



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

26 February 2023
First Sunday in Lent

Parish Link

Reverend Anne writes...

Lent is a time of repentance, a time to change our ways and to follow the example of Jesus Christ. It's a time of transformation, not a time of misery and deprivation. Indeed, we are told in Matthew's Gospel Chapter 6, verse 6: *But when you pray, go into your inner room, shut your door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

As we journey through Lent together, we will each find ways in which we can change - it may be giving up something that is not good for our spiritual (or physical) wellbeing; it may involve taking something on that will benefit others. As you pray, listen to that small voice of God - whatever you feel God is leading you to do during this Lent, take that challenge, and see the transformation in your life!

Blessings,
Anne



Lent Week 1 - Creating a Sacred Space: Your Garden

Do you have a favourite place in your garden? Find a new spot that you feel comfortable in, set a chair there, and read your Bible and pray there each day for this week. The weather is going to be mild, find a sheltered spot – enjoy God's gift to you, your surroundings.

Hymns: Introit 25 • Psalm 32 • Gradual 591
Offertory 252 • *Communion:* anthem • Final 349

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Joel 2.13

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and one another: call forth our penitence and acts of love, and strengthen us to face our mortality, so that we may look with confidence for your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' ¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ² The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Psalm: 32

¹ Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven: whose iniquity is put away.

² **Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:
and in whose spirit there is no guile.**

³ For whilst I held my tongue: my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.

⁴ **Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:
and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you: and my iniquity I did not hide;

⁶ **I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord':
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**

⁷ For this cause shall everyone that is faithful
make their prayer to you in the day of trouble:
and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.

⁸ **You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble:
you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**

⁹ 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:
I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

¹⁰ **'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding:
whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'**

¹¹ Great tribulations remain for the ungodly: but whoever puts their trust in the Lord,
mercy embraces them on every side.

¹² **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:**

Second Reading: Romans 5.12-21

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned — ¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 4, beginning at Verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

³ The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these

stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴ But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' '

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Prayer of the Week

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey your godly will in righteousness and true holiness; to your honour and glory, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Years Mind

Victor Jesudhason, Leah Keenan, Margaret Nicholls-Allnut, Suzanne Colliver, Phyllis Mills, Stella Alice Mellor, and Warwick Sheffield, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Christ Church Dingley (Richard Loh); Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Korowa Anglican Girls' School (Helen Carmody, Principal; Kirsten Winkett, Chaplain).

The Parish: Pray for Reverend Anne's recovery.

The World: Pray for the people of Turkey, Syria and Ukraine.

The Nation: Give thanks for stable and open government in our country.

Daily Readings

Monday	Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18	Ps 19.7-14	Matthew 25.31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55.10-11	Ps 34.11-18	Matthew 6.7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3.1-10	Ps 51.6-9	Luke 11.29-32
Thursday	Addns to Esther 14.3-14	Ps 138.1-3	Matthew 7.7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18.21-28	Ps 130	Matthew 5.20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26.16-19	Ps 119.1-8	Matthew 5.43-48



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

LENTEN STUDY

10.30am Saturday morning Feb 25 – April 1

7.30 pm Thursday evening Zoom March 2 – March 23

2023 Lent Study by Bishop Bill Ray \$11.00

CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

The next meeting of the Climate Action Group will be held at **11.30am on 4th March** in the Parish Office. We are looking at ways to reduce the Parish's climate impact. Even simple things such as turning off lights and power points and recycling correctly make a difference.

If you would like to join us, please come to the meeting. Or any suggestions can be sent to Rosemary at harrah@tpg.com.au or 0421 050 635

BULB ORDERS - Fundraiser

It is that time of year for getting your flowering bulbs. Great for you or a friend or family! Lovely for an Easter gift. We again have for you order forms for a Tesselaar's bulb drive. Please take a form and see what you like. This is a safe online ordering system. Cut off date April 6.

Any queries? Chat to Hilary. 0400 635 600



FROM SOPHIA

Apologies – the paragraph in last week's LINK was part of a reflective piece written by the Rev'd Tish Harrison Warren,

"The Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, a pastor in Birmingham, Ala., in the 1950s, was called by the historian Andrew Manis "one of the least known but most impactful figures in the civil rights movement." Shuttlesworth represents a way of being human that I find staggering. He was utterly shaped by the story of Jesus and sought to love his enemies, even as he clearly and repeatedly agitated to transform the social order. He saw an angry white man with a chain as a person capable of transformation. He railed against the evil of white supremacy but did not grow embittered in his fight against it. Holding justice and mercy together in this way is not natural to any of us and never will be. Loving your enemies is and always has been a radical act."

