:

Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

Thu 10.00am – 2.00pm

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.

Vicar

The Reverend Shane Hübner

T 0432 681 177

E vicar@anglicansboxhill.org.au

Honorary Clergy

The Rt Rev George Hearn,

T 9840 7816

Reverends:

Betty Bracken 9939 5881

Alasdair MacKinnon-Love

0438 323 059

E alasdair@mackinnonlove.com

Sudanese Ministry

Reverend Joseph Arou

T 0431 541 535

E aroujoseph18@gmail.com

Chinese Ministry

The Reverend Esther Zhang

T 0405 602 439

Wardens:

Margaret Dooley 0438 129 161

Sophia Errey 9878 6297

Garry Male 0421 056 706



QR code
St Peter's

Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 20.2.22	Next week 27.2.22
SIDESPEOPLE	Barbara P, Michele M	Noel W, Elizabeth B
SERVERS	Judy J, Sophia E, Kim (c)	Rosemary S, Sophia E, Kim (c)
READERS	Elizabeth B, Sophia E,	Laurence L, Judy J
INTERCESSOR	Janet H	Michele M
COUNTING	Michele M, Hilary B	Ken McD, Charles B
MORNING TEA	Cecilia , Margaret R, Jan G, Jennifer F	Barbara P , Dianne A, Michele M, Keith W