



## ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

25 December 2022

Christmas Day

# Parish Link

Reverend Anne writes ...

Christmas Greetings to you all! Christ the Saviour has been born, and we celebrate with great rejoicing. We praise God for his incredible gift of his Son, Jesus Christ, born of Mary and the Holy Spirit, to live on this earth just like us, Despite temptations put in front of him, he lives a pure life and is an example to us as we try to be like him in all that we do.

*Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be on his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, counsellor, The might God the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:16.*

If you are celebrating this great event with family and friends over the next 12 days, remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season, and give thanks for the Holy Spirit that gives you life.

If you find yourself alone at this time, remember that God sent Jesus to be with you, nearer than touch and closer than breathing. Celebrate this season knowing that you are very special, a one-off creation who is precious to us all. You are surrounded by love, and remembered in prayer.



### **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.

**Sentence:** I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Luke 2.10–11

### Prayer of the Day

All glory to you, gracious God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With the angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and proclaim your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 62.6-12

<sup>6</sup> Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, <sup>7</sup> and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. <sup>8</sup> The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; <sup>9</sup> but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. <sup>10</sup> Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. <sup>11</sup> The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, 'See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.' <sup>12</sup> They shall be called, 'The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord'; and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.'

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

### Psalm: 97

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice: **let the multitude of islands be glad.**

<sup>2</sup> Clouds and darkness are round about him:

**righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

<sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him: **and burns up his enemies on every side.**

<sup>4</sup> His lightnings light the world: **the earth sees it and quakes.**

<sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before his face:

**from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup> The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:

**and all peoples have seen his glory.**

<sup>7</sup> They are ashamed, all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings:

**all gods bow down before him.**

<sup>8</sup> Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:

**because of your judgements, O God.**

<sup>9</sup> For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:

**you are exalted far above all gods.**

<sup>10</sup> The Lord loves those that hate evil:

**the Lord guards the life of the faithful,  
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.**

<sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous: **and joy for the true of heart.**

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous: **and give thanks to his holy name.**

## Second Reading: Titus 3.4-8

<sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup> This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup> The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke, Chapter 2, beginning at Verse 8

## Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

## Years Mind

Christopher Hill, Mary Wood, Alan Andrewartha, Nellie Packer, Warwick Sheffield, Margaret Robinson, and Jean Smith, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



## *Christmas Flowers are in loving memory of*

Hilda Marie Blakeman, Boyd family members & Maja Overstad, Nancy & John Melville, David, Elvena & Thomas Orange, and Gordon Baensch

## Prayer Points

*The Church:* St Stephen's Warrandyte (Mark Hanson); Victorian Council of Churches (Dr Graeme Blackman, President, Ian Smith, Executive Officer); St Stephen's Gardenvale (Bp Paul Barker); Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

*The Parish:* Pray for a holy and joyful Christmas for all our congregations.

*The World:* Pray for God's peace throughout the world, especially Ukraine.

*The Nation:* Give thanks for the gift of God's son to the world.

## Daily Readings

Monday	2 Chronicles 24.17-22	Ps 31.1-8	Matthew 10.17-22
Tuesday	Proverbs 8.22-31	Ps 97	John 20.2-8
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31.15-20	Ps 124	Matthew 2.13-18
Thursday	1 John 2.3-11	Ps 96.1-6	Luke 2.22-35
Friday	1 John 2.12-17	Ps 96.7-9	Luke 2.36-40
Saturday	1 John 2.18-21	Ps 96.10-13	John 1.1-18

## ABM Pew Reflections

The angel says: *Do not be afraid*. The phrase is used throughout the Bible – in the Hebrew Scriptures, in the Apocrypha and in the New Testament. God does not want us to be timid, afraid, anxious or troubled. God wants us, as the birth of Jesus shows, to come closer. Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4.18), and today God surrounds us with perfect love in the birth of the Baby at Bethlehem. Pray this week that you may show perfect love to all you encounter. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa.



*All notices should go in writing to the Vicar during January for inclusion in the announcements.*

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH at ST PETER'S**

Everyone is invited to come to the Chinese service with Baptisms on Christmas Day at 11.30am. There will be Mandarin, English and Korean translations, so everyone can understand. There will be lunch after the service to which everyone is welcome. So come along and join this multicultural celebration!

## **JANUARY-JUNE 2023 ROSTER**

Michele is about to prepare the roster for the first half of 2023. Could you please advise her if you **do not wish** to continue with your nominated tasks and more importantly, if you will consider joining the roster for any of the following: Flower Arranging, Sidespersons, Servers, Crucifer, Readers, Intercessions, Counting, Morning Tea; these are all important tasks and a part of our worship. Please either speak to Michele or contact her on 0408 531 045 / [themitchells01@bigpond.com](mailto:themitchells01@bigpond.com).

## **ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION Advent and Christmas Appeal 2022**

The Advent and Christmas Appeal focusses on two key areas:

**Wontulp-Bi-Buya and Nungalinya Colleges** both train Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders to become future leaders.

### **AID's Sustainable Communities Water, Sanitation and Hygiene program**

provides clean water and sanitation to thousands of people in Kenya, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, and Myanmar, and funds are needed to ensure the program can reach more people in vital need of these resources.

[Click here to donate](#) or go their website for more information.