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.

THANK YOU FROM BETTY BAENSCH

Betty thanks all those who sent cards and good wishes. She is recovering well.

DREAM STITCHES

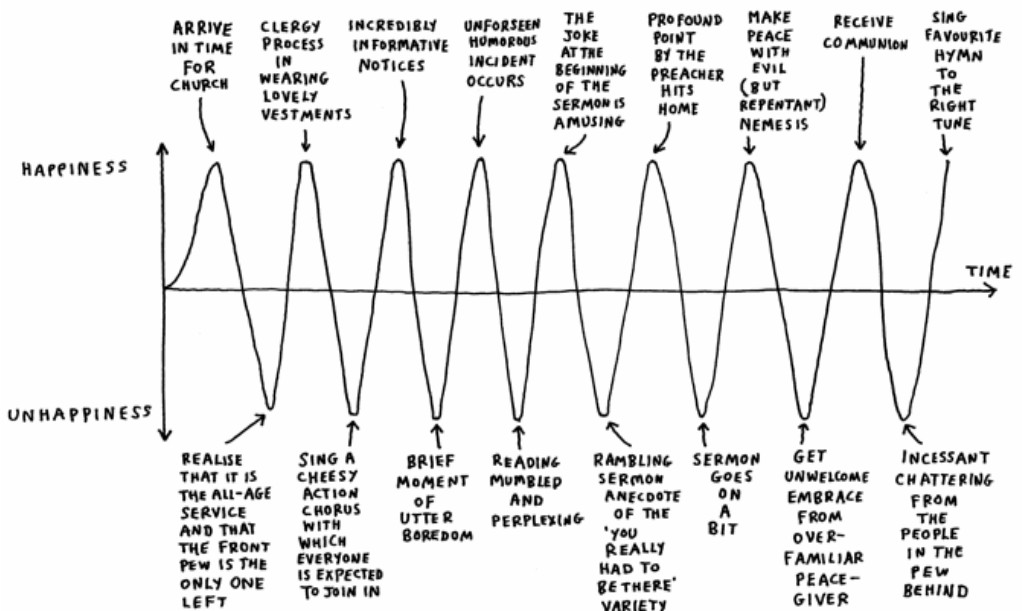
Dream Stitches are looking for volunteers to help with their Refugee and Migrant Sewing Program. They run classes from 10 to 12 each Friday morning, and each student is paired with a volunteer to help her to learn to use a sewing machine. You don't have to be a skilled needlewoman, but knowing how to operate a sewing machine would be a definite plus! The program is also to help women learn some English, and to spend time with those from their own country. The majority of women are from Iran at this time. If you can volunteer for each week, alternate weeks, maybe a month at a time filling in for someone on holidays - that would be wonderful. If you are interested, please talk to Rev'd Anne.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A thief stole my diary and my Bible died today... my thoughts and prayers are with him.

THE SERVICE

CAUSES OF JOY AND SORROW



For the Diary

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 26.2.23

First Sunday in Lent

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 27.2.23

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

4.00-9.00pm Set up and concert:

TUES 28.2.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 1.3.23

10.30am Ash Wednesday service

9.30-11.30am Play group *kindergarten*

10-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi *hall*

7.30pm Ash Wednesday service

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 2.3.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 3.3.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 4.3.23

10.30am Lenten Study, *office*

11.30am Climate Action Mtg, *office*

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

SUNDAY 5.3.23

Second Sunday in Lent

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*

March 2

Thurs Lenten Study by Zoom, 7.30pm

March 3

World Day of Prayer service, 7.00pm

St Clare's, Box Hill North

March 4

Climate Action Group Meeting 11.30am,

Parish office

April 6

Final day for bulb fundraiser

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 26.02.23	Next week 5.02.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Elizabeth B, Martin F	Rosemary S, Dianne A
SERVERS	Michele M, Rosemary S, Garry M	Michele M, Judy J, Keith W
READERS	Elizabeth B, Hilary B	Keith W, Dianne A
INTERCESSOR	Elizabeth B,	Sophia E/ Judy J
COUNTING	Hilary B, Elizabeth B	Michele M, Garry
MORNING TEA	Barbara P , Dianne A, Keith W	Elizabeth B , Laurence L, Lyn 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.