



Reverend Anne writes ...

Salt and light – this is what brings flavour and colour to the world. Even in this day of low-salt products, that simple condiment is vital. And what would we do without light? From the sunshine on a fine day, to a candle with its single flame during a blackout during a storm – light gives us hope.

The readings today encourage us to be the salt and light of the world, and to be brave and courageous – to speak up with confidence.

Are we the salt and light of our community today? There are many here today who have brought flavour and colour to communities over the years, and continue to do so. Be the salt – encourage people, ask “Are you okay?”, be aware of how they are travelling. And be the light – smile at everyone, show the joy that you have within you, through our Lord, Jesus Christ. God’s blessing to each of you!



Hymns: Introit 622 • Psalm 112 • Gradual 548
Offertory 686 • Communion 495 • Final 530

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5.16

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 58.1-9a

¹ Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. ³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

Psalm: 112

¹ O praise the Lord. Blessed are they that fear the Lord:
and greatly delight in his commandments.

² **Their children shall be mighty in the land:
an upright race who will be blessed.**

³ Riches and plenty shall be in their house:
and their righteousness shall stand for ever.

**4 Light arises in darkness for the upright:
gracious and merciful are the righteous.**

5 It goes well with those who act generously and lend:
who guide their affairs with justice.

**6 Surely they shall never be moved:
the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.**

7 They will not fear bad tidings: their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**8 Their hearts are confident and will not fear:
they will see the downfall of their enemies.**

9 They give freely to the poor: their righteousness stands for ever,
their head is uplifted in glory.

**10 The wicked shall see it and be angry:
they shall gnash their teeth and consume away;
and the hope of the wicked shall fail.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-13

1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. **2** For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. **3** And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. **4** My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5** so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. **6** Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. **7** But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— **10** these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **11** For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. **13** And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 5, beginning at Verse 13

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

13 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. **14** 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and

it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

Prayer of the Week

Father of all, who gave your only-begotten Son to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Years Mind

Jim Allen, Jack and Helena Pockett, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Casey Dinka Congregation AAC (Peter Alier Jongroor); The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

The Parish: Pray for our Acting Vicar and for the Incumbency Committee.

The World: Pray for the people of Ukraine and Israel.

The Nation: Pray for the people of government of the Northern Territory.

Daily Readings

Monday	Genesis 1.1-9	Ps 104.33-37	Mark 6.53-56
Tuesday	Genesis 1.20-2.4a	Ps 8	Mark 7.1-13
Wednesday	Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-17	Ps 104.26-32	Mark 7.14-23
Thursday	Genesis 2.18-25	Ps 128	Mark 7.24-30
Friday	Genesis 3.1-8	Ps 32.1-8	Mark 7.31-37
Saturday	Genesis 3.9-24	Ps 90.9-12	Mark 8.1-10



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

MOTHERS' UNION

As our first meeting on **February 22** falls on Ash Wednesday we have decided to begin with attending the 10.30am service, followed by BYO lunch and BYO mug. Tea and coffee supplied. A talk will be given by Reverend Hugh Prentice. All welcome to join us.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer Service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan. It will be held at 7.00pm on **Friday, March 3** at St Clare's Catholic Church, corner of Woodhouse Grove and Killara Street, Box Hill North. Supper will follow. Guest speaker: Father Phuong from St Francis Xavier. He has spent four years in Taiwan and will give a snapshot of the country and Christian life there.

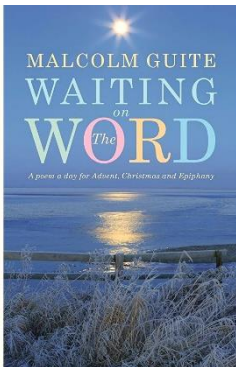
THANK YOU

Many thanks to Sandra Lennox for taking on the job of preparation and publishing of the Good News. It was wonderful to see and read it last week. More copies are available.

LEWIS PLUMRIDGE MEMORIAL WINDOW

If you would like to donate towards the cost of a memorial window for our organist of 37 years, the Late Lewis Plumridge, please hand your gift to either Cecilia, or the Acting Vicar.

