



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

4 December 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Parish
Link

Reverend Anne writes ...

Last week we lit the first candle of our Advent Wreath – the candle representing HOPE. Hope is often a rare commodity in today's world. So many people have lost hope – those without work, those without a roof over their heads, those who've lost touch with family, those caught up in addictive behaviour.

But for Christians, Hope is something we can offer to everyone we meet. Jesus Christ offers hope to everyone. By changing their lives, by becoming transformed into new creations, we are given Hope through the life-giving Holy Spirit.

Today we light the candle of peace – this is a candle that won't go out as long as we have Hope. If we have hope in our hearts, then we have peace. Jesus taught that justice and reconciliation for all people will lead to lives of peace – we pray with hope for peace in our hearts and in the world around us.

God's blessing to each of you!

Anne



Hymns: Introit 269 • Advent Song 286 v.1&2 • Psalm: said
Gradual 284 • Offertory 276 • Communion 288 • Final Hymn 270

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1.15

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer at the time of choosing an incumbent: Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose wisdom, discernment and patience, and give to us warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Psalms 72.1-7, 72.18-21

¹ Give the king your judgement, O God:

and your righteousness to the son of a king,

² That he may judge your people rightly: **and the poor of the land with equity.**

³ Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness:

and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

⁴ May he give justice to the poor among the people:

and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live while the sun endures:

and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.

⁶ May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:

and as showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his time shall righteousness flourish:

and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸ Let his name live for ever: **and endure as long as the sun.**

¹⁹ Let all peoples use his name in blessing: **and all nations call him blessed.**

²⁰ Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel: **who alone does great wonders.**

²¹ Blessed be his glorious name for ever:

and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 15.4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; ¹⁰ and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; ¹¹ and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; ¹² and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 3, beginning at Verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' ⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say

to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

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

Prayer of the Week

Merciful God, who sent your messenger John the Baptist to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Years Mind

George Boshnakoff, Alma and Arthur Locke, Marlene Mack, Dru Ferdinands, Irene Bracken, and Hazel Addison, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People); City on a Hill East Melbourne – (Bp Paul Barker); Mission to Seafarers (Neil Edwards, Chair; Onfré Punay, Chaplain); Church of the Ascension Springvale (Inpa Eliezer); St Jude’s Carlton – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Jude’s Estates Community – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St George’s East Ivanhoe – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St John’s Flinders and St Mark’s Balnarring – (Abp Philip Freier)

The Parish: Give thanks for all those who volunteer as wardens and in other roles.

The World: Give thanks for organisations who give international medical help.

The Nation: Pray for those who live in country areas affected by floods.

Daily Readings

Monday	Isaiah 35.1-10	Ps 85.8-13	Luke 5.17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40.1-11	Ps 96.7-13	Matthew 18.12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40.25-31	Ps 103.1-5	Matthew 11.28-30
Thursday	Isaiah 41.13-20	Ps 145.8-13	Matthew 11.11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48.17-19	Ps 1	Matthew 11.16-19
Saturday	Malachi 4	Ps 80.14-19	Matthew 17.10-13



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

ANGLICARE VICTORIA TOY APPEAL

The final date for giving is this week. Please leave unwrapped gifts for this appeal in the basket provided at the back of the church. Please hand vouchers directly to Rev Anne, Jan Gunst, Margaret Payne or the office for safe keeping.

CLIMATE ACTION GROUP (CAG)

11am on Saturday, 10th December, people interested in environmental issues are invited to come along to our CAG (Climate Action Group). We will discuss how we can be better stewards of our resources in the parish.

CHINESE FELLOWSHIP LUNCH Sunday Dec 4 **POSTPONED**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations for **Christmas Flowers** in memory of loved ones can be made to the Office anytime during opening hours.

THE GOOD NEWS!

The Good News! Some help is being requested. Still hoping for a 'guest editor' for this edition, as the Editor, the Acting Vicar, is having to push to get things done. Not difficult to do, but if you like creative computing – this could be for you. Give it a go!

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped in any way with providing goods and or on the Polling Day stall. Apparently 996 voters came through our hall. This has resulted in a great funds tally of over \$3,000. We still have some goods to sell. Please contact Margaret Dooley or Hilary for any queries.

WINE DRIVE – order date extended!

