



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

12 March 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

Parish Link

Rev'd Anne writes...

Our Gospel this morning is a long one, but what a wonderful story! There are so many facets of this story that we can look at - society's treatment of women vs. Jesus treatment of women; the gift of living water; acceptance and forgiveness; historical references; tiredness and refreshment; the list goes on. What we do know, though, was that a marginalized woman received forgiveness, acceptance, refreshment and a new life through her chance meeting with Jesus by a well in the middle of the day. Or was it a coincidence? Is anything a coincidence when Jesus is concerned?



Week 3 Creating a Sacred Space: A focal point

Set up a small table which you pass by regularly. Place on it things that are special to you during this lent – a prayer book, a Bible, a Cross, a small vase with some small flowers in it, a candle – use your imagination! Stop at the table and give thanks as you go about your daily tasks.

Hymns: Introit 213 • Psalm 95 • Gradual 585
Offertory 652 • Communion 499 • Final 147

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

Special Prayer

O God, living and true,
look upon us your people who search for you
in the midst of life's challenges and demands.

Pour into our longing hearts
the living water of your Spirit,
so that it can become within us an ever-flowing spring,
drawing us into the fullness of your life.

Make your gift of faith in all of us,
a source of strength and healing
as we worship you in spirit and truth
through Christ, our deliverance and hope,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
holy and mighty God forever and ever. Amen

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: Exodus 17.1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He

called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

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

Psalm: 95

¹ O come, let us sing out to the Lord:

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

² **Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.**

³ For the Lord is a great God: and a great king above all gods.

⁴ **In his hand are the depths of the earth:
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.**

⁵ The sea is his and he made it: his hands moulded dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down: and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

⁷ For he is the Lord our God: we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁸ **Today if only you would hear his voice - 'Do not harden your hearts as at
Meribah: as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;**

⁹ 'When your forebears tested me: put me to proof,
though they had seen my works.

¹⁰ **'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said: "It is a people who err
in their hearts, for they do not know my ways";**

¹¹ 'Of whom I swore in my wrath: "They shall not enter my rest."

Second Reading: Romans 5.1-11

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 4, beginning at Verse 5

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷ The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵ The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶ Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' ²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³² But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³ So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already

receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps."

³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.'

⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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

Prayer of the Week

Lord God, our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Years Mind

Shirley Bristow and Mary Wood, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Footscray Parish (Chaplain Soma, Gabriel Mayen); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Angliss Health Services; St Agnes Glen Huntly service (Abp Philip Freier).

The Parish: Welcome home to Rev'd Esther who returns on Tuesday from Fiji.

The World: Pray for all those who live in fear and under threat of war or disaster.

The Nation: Give thanks for our community life and for all carers.

ABM Pew Reflections

Like the Israelites in today's first reading, we can sometimes lack trust and faith in God when we wander despairingly in the difficult times and, "wildernesses," of our lives. Like them we can also fail to learn from or remember previous times in our lives when God's unending providence, mercy and love did sustain us in challenging times. I pray that we treasure and learn from the times God freely gave us the life giving, "water," of his love and mercy and have unerring faith and trust that he always shall. • Pray that we can trust God and believe, even in times of wandering despair. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Daily Readings

Monday	2 Kings 5.1-15	Ps 43	Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Song of 3YM 2, 11-20	Ps 25.3-9	Matthew 18.21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1, 4-9	Ps 147.12-20	Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.23-28	Ps 95.6-11	Luke 11.14-23
Friday	Hosea 14.2-9	Ps 81.13-16	Mark 12.28-34
Saturday	Hosea 5.15-6.6	Ps 51.10-17	Luke 18.9-14



If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing before Friday at anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com

THIS WEEK ONLY

OFFICE HOURS

This week Tuesday 14th

the office will be open in the afternoon and *not* the morning.

