

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL 16 April 2023 Second Sunday of Easter

Parish Link

Rev'd Anne writes...

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! The message of the Resurrection of Jesus was entrusted to the women, who then went to the disciples with this exciting news. Later, on that first Easter Day, Jesus appeared to them in the locked room, and they believed. But Thomas wasn't with the group on that evening, and he wasn't convinced that Jesus had risen from the dead when told. But our gracious Lord appeared again to the disciples, and Thomas was with them. And it was Thomas, the man who has been labelled 'The Doubter' who first acknowledged Jesus as "My Lord and my God!" I pray that you, too, may see Jesus as your Lord and your God.

Blessings to each of you, Anne





Hymns: Introit 360 pt 2 • Psalm 16 • Gradual 391 Offertory 393 • Communion 638 • Final: 361

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1.3

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt: may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive 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: Acts 2.14a and 22-32

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 22 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know -23 this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24 But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." ²⁹ 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

For the word of the Lord, thanks be to God

Psalm: 16

- ¹ Preserve me, O God: for in you have I taken refuge.
- ² I have said to the Lord, You are my lord: and all my good depends on you.
- ³ As for those who are held holy on the earth: the other gods in whom people delight,

- ⁴ Though the idols are many that they run after: their offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take their name upon my lips.
- ⁵ The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup: you hold my lot in your hands.
- ⁶ The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places: and a fair land is my possession.
- ⁷ I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel: at night also he has instructed my heart.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me: he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices: my flesh also shall rest secure.
- ¹⁰ For you will not give me over to the power of death: nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- ¹¹ You will show me the path of life: in your presence is the fulness of joy, and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.1-12

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire —may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and alorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, 11 inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things into which angels long to look!

For the word of the Lord, thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 20, beginning at Verse 19

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this. he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him. 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may ever seek the things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Years Mind

Joyce Morton, Daniel Chamberlain, John Bird, Neil Chamberlain, Jean Senior, Mary Lines, and Nancy Flowers, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: St George's Malvern (Gregory Seach); The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Trinity Grammar School (Adrian Farrer, Principal; Chris Leadbeatter, James Hale, Chaplains); The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Abp Maimbo Mndolwa); St Stephen's Warrandyte – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St John's Malvern – pastoral visit (Bp Brad Billings); St Peter's Fawkner - pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Give thanks to those who worked to make our Easter special.

The World: Pray for the gift of peace to those in conflict.

The Nation: Pray for all our state leaders and parliaments.

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 4.23-31	Ps 2.1-8	John 3.1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4.32-37	Ps 93	John 3.7-15
Wednesday	Acts 5.17-26	Ps 34.1-8	John 3.16-21
Thursday	Acts 5.27-33	Ps 34.11-18	John 3.31-36
Friday	Acts 5.34-42	Ps 27.1-5	John 6.1-15
Saturday	Acts 6.1-7	Ps 33.17-21	John 6.16-21



If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **by Thursday** at <u>anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com</u>



There will be **no 8am Service next week** (23rd April) as Rev'd Anne will be attending the AMUA Executive Meeting in Brisbane. Rev'd Esther Zhang will conduct the 9.30 Eucharist.

BULB FUNDRAISER

Our final profit is \$374.20 for our bulb sales. Thank you all for your interest and support. Enjoy your flowers.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all those people who contributed to the Holy Week and Easter Services. There were so many who prepared the church, the music, and took part in the liturgy both in the congregation and 'up front'. Everyone helped to make it a very meaningful experience to those who attended. Bless you all!

ELECTION OF SYNOD MEMBERS

Three people were nominated as Synod Representatives – Kim Cornish, Graham Lee and Keith Wilkins – therefore they are duly elected.

VOICE to PARLIAMENT: CONVERSATIONS with CANON GLENN LOUGHREY Bishop Paul Barker invites you to join him in a conversation with Canon Glenn Loughrey on the Voice to Parliament Referendum. All welcome. Tuesday 2 May: 10am St Stephen's & St Mary's Mt Waverley, 2pm St James Dandenong, 7.30pm St Paul's Frankston. All are welcome to attend. No RSVP necessary.

MOTHERS UNION MEETING April 26

The speaker at our next meeting will be the diocesan president, Karen Hayden. Please come along to the meeting at 1.30pm.

SERVICE AT ST PHILIP'S

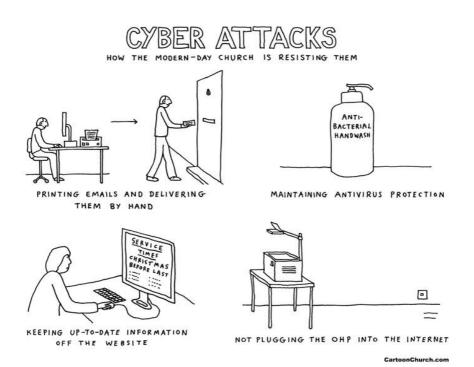
We will be having a service at St Philip's, 4 Lawford Street, Box Hill North, on **Saturday 29th April at 11am**, to recognise the years of prayer and worship in that Church prior to the congregation being relocated to St Peter's. It will be an opportunity for those who worshiped there to give thanks for the community of Christians who served there, and for the many lives touched by their presence. Please join us on this special day.

SECURITY AT ST PETER'S

Please remember to check that all the lights and heaters are turned off, and to lock all the doors of the building if you are the last to leave any event at the Church.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A friend of mine, a professional organist, was asked to play for a wedding. Unfamiliar with the church's organ, she went to the church to practice. Curious about a small keyboard that slid out from under the two regular keyboards, she tapped out a couple of bars of a children's song but heard nothing. Then she played a few more notes, but still no organ music. Just then a man came running into the church, shouting, "Who's playing 'Three Blind Mice' on the church-steeple bells?" She had been operating the carillon.



Week Ahead

SUNDAY 16.4.23

Second Sunday of EASTER

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 17.4.23

Vicar's day off

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi hall, on holidays

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi hall, on holidays

TUES 18.4.23

8.30am-1.30pm Office open

9.00-4.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, hall, on holidays

WED 19.4.23

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group on holidays

10-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi hall

THU 20.4.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, hall, on holidays

FRI 21.4.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 22.4.23

10.30am-1.30pm SAIL on holidays

2.00 - 5.00pm South Indian Choir, hall/church

SUNDAY 23.4.23

Third Sunday of EASTER

9.30am Eucharist (no 8.00am service)

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 April 23

No 8.00am service on this Sunday

April 26

MU meeting at 1.30pm

April 29

Service at St Philip's 11.00am, Sat

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.



ST PETER'S

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Usual Office Hours:

Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm Fri 8.30am – 12.30pm

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 16.04.23	Next week 23.04.23	
SIDESPEOPLE	Michele M, Barbara P	Martin F, Elizabeth B	
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Elizabeth B, Garry M	Judy J, Michele M, Keith W	
READERS	Linda B, Charles B	Barbara P, Margaret D	
INTERCESSOR	Keith W	Elizabeth B	
COUNTING	Charles B, Lyn B	Hilary B, Elizabeth B	
MORNING TEA	Cecilia, Margaret R, Jan G, Jenny F	Barbara P, Keith W, Dianne A	

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.