



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

14 May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ascension Day

Parish
Link

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Reverend Jim Pilmer who will be conducting our Sunday services this week and next, while our Acting Vicar is on leave.



Hymns: Introit 153 • Psalm: 47 • Gradual 372
Offertory 517 • Communion 182 • Final 154

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: 'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.' Matthew 28.19–20

Prayer of the Day

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and 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 1.1-11

¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so

that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 28, beginning at Verse 16

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

Prayer of the Week

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Years Mind

George Knack, Mildred Stork, Ella Sheldrick, Mae Buckingham, Jean White, Phyllis Allen, Kathleen Griffiths, Herbert Burkitt, Eleanor Oliver, Betty Boardman, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Parish of St Peter's, Ocean Grove w. All Saints', Barwon Heads (Jill McCoy, Jill Poole); The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People); Working Group on Aboriginal Matters (NATSIAC); Holy Trinity Coburg – Pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Nicholas' Mordialloc – Pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Andrew's Brighton – Pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); Christ Church Melton – Pastoral visit (Bp Brad Billings).

The Parish: Pray for Rob and Anne as they take a short break from the parish.

The World: Pray for the people of Pakistan, Israel, Gaza Strip and Ukraine.

The Nation: Pray for all homeless people and those needing employment.

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 16.11-15	Ps 149	John 15.26-16.4
Tuesday	Acts 16.22-34	Ps 138	John 16.5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17.15, 22-18.1	Ps 148.7-15	John 16.12-15
Thursday	Acts 1.1-11	Ps 47	Matthew 28.16-20
Friday	Acts 18.9-18	Ps 47	John 16.20-23
Saturday	Acts 18.23-28	Ps 47	John 16.23-28



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

ACTING VICAR ON LEAVE

We are very pleased to have the Reverend Jim Pilmer with us this Sunday morning. He will be conducting our Sunday services today, May 14, and next week, May 21, while Reverend Anne is on leave. Reverend Esther will conduct the Wednesday services.

PENTECOST COMBINED SERVICE 11.00am

On **Sunday, May 28**, a combined congregation service will take place at 11.00am and will be conducted in English, Chinese, Sudanese, Korean, and Iranian, for a total of five languages. We will have a Eucharist service followed by an agape (communal) lunch, and people are encouraged to bring a dish to share. Everyone is invited and welcomed!

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR PENTECOST

If you wish to be part of the choir which will be singing at the combined service on May 28, then please take note of these rehearsal times:

4.00pm Sunday 14th

4.00pm Sunday 21st

MOTHERS UNION MEETING May 24

There will be a fashion parade by U&I Designs at the next meeting. This is a new group bringing their collection of affordable fashions suitable for the over 55s. 1.30pm raffle and afternoon tea will be provided. All very welcome.

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

CYCLING JESUS' JOURNEY ... TO SAVE CHURCH LIVES

Update from Lars on his fundraising trip to buy a defibrillator

Day 3: I only had another 8 kms to go to arrive at Hebron. It was easier going as I had already made the horrendous ascent from Be'er Sheba. I wonder if Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus stayed in Hebron? Or whether they just continued their journey North to Nazareth? More questions crept into my mind as I peddled ... why did they not just travel directly North up through Bethlehem and then Jerusalem? Evil King Herod who had ordered the mass killing of all newborns had already died had he not? Were they afraid someone would recognise them from 3 or 4 years ago and realise what they had done in order to save their own baby's life? Would it have mattered now? I am now on my journey heading west towards the coast so most of this next section of my cycling would be downhill thankfully. I am heading to Nezib, then Keilah, past the Cave of Adullam and on to Jarmuth. I can just about make out the sea in the far distance. As I cycled through parched desert on my TV screen I saw a few 'dust devils'. Dusty twisters or tornadoes. I wonder if Joseph and Mary had to endure dust storms? I also had carrion birds, maybe vultures, circling overhead. I bet the sky was pretty at night. No street lights to obscure the stars. I completed another 28 kms cycling today, over 1 hour and 34 minutes. Lars

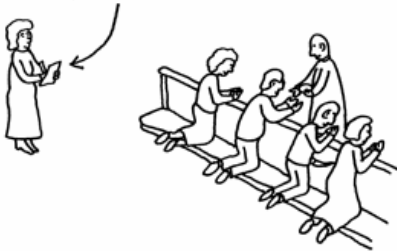
TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

- Dentist's Hymn – Crown Him with Many Crowns
- Builder's Hymn – The Church's One Foundation
- The Tailor's Hymn – Holy, Holy, Holy
- The Golfer's Hymn – There's a Green Hill Far Away
- The Geologist's Hymn – Rock of Ages

What's the difference between a Lada and a Jehovah's witness?
You can shut the door on a Jehovah's witness

NUMBERS

THIS IS THE LADY
WHO COUNTS THE NUMBERS
OF THOSE TAKING COMMUNION



THIS IS THE MAN WHO COUNTS
THE NUMBERS OF THOSE WHO ARE
NOT SINGING THE HYMNS WITH GUSTO



THIS IS THE LADY WHO COUNTS
THE NUMBERS OF THOSE WHO DO
NOT LOOK AS IF THEY ARE
FULLY CONCENTRATING



EVERY NOW AND THEN THEY
ARE SUMMONED BY THE BISHOP,
TO WHOM THEY MUST PRESENT
THEIR FINDINGS



Week Ahead

SUNDAY 14.05.23

Sixth 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 15.05.23

Vicar's day off
9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*
6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 16.05.23

8.30am-1.30pm Office open
9.00-4.00pm Men@Work
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 17.05.23

10.30am Eucharist
9.30-11.30am Playgroup
10-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi *hall*

THU 18.05.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 19.05.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open
5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 20.05.23

10.30am-1.30pm SAIL
2.00 – 5.00pm South Indian Choir, *church/hall/UC*

SUNDAY 21.05.23

Seventh 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*

For the Diary

May 8-24

Acting Vicar away

May 21

Interment of ashes
of Arthur Speldewinde
after 9.30am service

May 24

Mothers Union Meeting

May 28

Combined service for Pentecost
11.00am, lunch afterwards
(no other services on this 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 14.05.23	Next week 21.05.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Elizabeth B, Dianne A	Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>	Elizabeth B, <i>Keith W</i>
READERS	Hilary B, Kim C	Dianne A, Kim C
INTERCESSOR	Keith W	Elizabeth B,
COUNTING	Charles B, Lyn B	Hilary B, Elizabeth B
MORNING TEA	Rosemary S , Peter, Barbara M	Cecilia , Margaret R, Jan, Jenny F

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.