



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

30 April 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Parish
Link

Rev'd Anne writes...

Today is often called Good Shepherd Sunday because our Gospel talks about Jesus being the Shepherd who guards the sheep and you can find many images depicting him in this role. Sheep were very much a part of Jesus world, used for food, clothing, religious sacrifices, and many other practices. In Israel and Palestine you can still see shepherds with their small flocks out in the fields, and the animals know their shepherds and react to their voices. The care and protection of these sheep from wild animals and thieves is dependent on their shepherds. The analogy of Jesus caring for us, just as the Good Shepherd cares for his sheep, is a special example of God's love to us all.

I AM THE
good shepherd

Hymns: Introit 246 • Psalm: TiS 7 • Gradual 387
Offertory 643 • Communion 552 • Final 636

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: 'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' John 10.11

Prayer of the Day

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep: send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with understanding; through your Son, 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: Acts 2.42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Psalm: 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

² **He will make me lie down in green pastures: and lead me beside still waters.**

³ He will refresh my soul: and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

⁵ You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me: you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter, 2.1-10

¹ Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious

in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' ⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸ and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 10, beginning at Verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

Prayer of the Week

God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Years Mind

Cyril White, Sandy Wilson, Thomas Orange, and Bonnie Fowler,
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: St Thomas' Moonee Ponds (Vanessa Bennett); Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Camberwell Girls' Grammar School (Debbie Dunwoody, Principal; Helen Creed, Chaplain); The Episcopal Church (Bp Michael Curry); St Andrew's Somerville – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Augustine's Moreland – pastoral service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Parish of Banyule – pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd);

The Parish: Give thanks for all our volunteers.

The World: Pray for Sudan, Ukraine, and the Middle East.

The Nation: Pray for all teachers, mentors, and carers.

ABM Pew Reflections

Today's readings share a thread of the communal, of connection. They are reminders that we are more than individuals, that we are each precious and part of a larger whole at the same time. There is not one stone in the temple that isn't important, but its importance lies in being part of the whole structure. One stone is not a cathedral. One sheep is not a flock. Together we make up the whole, and we make the whole by sharing. Like sheep, like bricks, we are made for being with each other. • Pray that we can allow ourselves to be shepherded, so that we might feel supported and tended. Pray that we can allow ourselves to be hewn, so that we can better support others. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong.

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 11.1-18	Ps 42.1-5	John 10.11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11.19-26	Ps 87	John 10.22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12.24-13.5	Ps 67	John 12.44-50
Thursday	Acts 13.13-25	Ps 89.19-25	John 13.16-20
Friday	Acts 13.26-33	Ps 2.6-11	John 14.1-6
Saturday	Acts 13.44-52	Ps 98.1-4	John 14.7-14



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

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.



CORONATION MORNING TEA Sunday, May 7

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, head of the Church of England, we will be having a special morning tea after the 9.30am service. (I have heard a rumour that there will be scones and maybe “Coronation quiche” involved! All welcome to join us for this delicious and fun occasion!

ST PAUL’S MENTORING PROGRAM TO SVD STUDENTS

Calling all budding mentors/tutors!

For the past five years, there are a number of people at St Paul’s Canterbury that mentor SVD international students. They are candidates for priesthood in the Catholic Order of Divine Word Missionaries. Our relationship with the SVD has grown over the years and St Paul’s provide four mentors.

Now there are new international students who need mentors and we are asking the folk of St Peter’s for assistance!!

We assist by introducing them to the Australian way of life by meeting with them and with reading and correcting their grammar and English expression in their essays. You do not need to be strong in theology!

If you are interested please have a chat with Andrew Flint (St Paul’s) on 0419313047

NO MORE DONATIONS OF SECONDHAND GOODS

The Men@Work have recently started clearing out our overflowing storage areas and have had to put in many hours of work throwing our unwanted goods. Please *do not* donate any goods, including books, household bric-a-brac or furniture, to the hall but take it directly to an op shop. If we are able to have a sale in the future, we will let you know. Many thanks for your assistance with this.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

After the birth of his baby brother, a little boy was thoroughly annoyed at all of his crying and screaming.

"Where did we get him anyway?" he asked his mother.

"He came from heaven!" his mother replied.

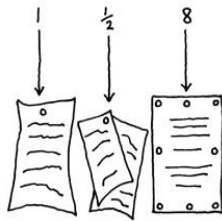
"Well I can see why they threw him out!" the boy replied.

CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS

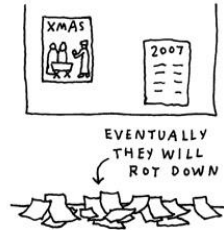
THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS



WRATH (DIRECTED AT INVALID ADDITIONS)



GREED (USING TOO MANY OF THE PARISH PINS)



SLOTH (NOT REMOVING OLD NOTICES)



PRIDE (COVERING UP OTHERS' WORK)



LUST (COVETING THY NEIGHBOUR'S FONT, LAYOUT, ETC)



ENVY (RIVAL CHURCHES POACHING OUR CONGREGATION)



GLUTTONY (OVERINDULGENCE, ETC)

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Week Ahead

For the Diary

April 30
Celebration of St Philip's Day

SUNDAY 30.4.23

Fourth 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 1.05.23

Vicar's day off

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 2.05.23

8.30am-1.30pm Office open

9.00-4.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 3.05.23

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group

10-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi *hall*

THU 4.05.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 5.05.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 6.05.23

10.30am-1.30pm SAIL

2.00 – 5.00pm South Indian Choir, *hall/church*

SUNDAY 7.05.23

Fifth Sunday of EASTER

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11.30am Mandarin service

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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.



Vicar

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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 30.04.23	Next week 7.05.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Rosemary S, Sandra L	Noel W, Rob K
SERVERS	Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Garry M</i>	Rosemary S, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Michele M, Garry P	Conrad H, Elizabeth B
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Conrad/Sophia
COUNTING	Michele M, Garry P	Margaret R, --
MORNING TEA	Cecilia , Lyn B, Jan G	Elizabeth B , Lyn B, Laurence L

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.