



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
16 July 2023
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Parish
Link

The Wheat and the Weeds



Hymns: Introit 101 • Psalm hymn 87 • Gradual 177
Offertory 636 • Communion 428 • Final 447

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Psalm 86.15

Prayer of the Day

Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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: Genesis 28.10–19a

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' ¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

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

Psalm: 139.1–11; 139.23–24

¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.

² **You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.**

³ For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether.

⁴ **You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.**

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot endure it.

6 Where shall I go from your spirit: or where shall I flee from your presence?

7 If I ascend into heaven you are there:

if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.

**8 If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand shall lead me: and your right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me: and the night will enclose me',

11 The darkness is no darkness with you, but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and the light are both alike.

**23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart:
put me to the proof and know my thoughts.**

24 Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me:
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Second Reading: **Romans 8.12–25**

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— **13** for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. **15** For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' **16** it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. **18** I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; **20** for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. **22** We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; **23** and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 13, beginning at Verse 13

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

24 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; **25** but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. **26** So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. **27** And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" **28** He

answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

Prayer of the Week

O God, you alone can order our unruly wills and affections: teach us to love what you command, and to desire what you promise, that, among the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Years Mind

Estella Smith, Thelma Langley, Jess Rennie, Joan Kruger and Winifred Ebbs, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: St Dunstan's Camberwell (Jobby John); The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Yarra Valley Grammar School (Mark Merry, Principal); St Mark's Camberwell – Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Peters and St Martins Mornington & Mt Martha – Pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St James' Thornbury & All Saint's Northcote – Pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Give thanks for all our volunteers and the work they do.

The World: Pray for all missionaries and Christians under persecution.

The Nation: Pray for all church workers and ministers of the Word.

Daily Readings

Monday	Exodus 14.5-18	Ps 24.7-10	Matthew 12.38-42
Tuesday	Exodus 14.21-15.1	Ps 78.11-15	Matthew 12.46-50
Wednesday	Exodus 16.1-15	Ps 78.20-30	Matthew 13.1-9

Thursday	Exodus 19.1-20	Ps Song of 3YM (APBA p.399)	Matthew 13.10-17
Friday	Exodus 20.1-17	Ps 19.7-14	Matthew 13.18-23
Saturday	Exodus 24.3-8	Ps 50.1-6	Matthew 13.24-30



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

FOOD DONATIONS for MISSION HOUSE and DIXON HOUSE

Please bring much-needed grocery items and leave in the basket at the back of the church or in the tubs in Undercroft.

WAVE OF PRAYER

Mothers Union, Wednesday 26 July at 1.30pm

MU FUNDRAISER

A raffle to raise funds for MU causes will be drawn on August 13 at the MU Fundraising Service. Tickets are available in the office or speak to Jan 0425757778.

WHERE IS LARS NOW?

Day 23: Route 7, second half of ride down to the baptismal site on the edge of the River Jordan. Total time in saddle (not really, sometimes I just have to stand up on the pedals to let the saddle pain subside): 1 hour and 47 minutes. Distance achieved: 43.29km. Elevation: 157m, ... 42m short ... oh well ... maybe I found a less steep route by a few metres? I wonder how Jesus kept himself motivated on these long walks? Much on his mind I guess. I wonder how many times he stopped to talk with people? I wonder if he broke up these journey sections into smaller bite sized bits? Or whether he just went for it and strode out for an entire day or night? My overall journey totals are: 666.97km; 22% of map routes; 2333.03km still to ride. Money raised so far: \$2,005. Getting there. With your kind donations. Please, \$5 ? Or \$10 ? 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...

MARTIN WHAT'S-HIS-NAME

A collector of rare books ran into an acquaintance who had just thrown away an old worn-out family Bible. He happened to mention that Guten something-or-other had printed it.

"Not Gutenberg?" gasped the book collector.

"Yep, that was the name!"

"You idiot! You've thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy recently sold at an auction for \$400,000!"

"Mine wouldn't have been worth a dime," retorted the man. "Some clown named Martin Luther had scribbled all over it."



AND THOUGH YOU MIGHT SUFFER NOW, THE PROMISE OF YOUR INHERITANCE ALLOWS YOU TO LIVE IN PATIENCE & HOPE.



Week Ahead

SUNDAY 23.07.23

Eighth 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 24.07.23

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 25.07.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men at Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall*

WED 26.07.23

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group (*kindergarten*)

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

1.30pm MU Wave of Prayer, *church*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 27.07.23

6.00-9.00pm Sudanese prayer, *church*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 28.07.23

8.00-11.3am Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 29.07.21

10.30am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall* and *Undercroft*

SUNDAY 30.07.23

Ninth 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*

For the Diary

July 26

Wave of Prayer 1.30pm

August 8

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

August 13

MU Fundraising Service

September 3

Creation Sunday

October 1

Blessing of the Pets

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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.



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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

Roster for Sunday 9.30am service

	Today 23.07.23	Next week 30.07.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Elizabeth B, Rosemary S	Martin F, Dianne A
SERVERS	Elizabeth B, Judy J, <i>Kim C</i>	Rosemary S, Elizabeth B, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Kim C, Dianne A	Kim C, Judy J
INTERCESSOR	Sophia E/ Jan G	Keith W
COUNTING	Elizabeth B, Margaret R	Charles B, Garry P
MORNING TEA	Rosemary S, Peter W, Barbara M	Cecilia , Jan G, Lyn B

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.