



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

5 March 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

Parish
Link

Fr. Alasdair writes...

This week, we look at two persons who showed great faith. The first is the Patriarch Abraham who came to believe in YHWH, even though previously he knew nothing about such a God. The second is the Pharisee Nicodemus, who despite his training and knowledge of the Old Covenant, came to believe in Jesus. Both these “belief” miracles are given to us so that we may ponder our own sense of faith. Just as Abraham grew into following God, and Nicodemus grew into following Jesus, so we too can grow and grow and grow into a greater faith and deeper relationship with God while examining our own understanding of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Week 2 Creating a Sacred Space:
Your dining room table



Eating meals is a holy time. Regardless of how busy you are in the week, make time for at least one meal to be shared with others. Believe me, you’ve got time. You’ve got to make time. And perhaps you can make this a time of reconciliation with those with whom you have been estranged.

Hymns: Introit 174 • Psalm TIS 77 • Gradual 463
Offertory 203 • Communion 241 • Final 155

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 12.1-4a

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

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

Psalms: 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills: but where shall I find help?

² **My help comes from the Lord: who has made heaven and earth.**

³ He will not suffer your foot to stumble:

and he who watches over you will not sleep.

⁴ **Be sure he who has charge of Israel: will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The Lord himself is your keeper: the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;

⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day: nor shall the moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will defend you from all evil: it is he who will guard your life.

⁸ **The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward for evermore.**

Second Reading: Romans 4.1-5; 13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.'⁴ Now to one who works, wages are

not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Prayer of the Week

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Years Mind

George Van Twest, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: St Matthew's Endeavor Hills (Kim Wellard); The Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People); Church of the Province of South East Asia (Abp Melter Tais); St David's Doncaster East - Pastoral Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Surf Coast Parish: Confirmation (Bp Kate Prowd.)

The Parish: Pray for Rev'd Esther as she has some time away in Fiji.

The World: Pray for those suffering from the miseries of war or natural disaster.

The Nation: Pray for all serving police officers and for judges and juries.

ABM Pew Reflections

One can feel for Nicodemus seeking out Jesus for enlightenment, understanding, only to be confronted with the idea of being 'born again'? Today we'd ask Google only to be given thousands of options to choose from. My choice of explaining Born Again, would be Kintsugi – the Japanese art of repairing a broken pot by joining the pieces together with gold, with us as the pot, and the Spirit of God being the gold that holds us together. • Pray for understanding and welcoming being born again – the Holy Spirit into our lives. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Japan, the Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

Daily Readings

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| Monday | Daniel 9.4-10 | Ps 79.8-13 | Luke 6.36-38 |
| Tuesday | Isaiah 1.10, 16-20 | Ps 50.16-22 | Matthew 23.1-12 |
| Wednesday | Jeremiah 18.18-20 | Ps 31.1-5 | Matthew 20.17-28 |
| Thursday | Jeremiah 17.5-10 | Ps 1 | Luke 16.19-31 |
| Friday | Genesis 37.3-4, 12-28 | Ps 105.16-22 | Matthew 21.33-43-46 |
| Saturday | Michah 7.14-20 | Ps 103.1-5 | Luke 15.1-3, 11-32 |



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 March 11, 18, 25, April 1
7.30 pm Thursday evening Zoom March 9, 16, 23, 30

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



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.

FRIENDS OF ANGLICAN MUSIC (FOAM)

Sunday, 26th March

St John the Evangelist Anglican Church,
5 Finch St., East Malvern

Rehearsal: 1.45pm

Service: 4.00pm

Followed by Afternoon Tea

The music is from the RSCM publication **"The Cross of Christ"**.



Carbon Fast 5 – 11th March

for Lent

Fast From Meat Dairy or Desert

Go Meat-free.

Already Vegetarian? Fast from Dairy Products.

Already Vegan? Give up desserts and sweets.

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for your creativity, and for the vastness and complexity displayed in creation. We pray that you would renew our minds and reshape our hearts to care for the earth that you have graciously and lovingly made.

We confess we have failed as stewards of creation. We pray you would help us protect the ocean from further harm and restore what we have damaged. Bring innovative ideas to our minds to help creation heal and shift our focus from self-centeredness to the fruitfulness of all creation. Amen

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

It has come to our attention that the vicar you received was shipped with a slight defect: this vicar is not psychic. This defect necessitates certain special procedures to ensure optimum performance of your unit.

1. It is necessary to inform the vicar of any members who are hospitalized.
2. If there are procedures usually followed or events that take place, this vicar will not know unless told about it.
3. If someone you know is sick or otherwise in need of the vicar's prayers, or if you know of someone who should be included in the prayers on Sunday morning, the vicar must be told, or they won't know.
4. If you are in need of a pastoral visit or some other service from the vicar, you will get best results if you ask the vicar.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause. If these special procedures create an undue burden, please feel free to send the unit back, and one with full psychic abilities will be shipped as soon as one becomes available.

ONLINE SERVICES

THINGS THAT CAN GO TERRIBLY WRONG



PROBLEMS WITH THE SOUND



ACCIDENTAL SCREEN-SHARING OF PASTORALLY-SENSITIVE INFORMATION



INTERNET BREAKS AT CRUCIAL MOMENT



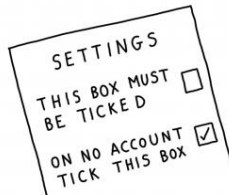
LINDA!
HAVE YOU SEEN MY SPECTACLES?

SPECTACLES?

FAILING TO MUTE THE CONGREGATION



ANIMALS RUNNING AMOK



THE APP HASN'T BEEN CONFIGURED

THAT'S ONE WORSHIP VIDEO TOO MANY, SON



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INVASION BY ROWDY GROUP OF METHODISTS

For the Diary

Week Ahead

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*

MON 6.3.23

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

4.00-9.00pm Set up and concert:

TUES 7.3.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 8.3.23

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 9.3.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

7.30pm Lenten Study by Zoom

FRI 10.3.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 11.3.23

10.30am Lenten Study, *office*

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

SUNDAY 12.3.23

Third 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 9

Thurs Lenten Study by Zoom, 7.30pm

March 11

Saturday Lenten Study, 10.30am

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 5.03.23 | Next week 12.03.23 |
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| SIDESPEOPLE | Rosemary S, Dianne A | Sandra L, Noel W |
| SERVERS | Michele M, Judy J, <i>Keith W</i> | Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Garry M</i> |
| READERS | Keith W, Dianne A | Jen W, Judy J |
| INTERCESSOR | Sophia E/ Judy J | Michele M |
| COUNTING | Michele M, Garry | Ken McD, Margaret R |
| 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.