Thank you to all who showed any interest in ordering these great items including non-alcoholic drinks. It is not too late to pop in an order... we have extended the **last due date to Tuesday December 6.**

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

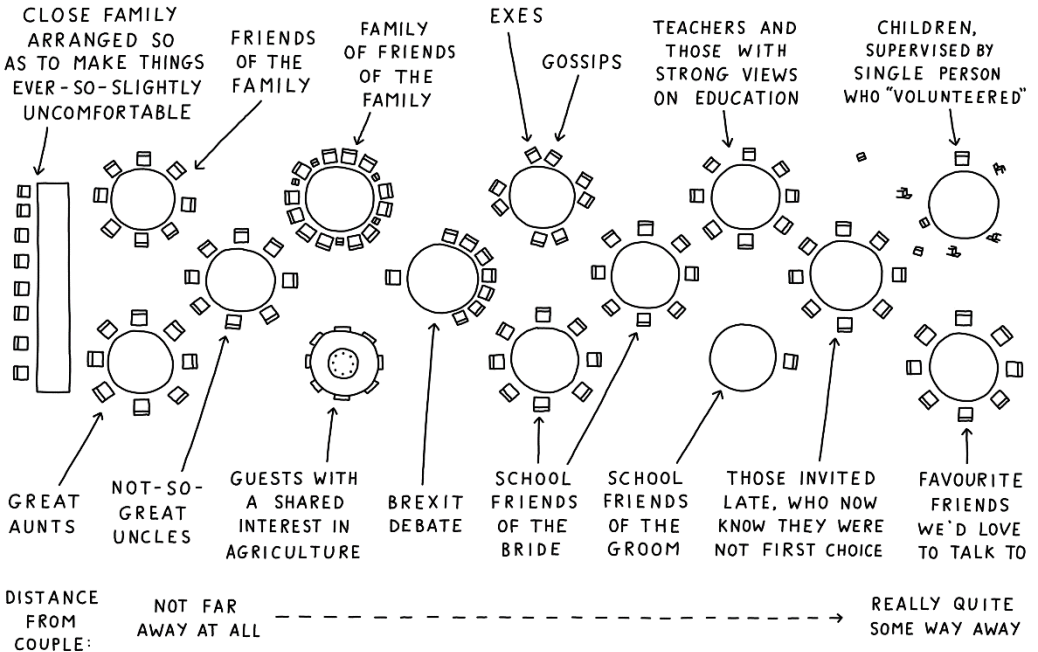
Got myself a Microsoft advert calendar, but I'm worried that once I've opened 3 or 4 windows I won't be able to open any more...

I couldn't get the chocolates out of my advent calendar today. Foiled again.



THE WEDDING RECEPTION

THE SEATING PLAN



Week Ahead

SUNDAY 4.12.22

Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Peter's*

4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

MON 5.12.22

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

4.00-9.00pm Set up and concert:

TUES 6.12.22

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 7.12.22

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group *kindergarten*

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 8.12.22

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 9.12.22

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 10.12.21

11.00am CAG meeting, *Office*

10.30 – 1.30pm Set up and concert, *church*

1.30 – 4.30pm Set up and concert, *church*

6.30-8.00pm Concert tea, *Undercroft*

10.30am-1.30pm SAIL, *hall & Undercroft*

SUNDAY 11.12.22

Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Peter's*

4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

For the Diary

POSTPONED

Dec 4 Fellowship lunch
with Chinese Congregation

December 5

Set up and concert: 4.00-9.00pm

December 10

CAG meeting 11.00am, *U'croft*

Set up and concert: 10.30 – 1.30pm

Set up and concert: 1.30 – 4.30pm

Undercroft 6.30-8.00pm

December 18

Interment of ashes of Bishop George

Carol Service 7.30pm

December 21

Last day for the Office for 2022

Christmas Services 2022

18 December

Carol Service 7.30pm

24 December Christmas Eve

7.30pm Children's and Families' service

10.30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

25 December Christmas Day

Eucharist – 9.30am

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 4.12.22	Next week 11.12.22
SIDESPEOPLE	Rosemary S, Martin F	Sandra L, Noel W
SERVERS	Judy J, Michele M, Kim C	Elizabeth B, Michele M, Garry M
READERS	Barbara P, Charles B	Michele M, Margaret D
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Sophia/ Rosemary S
COUNTING	Kim C, Charles B	Elizabeth B, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	Elizabeth B , Laurence L, Lyn B	Rosemary S , Peter W, Barbara M

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.