



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

14 August 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today. The focus of the preaching today will be on the passage from Hebrews. I love the start of chapter 12, "*therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.*" Whenever we read the word 'therefore' it pays us to check what it refers back to and in this case; it is the long list of 'witnesses' that have come before us. These people have checkered histories which prove that they are just like us – humans who fail. But they persevered in the faith as we are asked to do in our day and age. We are never asked to be perfect disciples but we are asked to be faithful disciples! We are in it for the long haul, supporting each other as the community of faith; the body of Christ.

A reminder that we have a guest preacher next week, our very own Anne Kennedy, as we have a special fundraising Sunday for the work of Mothers' Union. Also that we are in a low-key Stewardship campaign and on Sunday 28 August you will receive a pack which I pray you will read and fill in and bring the following week – Sunday 4 September to our Thanksgiving Liturgy.



4th Sunday of the month: retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: 'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?' Jeremiah 23.29

Prayer of the Day

Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7

¹ Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

Psalms: 80.1-2, 80.8-19

- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock:
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;
- ² Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power, and come to save us.
- ⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt: **you drove out the nations, and planted it in.**
- ⁹ You cleared the ground before it: **and it struck root and filled the land.**
- ¹⁰ The hills were covered with its shadow:
and its boughs were like the boughs of the great cedars.
- ¹¹ It stretched out its branches to the sea:
and its tender shoots to the Great River.
- ¹² Why then have you broken down its walls:
so that every passer-by can pluck its fruit?
- ¹³ The wild boar out of the woods roots it up:
and the locusts from the wild places devour it.
- ¹⁴ Turn to us again, O Lord of hosts: **look down from heaven, and see.**
- ¹⁵ Bestow your care upon this vine:
the stock which your own right hand has planted.
- ¹⁶ As for those that burn it with fire and cut it down:
let them perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
- ¹⁷ Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:

on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.

¹⁸ And so we shall not turn back from you:

give us life, and we will call upon your name.

¹⁹ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11.29-12.2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains of imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. ¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 12, beginning at Verse 49

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁴⁹ 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you

immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? ⁵⁷ 'And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸ Thus, when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the case, or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. ⁵⁹ I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.'

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Years Mind

George Strachan, Ellen Toussaint, Werner Gronlund, John Hobba, Irene King, Douglas Cliff, Ruby Beaumont, and Trish Tomson, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Extra-Provincial Churches; The Diocese of The Northern Territory (Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People); Department of Theological Education (Bp Brad Billings, Assistant Bishop, Monomeeth Episcopate); Casey Anglican Dinka Congregation AAC (Peter Alier-Jongroor).

The Parish: Give thanks for the work of Barbara in running the Play Group.

The World: Pray for the peoples of Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Ukraine.

The Nation: Pray that our state parliamentarians may work for the good of the state.

Daily Readings

Monday	Ezekiel 24.15-24	Ps 78.55-70	Matthew 19.16-22
Tuesday	Ezekiel 28.1-10	Ps 36.1-6	Matthew 19.23-30
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34.1-11	Ps 23	Matthew 20.1-16a
Thursday	Ezekiel 36.23-28	Ps 51.10-17	Matthew 22.1-14
Friday	Ezekiel 37.1-14	Ps 107.1-9	Matthew 22.34-40
Saturday	Ezekiel 43.1-7a	Ps 85.8-13	Matthew 23.1-12

ABM Pew Reflections


St Luke reports the advice Jesus gives us about settling with an opponent. Of course, not every argument ends up in a court case, but it is wise advice: any argument can end up backfiring and it is better to be sensible and come to an

agreement. Jesus Christ, Judge of all, help me to avoid conflict lest I should end up hurt as well as those with whom I argue. Teach me to pursue solutions, not create problems.



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

We are wearing masks at St Peter's, in line with recommendations from the Diocese.

 **GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK** Old unwanted phones and batteries can be taken to Woolworths at Blackburn Square shopping centre.

FAREWELL GIFT FOR FR SHANE AND JANET

To give to the farewell gift for Fr Shane and Janet, please put your contribution in an envelope marked "Shane and Janet" on the plate during the Sunday service, or give directly to Cecilia in the office or to Fr Alasdair. The gift will be presented at morning tea after the 9.30am service on Fr Shane's last Sunday in the parish, September 11.

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING August 24

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 24 August at 1.30pm in the Undercroft. Fr Shane will be the speaker. The Bowl of Remembrance will be available in memory of our members: Gwen McDonald and Joan Simmons, who passed away in July. These donations will go to a fund for Northern Outreach to support MU members travel in Northern Aust.