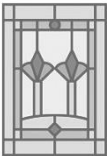


### **KENYA HUNGER CRISIS**

Appeal closes 31/1/2023. Your donation will be directed to the Imarisha Maisha program in Kenya, enabling Anglican Overseas Aid to

support the Anglican Diocese of Mt Kenya West continue the vital program and respond to the hunger crisis. Anglican Overseas Aid: ABN 39 116 072 050

[Click here to donate](#) or go their website for more information.



### **LEWIS PLUMRIDGE WINDOW**

A stained glass window in memory of Lewis Plumridge, our late organist, is planned for the chapel. An appeal has been opened and if you would like to know more, please speak to Reverend Anne.

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT ST AUGUSTINE'S, MONT ALBERT NORTH**

Cnr Rostrevor Parade & Bundoran Parade, Mont Albert North VIC 3129.

Make a point of driving slowly past St Augustine's to view the beautiful Christmas lights and Nativity scene - you will not be disappointed!

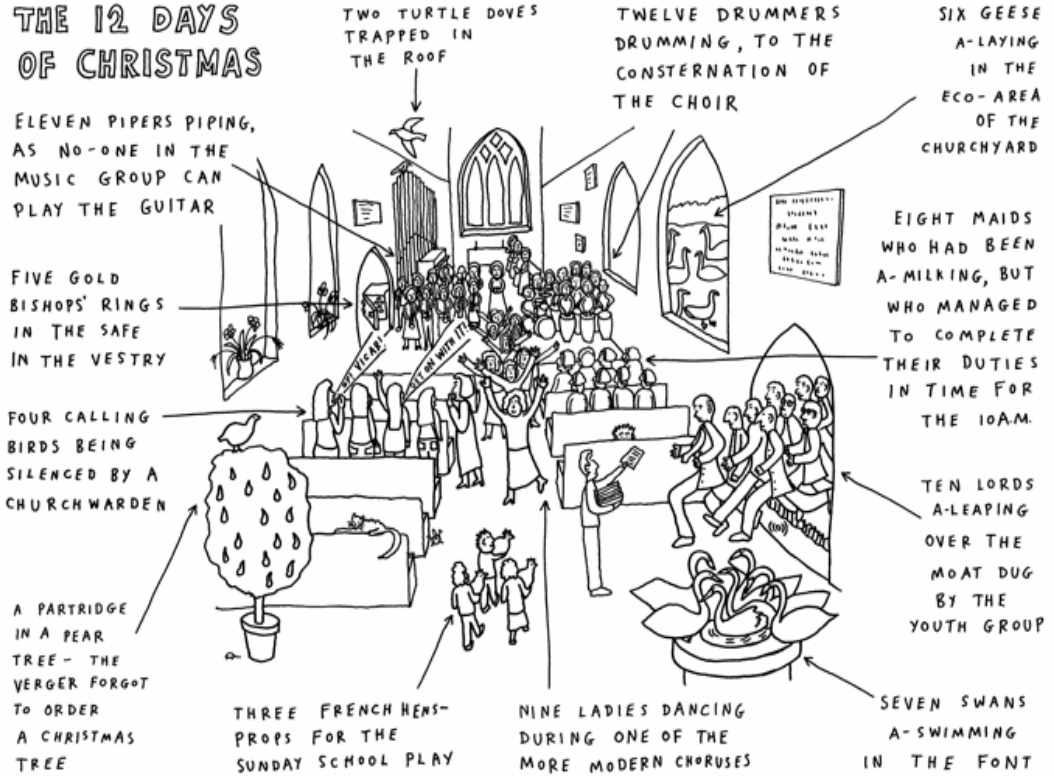
# TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

The only Christmas present I got this year was a pack of sticky playing cards. I find that very hard to deal with.

My mother cast one of her students as the innkeeper for the Christmas pageant. All the third grader had to do was tell Joseph, "There is no room at the inn."

But during the performance—after Joseph begged for a room for his pregnant wife—the boy didn't have the heart to turn him down. "Well," he said, "if it's so urgent, come on in."

## THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



## Week Ahead

**SUNDAY 25.12.22**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

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

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

**MON 26.12.22**

**TUES 27.12.22**

**WED 28.12.22**

No Wed service this day

**THU 29.12.22**

**FRI 30.12.22**

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

**SAT 31.12.22**

**SUNDAY 1.1.23**

### **EPIPHANY**

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*

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## For the Diary



### *Christmas Services 2022*

*24 December Christmas Eve*

7.30pm Children's and Families' service

10.30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

*25 December Christmas Day*

Eucharist – 9.30am

11.30am Mandarin Service

**24 January**

Office reopens



#### **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.



## ST PETER'S

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Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

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### Reporting Child Abuse

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

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## Roster for upcoming services

	24.12.22 10.30pm	25.12.22 9.30pm	1.1.23
<b>Sidespeople</b>	Barbara P	Rosemary S, Peter W	
<b>Servers</b>	Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Kim C</i>	Michele M, Judy J Keith Wilkins	
<b>Readers</b>	Charles B, Elizabeth B	Conrad H, Rosemary S	
<b>Intercessors</b>	Michele M	Sophia E (Jan G)	
<b>Morning Tea</b>	<i>Not required</i>	<i>Not required</i>	
<b>Counting</b>			

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.