



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL  
25 June 2023  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

# Parish Link

Reverend Anne writes...

Last week

we heard the story of the miraculous birth of Isaac, the son of Abraham and Sarah, in their old age. This week we hear of the birth of Ishmael to Hagar, Abraham's second wife. Mothers are very protective of their offspring, and we see this in both Sarah and Hagar as they face difficult decisions. But again, we see that our God is a loving God who protects the helpless.

Blessings, Anne



*Hymns:* Introit 583 • Psalm 86 • Gradual 169 (tune 56)  
Offertory 686 • Communion: anthems • Final 569

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach**

Sentence: Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it. Matthew 10.39

### Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, we who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death: we pray that, as you raised him from death, so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the new life to your glory, knowing ourselves to be dead in sin but alive for you in Jesus Christ; 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 21.8–21

<sup>8</sup> The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. <sup>10</sup> So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' <sup>11</sup> The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. <sup>13</sup> As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' <sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. <sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup> Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. <sup>20</sup> God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. <sup>21</sup> He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

Psalm: 86.1–10, and 16–17

<sup>1</sup> Incline your ear to me, O God, and answer me: for I am poor and in misery.

<sup>2</sup> **Preserve my life, for I am faithful:**

**My God, save your servant who trusts in you.**

<sup>3</sup> Be merciful to me, O Lord: for I call to you all the day long.

<sup>4</sup> **O make glad the soul of your servant: for I put my hope in you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> For you, Lord, are good and forgiving:

of great and continuing kindness to all who call upon you.

<sup>6</sup> **Hear my prayer, O Lord: and give heed to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call upon you: for you will surely answer.

<sup>8</sup> **Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord:**

**nor are there any deeds like yours.**

<sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you:

O Lord, they shall glorify your name.

<sup>10</sup> **For you are great and do marvellous things: and you alone are God.**

<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be merciful, give your strength to your servant:

and save the child of your handmaid.

<sup>17</sup> **Show me some token of your goodness:**

**that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,  
because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.**

Second Reading: Romans 6.1–11

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew, Chapter 10, beginning at verse 24

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>24</sup> 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup> 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household. <sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

### Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

### Years Mind

Bertha Bartlett, Mary McPherson, Ray Hancock, Mary Greig, Peter James, and Fr Graham Reynolds, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Prayer Points

*The Church:* St Andrew's Anglican Church Aberfeldie (Michael Danaher); The Diocese of Central Queensland (Bishop Peter Grice, Clergy & People); Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Corporation; The Parish of St Peter's, Ocean Grove w. All Saints, Barwon Heads Pastoral visit (Bp Brad Billings); St Mary's Cathedral Kuala Lumpur - preaching (Bp Paul Barker); All Saints Footscray – Pastoral visit (Abp Philip Freier); Provincial Evensong – St Paul's Cathedral (Abp Philip Freier).

*The Parish:* Pray for our Mothers Union and for blessings on their endeavours.

*The World:* Pray for the peoples of Sudan, Ukraine, Uganda and the Middle East.

*The Nation:* Pray for the homeless, the mentally ill, the unemployed and refugees.

## Daily Readings

Monday	Genesis 12.1-9	Ps 33.13-21	Matthew 7.1-5
Tuesday	Genesis 13.2-5.18	Ps 15	Matthew 7.6, 12-14
Wednesday	Genesis 15.1-18	Ps 105.1-7	Matthew 7.15-20
Thursday	Genesis 16	Ps 106.1-5	Matthew 7.21-29
Friday	Genesis 17.9-22	Ps 128	Matthew 8.1-4
Saturday	Genesis 18.1-15	Song of Mary APBA p.31	Matthew 8.5-17



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](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com)

## PREPARING FOR ST PETER'S DAY

10 am Saturday July 1. Helpers wanted at St Peter's to set up a boating theme near the Chapel. See Hilary if you can assist.

## LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL IN BORTOWN

June 2023

In the coming months we will be exploring new funding avenues to support the school. Every donation is making a positive impact on the lives of the children and teachers at the school, and the growing community which we find ourselves a part of in Bortown.

Can you help us to pay the staff and complete our development program? All donations are tax-deductible. Receipts will be issued early July.