REVIEW FROM SOPHIA Rev'd Malcolm Guite – Poems for Advent and Lent



In the promotional materials for an event at the University of North Carolina, organizers asked—describing Malcolm Guite—"What would happen if John Donne or George Herbert journeyed to Middle Earth by way of San Francisco, took musical cues from Jerry Garcia and fashion tips from Bilbo Baggins, and rode back on a Harley?"

The Rev'd Dr Malcolm Guite, now 65, ordained in the Church of England in 1991, is a poet, academic, pastor – and heads up a band called Mystery Train.

In 2015 he published *Waiting on the Word: A Poem a Day for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany*. Some of the poems are his, including a set based on the O Antiphons for the nine days just before Christmas, and some are derived from both contemporary and historical poets, including Herbert, Donne, Thackeray and Coleridge. Guite's own poetry is written in traditional forms, particularly sonnets, but the selection covers a wide range of styles. In addition to the poems he provides a commentary on each which opens up their meanings in a truly amazing, yet sensitive, way, always linking the meaning to the truths of the gospel as well as the season and our life today.

I look forward to the same kind of riches in his *Word in the Wilderness. A poem a day for Lent and Easter* (2014) which is available both as a physical and eBook.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

An angel appears at a faculty meeting and tells the dean, "In return for your unselfish and exemplary behaviour, the Lord will reward you with your choice of infinite wealth, wisdom, or beauty." "Give me infinite wisdom!" declares the dean, without hesitation. "Done!" says the angel before disappearing in a cloud of smoke. All heads now turn to the dean, who sits surrounded by a faint halo of light. "Well," says a colleague, "say something brilliant." The dean stands and, with the poise of Socrates, opines, "I should have taken the money."

CLERGY ADVERTISEMENTS

UNDERSTANDING THE HIDDEN SYMBOLISM

SIGNS LIKE THIS MEAN THAT THE ADVERTISEMENT IS MORE LIKELY TO BE GENUINE, RATHER THAN ONE SUBMITTED BY A PRANKSTER

"WE LOOKED AT ALL OF THE OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS AND COPIED WHAT THEY HAD WRITTEN"



"YOU CAN GO TO THE PUB IF YOU LIKE"



⊕ DIOCESE OF [REDACTED]
THE PARISH OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WITH [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED], [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

- WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PERSON OF PRAYER WITH GOOD PREACHING AND PASTORAL SKILLS
- THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION NETWORKING
- THERE IS SCOPE FOR ENCOURAGING LAY PARTICIPATION
- WE NEED A VISIONARY LEADER WHO IS ENERGETIC, ENTHUSIASTIC AND PRACTICAL

WE HAVE BLOCKED OUT THESE DETAILS FOR OBVIOUS REASONS



"NO-ONE ELSE WILL DO ANYTHING"



"YOU WILL HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING"

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 5.2.23

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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 6.2.23

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

4.00-9.00pm Set up and concert:

TUES 7.2.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 8.2.23

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group *kindergarten*

10-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 9.2.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 10.2.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 11.2.23

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

SUNDAY 12.2.23

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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

February 14

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm, *U'croft*

February 22

Ash Wednesday

10.30am, 7.30pm services

February 22

Mothers' Union 10.30am service

Lunch and meeting afterwards, *U'croft*

February 25

Sat Lenten Study begins

March 2

Thurs Lenten Study by Zoom, 7.30pm

March 3

World Day of Prayer service, 7.00pm

St Clare's, Box Hill North

April 30

Celebration of St Philip's Day

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 5.02.23	Next week 12.02.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Rosemary S, Sandra L	Noel W, Rob K
SERVERS	Michele M, Judy J, Kim C	Michele M, Elizabeth B, Garry M
READERS	Charles B, Barbara P	Margaret D, Keith W
INTERCESSOR	Sophia E/ Rosemary S	Michele M
COUNTING	Michelle M, Garry P	Ken McD, Margaret R
MORNING TEA	Cecilia , Laurence L, Lyn B	Cecilia , 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.