INVITATION

The Annual Fundraiser Service
ST PETER'S MOTHERS' UNION BOX HILL
Sunday August 21, 9.30am

Preacher: Rev'd Anne Kennedy

This will be followed by morning tea.

A trading table and the Travelling Suitcase will be available.

Raffle tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5

Envelopes will be available for donations towards MU projects

Further information: Jan 0425757778

LAMBETH 2022: BISHOPS PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR PLACES IN CRISIS AND CONFLICT

PAT ASHWORTH 07 AUGUST 2022

NOT every world situation could be brought to the attention of the Lambeth Conference, but a series of 14 public “statements of support” in relation to crises and conflicts across the world went some way towards filling the gaps.

The statements, sponsored by individual bishops, were announced on Saturday, Hiroshima Day. Bishops joined in a two-minute silence to remember the 77th anniversary of the atomic bomb attack on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and to consider the continuing threat posed by nuclear weapons.

The 14 statements gave bishops the opportunity to express support for situations as various as **the political and economic crisis in Sri Lanka and the oppression of the people of Myanmar**. The Archbishop of Canterbury brought one to the Conference for **Nigeria**, and another to remember the **global refugee and migration crisis**. The Canadian Primate, Dr Linda Nicholls, brought a statement affirming **support for the rights of indigenous peoples**.

Representatives from **Kenya, Brazil, and the Philippines** in turn were asked to stand as the rest of the bishops expressed their support for them and Archbishop Welby prayed for their countries and their recent or upcoming elections. The Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, led the bishops in prayer for **Iran**, where she was born, remembering the “faithful remnant” of Christians in the country.

Archbishop Welby’s statement on Nigeria reiterated his regret that the Province was absent, and included a prayer that “our Lord will make it possible that the differences that have prevented [it] from joining the rest of the Communion will be healed in his good time.”

He went on: “Nigeria is a country that is richly endowed with highly skilled human, natural, and mineral resources, a country with a huge contribution to make on the world stage. The bishops are particularly aggrieved by the security, economic, religious, and political challenges faced by Nigeria and Nigerians. Nigeria remains a regular prayer point for the prayers of bishops across the Communion.”

The Archbishop in **Jerusalem**, Dr Hosam Naoum, reiterated the bishops’ conviction that the two-state solution offered the best hope for a sustainable future for all, “where both states live side by side in security, peace, and dignity of all their citizens. . .

“Jerusalem is a city that is precious to Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities. Therefore, in accordance with the United Nations, we regard Jerusalem as an intrinsic issue with respect to any future political settlement for Israel and the Palestinian Occupied Territories.”

The situation in **Ukraine** has been on many minds and in many prayers during the Conference. The Bishop in Europe, Dr Robert Innes, said that the Anglican Church had played a significant part in the huge humanitarian aid efforts that had been launched.

“The plummeting of Ukrainian agricultural exports since the start of the war now threatens disastrous consequences for countries in the global South, with the possibility of famine and further widespread forced migration,” his statement said.

He went on to describe the war as “widely condemned as illegal and unjustifiable”. The statement “recognises Ukraine’s endeavours to defend itself against armed aggression and its requests to the international community for military assistance, at the same time echoing the WCC [World Council of Churches] call for much greater investment in searching for and promoting peace.”

The Moderator of the Church of **Pakistan**, Dr Azad Marshall, brought a statement supporting the bishops’ call for “an end to forced and under-age marriage, and proper legal protection for all girls, and particularly those from minority communities so that their physical and religious freedoms are not violated.”

It calls for an end to “the abuse enabled by the blasphemy law that gives licence to unscrupulous accusations against Christians and the religious minorities, and recourse in statute against such false accusations.”

It also calls for “freedom from imprisonment for all those currently detained by false accusations of blasphemy, and for Western aid to be accessed by minority religious communities in Pakistan so that they have equal opportunity to access funding for education and development.”

The response by the Presiding Bishop of the US Episcopal Church, the Most Revd Michael Curry, to **the recent shootings in the United States** noted that the bishops were “deeply grieved by continued news of mass shootings in the United States and the deaths that result from these awful events in schools, in stores, in public places of all kinds, and even, a short time ago, in an Episcopal parish in Alabama.

“We pray for the victims and their loved ones and for all those to find themselves fearful in the face of gun violence. . . We likewise are distressed by news of the ongoing turmoil and pernicious divisions that exist in various ways throughout the country and contribute to the anxiety experienced by many, both individually and communally.”

Other statements focused on the **Democratic Republic of Congo; the new Province of Alexandria; Sudan; South Sudan; and Tanzania.**



St Peter's Anglican Church Box Hill

*"Bettine McCaughan
Scholarship for Singers"
Final*

Saturday 20th August 2022

at

7.30pm

Tickets at the door: \$10

Includes Supper

Come and support young singers.