**Donations made to:** Abaar Orphanage Bortown South Sudan  
BSB 013-225 Account no 2807-31691

Margaret Dooley 0438129161

## RECYCLING

Please bring your **empty foil tablet blister packs** and we will deliver them to a recycling location. Collection containers will be at the back of the Church and in the Undercroft.



## FILING CABINETS AVAILABLE

Several three and four drawer filing cabinets are surplus to requirements now and are available free to a good home. Speak to Rev'd Anne if you are interested.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JUNE WHITEHEAD!

June turned 99 on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. June is now living in Queensland and is remembered fondly by many in the congregation. Congratulations, June!

### WHERE IS LARS NOW?

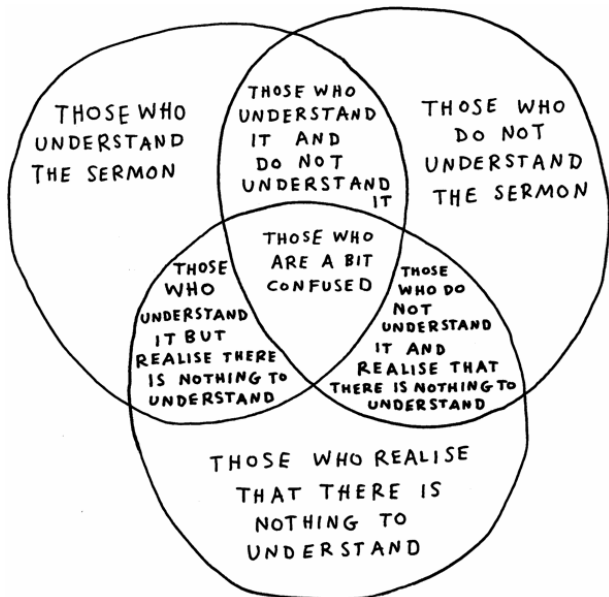
Day 17: Departing Shiloh. Arriving at Shechem (Nablus). Google maps says this is 34.2 km and 7 hours 7 minutes to walk. So how did it go? Easier ! Did that shock you? It shocked me saying it too. I am starting to notice my increased fitness. I found the 3% to 6% inclines much easier now. The weather was good, no rain, no dust storms, no thunder and lightning, no vultures, ... I found this a more pleasant ride. Mentally I know I am approaching 15% of the total journey challenge ... nearly 500 km. The donations on this GFM page have stalled a bit so maybe I will soon 'overtake' the \$'s with my km's ?? So how did I do ? Total distance: 38.2 km. Total climb: 435 m. Total time in saddle: 1 hour and 50 minutes. Nearly at the top of the mountain to Shechem (Nablus Journey Total: 465.11 km and 15%. Plus, not so painful or sore in the saddle area today either.

Donate through our bank account, using the reference **AED**.

**Name of Account:** Anglican Parish of Box Hill    **Bank Name:** NAB

**Bank BSB No (6 digits):** 083 004    **Account No:** 3468 14183

### TO MAKE YOU SMILE...



## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY 25.06.23

#### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Aidan's*

4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

### MON 26.06.23

Vicar's day off

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *on holidays*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *on holidays*

### TUES 27.06.23

8.30am-1.30pm Office open

9.00-4.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *on holidays*

### WED 28.06.23

6.30-7.00am Chinese outreach, *hall*

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Playgroup, *on holidays*

10-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *church and Undercroft*

### THU 29.06.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *on holidays*

### FRI 30.06.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

### SAT 1.07.23

10.30am-1.30pm SAIL, *on holidays*

### SUNDAY 2.07.23

#### St Peter's Day Celebration

9.30am Eucharist, *no 8.00am service today*

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Aidan's*

4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

## For the Diary

### June 28

Lunch and film at home Helen Jones  
12 noon

### July 1

Set up for St Peter's Day 10.00am

### July 2

St Peter's Day  
Celebratory morning tea

### July 9

Sea Sunday

### 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

	<b>Today 25.06.23</b>	<b>Next week 2.07.23</b>
SIDESPEOPLE	Martin F, Rosemary S	
SERVERS	Judy J, Michele M, <i>Garry M</i>	
READERS	Charles B, Barbara P	
INTERCESSOR	Sophia E/Judy J	
COUNTING	Michele M, Garry P	
MORNING TEA	<b>Barbara P</b> , Keith W, Dianne A	<b>Elizabeth B</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.