LENTEN STUDY: 10.30am Saturday morning March 18, 25, April 1
7.30 pm Thursday evening Zoom March 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



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

for Lent

March 12th – 18th

Fast from cheese, chocolate & coffee

- These treats have a high carbon footprint
- Cut out some of our favourite treats

PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL

The 2023 Pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan (August 26 - Sept 12) will be the last one arranged by Anglican Tours Australia as costs are making the pilgrimages almost prohibitive which is disappointing. There are a small number of vacancies. Please see poster on the back noticeboard in the church if you are interested.

NEW OF KEN MCDONALD

Ken McDonald has now moved to Uniting Age Well in Thames Street, Box Hill. Ken thanks everyone who has sent well wishes and prayers for him.

SPECIAL MORNING TEA FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY/REFRESHMENT SUNDAY 19th March, after 9.30 service

As we recognise mothering in all forms next week, we are asking you to open your hearts to respond to the orphans at the Bor Orphanage and School, who have no parents other than the staff caring for them. Rev'd Joseph Arou is currently in Bor, helping to construct a security fence around the school buildings. They are in great need of funds to complete the work - can you help?

At the Special Morning Tea, there will be an opportunity to donate funds to the Orphanage, either in cash or through an electronic funds transfer. Please give generously to this project that will protect over 400 children in South Sudan.

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BOX HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Sunday, 19 March, 2.00pm - Bert Lewis
Theatrette (Box Hill Library) via internal stairs or the lift.

Guest speaker: Graham Lee — 'The history of the Box Hill Lacrosse Club'.
Graham is a former School Principal (and worshipper at St Peter's) who has been researching the Surrey Park Lacrosse Club for the past 3 years or so. He grew up in Box Hill South, and wrote about his schooling and the local area, in a previous BHHS Newsletter. **Visitors are very welcome to attend** - no booking required; admission by gold coin donation; refreshments served afterwards.

ELECTION OF SYNOD MEMBERS

It's time to elect two Lay members from our congregations to represent our Parish at the New Synod meeting in October. This vital role enables you as members of the Diocese of Melbourne to have your thoughts considered in the wider forum. Synod involves three consecutive evenings and a Saturday at the Cathedral. It's interesting, and a great place to meet other Anglicans fulfilling their roles in the governance of the Church. The election will be held on 2nd April. Nomination forms are available from the Acting Vicar.

MOTHERS UNION LADY DAY CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 26th March at 4pm at St Paul's Cathedral.

Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Kate Prowd. All welcome!

THE MELBOURNE ANGLICAN

For those of you concerned that we have not been receiving our copies of the TMA, deliveries will resume to our correct address next month (fingers crossed!).

KNITTING or CRAFT

Jan has wool and Christmas fabric if anyone would like to knit beanies or scarves. Also lots of lace and other sewing odds and ends. Jan will set up table of these goods for people to choose on Sunday.

STUDY MATERIAL FROM ARCHBISHOP FREIER: SOME THOUGHTS FOR CONVERSATION DURING LENT

Reflect on Deuteronomy 8:1-5. Moses recalls God's testing of Israel during 40 years in the desert and laments Israel's failure.

"If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Mt 4:3

Satan seems to have thought that Jesus could turn stones into bread! 'Bread' appears frequently during Jesus' life: which occurrence of that holds particular meaning for you?

'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you, ..." Mt 4:6

We are not to test God, or to seek special signs as Gideon did with the fleece. God's revelation in Scripture is the foundation by which we find guidance, as Jesus told Satan. Twice in Matthew (12:39, 16:4), Jesus warns that "a wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign".

'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.' Mt 4:9

What would it have meant for Jesus to have bowed down and worshipped Satan?

How might this have affected his life and ministry?

Jesus answers temptation with Scripture. Take a moment to reflect and pray before sharing where appropriate, an occasion when Scripture has assisted you to resist temptation.

You might like to reflect on the following comment:

“The temptations serve as a warning to humanity and Western culture in particular: if our natural propensities to put our apparent physical needs before our spiritual ones, to accumulate power and wealth, and to worship ourselves as gods are not held in check, then our true humanity will be lost. Unfortunately we are seeing the consequences of such unchecked natural propensities in so many troubling aspects of life today.”