(Invitation from Carole Plumridge)

THE ARCHBISHOP SPEAKS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Melbourne Anglican Archbishop Philip Freier's second public conversation for 2022 will focus on the climate crisis. He is joined by Tony Rinaudo, Olivia Livingstone and Jack Lowman. The discussion will be hosted by Melbourne Grammar School at 10.30am on August 19. People are invited to attend online, via the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CAGIG>

WHITEHORSE INTERFAITH NETWORK



The Whitehorse Interfaith Network (WIN) is a committee of volunteers supported by Whitehorse City Council. Its purpose is to promote interfaith dialogue, social justice and harmony to the wider community.

Join the Whitehorse Interfaith Network at **free community forums** over the coming months to connect with other residents of different faiths.

Coming together after COVID

Sunday 28 August, 2-4pm at Box Hill Community Art Centre

How social media is shaping Whitehorse

Wednesday 21 September, 7- 8.30pm (online via zoom)

Evolving together as a culturally diverse community

Wednesday 19 October, 6 to 7.30pm at Box Hill Town Hall, Boyland Room

Refreshments will be included at in-person sessions.

[RSVP here](#)

Or RSVP and enquires via [Council's website](#), phone 9262 6333 or email CDenquiries@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

FRIENDS OF ANGLICAN MUSIC "EVENSONG"

Saturday, 27th August, 4.00pm [St Faith's Anglican Church](#) 6-8 Charles St, Glen Iris (formerly Burwood) **Rehearsal** will be at 2:00pm This will be followed by High Tea and then the **Annual General Meeting**.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Some friars were behind in their belfry payments, so they opened a small florist shop to raise the funds and the business did well. The rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down and then begged them to, but they would not. So, the rival florist hired Hugh Mac Taggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed the shop, saying he'd be back if they didn't close shop. Terrified, the friars did so. The Moral of the Story: Hugh, and only Hugh, can prevent florist friars !!

STANDING AND SITTING



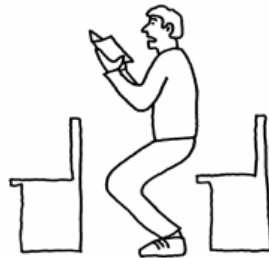
SEE WHETHER IT SAYS ANYTHING
IN THE SERVICE BOOK



WATCH TO SEE WHAT
OTHER PEOPLE ARE DOING



LOOK OUT FOR SUBTLE HINTS
GIVEN BY THE CLERGY



IF IN DOUBT ADOPT
A 'MID WAY' POSITION

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 14.08.22

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Aidan's*
5.00am Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

MON 15.08.22

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*
6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 16.08.22

8.30am-12.30pm Office open
9.00-1.00pm Men at Work
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*
7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

WED 17.08.22

10.30am Eucharist
9.30-11.30am Play group (*kindergarten*)
10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*
1.30pm World Day of Prayer
8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 18.08.22

9.00am-1.00pm Office open
6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 19.08.22

7.30am Eucharist
5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 20.08.21

10.30am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall* and *Undercroft*
3.15-9.00pm Bettine McCaughan Vocal Scholarship Competition booking

SUNDAY 21.08.22

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Aidan's*
5.00pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

For the Diary

August 16

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm *U'croft*

August 20

Bettine McCaughan Vocal Scholarship Concert 7.30pm

August 21 Sunday

MU Annual Fundraiser Service

August 24

MU Meeting 1.30pm *Undercroft*

August 28 (Sunday)

Taizé-style Service, 6.30pm, *St Aidan's*

September 3 Saturday

Fr Shane talks about his Israel trip 2pm

September 4

Stewardship Sunday

September 9 Friday

Box Hill Historical Society Quiz Night
7.30pm. \$20 per head, *hall*

September 10

Set up and concert VMTA
9.00am – 6.00pm

September 11 Sunday

Final Sunday service with the Fr Shane

November 19 Saturday

Australian Welsh Male Choir
2.00pm, *St Peter's*

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 near 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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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.

Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to

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Roster for Sunday 9.30am service

	Today 14.08.22	Next week 21.08.22
SIDESPEOPLE	Noel W, Elizabeth B	Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Michele M, Judy J, <i>Kim C</i>	Elizabeth B, Judy J, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Elizabeth B, Jen W	Judy J, Laurence L
INTERCESSOR	Sophia E, Rosemary S	Elizabeth B
COUNTING	Ken McD, Elizabeth B	Charles B, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	Rosemary S , Peter W, Janet H	Cecilia, Margaret R, Jennifer F, Jan G

St Peter's is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican Communion.

St Peter's church is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land.