Australian scholar, Leon Morris, *The Gospel According to Matthew*, IVP, England 1992, states,

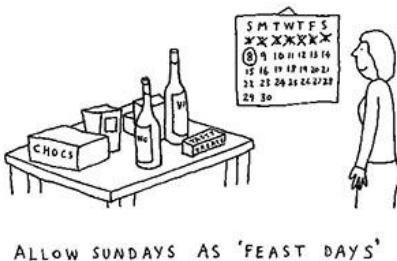
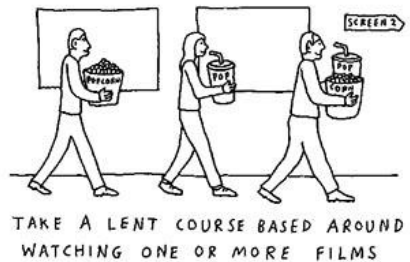
“The temptations proceed from the fact that he (Jesus), is the Son of God, and that accordingly, he must live as the Son of God.”

Christians are children of God and accordingly we must live as children of God. Share an encouragement that you have received to live as a child of God.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

OBSERVING LENT

LESS DEMANDING OPTIONS



Results of a computerized survey show that the perfect vicar...

Preaches exactly 15 minutes, condemns sin, but never upsets anyone.

He/she works from 8:00am until midnight and is also the janitor.

He/she makes \$500 per week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car... and gives about \$450 per week to the poor.

He/she is twenty-eight years old and has been preaching for thirty years.

He/she is wonderfully gentle and good looking.

He/she has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all of their spare time with senior citizens.

The perfect vicar smiles all the time with a straight face because they have a sense of humour that keeps them seriously dedicated to their work.

He/she makes fifteen calls a day on church families, shut-ins and hospitalized;

Spends all their time evangelizing the "unchurched" and is always in their office when needed.

"GIVE ME A DRINK
OF WATER?"
THIS CONVERSATION
STARTS OUT **WEIRD**
AND GETS **WEIRDER!**



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

NO, IT'S **COOL!** SEE YAHWEH IS OFTEN DESCRIBED
AS ROMANCING ISRAEL* AND BOTH ISAAC
AND MOSES MET THEIR WIVES AT WELLS**, SO
THIS SCENE IDENTIFIES JESUS AS THE ONE
WHO PURSUES GOD'S PEOPLE AS YAHWEH DID,
EXCEPT THAT THE WOMAN IS AN OUTSIDER
AND FAR FROM PERFECT... SHE'S ALL OF US!



* ISAIAH 62:15
** GEN. 24:17 & EX. 2:15

WELL YOU CAN TELL HE'S
DIVINE. WITH A PICK UP LINE
LIKE THAT, I WOULDN'T
HAVE EVEN GOTTEN
A **PHONE NUMBER!**



JOHN 4:5-42

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Week Ahead

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*

MON 13.3.23

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 14.3.23

9.00-1.00pm Men@Work

1.00-4.30pm Office open (this week only)

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 15.3.23

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 16.3.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

7.30pm Lenten Study by Zoom

FRI 17.3.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 18.3.23

10.30am Lenten Study, *office*

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

SUNDAY 19.3.23

Fourth Sunday in Lent, Mothering Sunday

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

March 16

Thurs Lenten Study by Zoom, 7.30pm

March 17

Saturday Lenten Study, 10.30am

March 19

Mothering Sunday morning tea
after 30am service

March 26

Mothers Union Lady Day Choral Eucharist
4.00pm, St Paul's Cathedral

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

Kooyoora Professional Standards

1800 135 246

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Roster for Sunday 9.30am service

	Today 12.03.23	Next week 19.03.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Sandra L, Noel W	Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Garry M</i>	Rosemary S, Elizabeth B, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Jen W, Judy J	Laurence L, Keith W
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Keith W
COUNTING	Margaret R, TBA	Charles B, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	Rosemary , Peter W, Barbara M	Cecilia , Margaret R, Jennifer F, Jan G

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.