



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
20 August 2023
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to Stewardship Sunday! Today we will be giving thanks for all that God has given us. We will also be preparing our hearts to discern what we can give back to God. What can we give of our time, our talents, and our treasure - each of those gifted to us by our gracious Creator? Today you'll receive a letter setting out how you can help support the Parish of Box Hill financially. I invite you to open your hearts to giving generously to enable us support new initiatives for all these ministries so that we can face the future confidently, sharing the Word of God and the Love of Jesus in our community.

Blessings, Anne



Hymns: Introit: 626 • Psalm: 133 • Gradual: 149
Offertory: 254 • Communion: 513 • Final: 141

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.' Isaiah 56.

Prayer of the Day

God of freedom, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 45.1–15

¹ Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm: 133

¹ Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families live together in unity.

² **It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard:
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,
that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

³ It is like a dew of Hermon: like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

⁴ **For there the Lord has commanded his blessing: which is life for evermore.**

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-24, 33-36

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry ¹⁴ in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! ¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy. ¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹ You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.' ²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. ²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³ And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree. ³³ O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ 'For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?' ³⁵ 'Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?' ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 25, beginning at verse 14

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁴ 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." ²¹ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." ²³ His master said to him, "Well

done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.”²⁶ But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Years Mind

Ellen Toussaint, Werner Gronlund, John Hobba, Douglas Cliff, Ruby Beaumont, and Irene King, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: St Nicholas' Mordialloc (Ronald Johnson); The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People) Geelong; Grammar School (Rebecca Cody, Principal; Gordon Lingard, Howard Parkinson, Chaplains); Wandin-Seville Parish – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); Holy Apostles Sunshine and Braybrook – pastoral visit (Abp Philip Freier); St Thomas' Werribee - Confirmations (Bp Brad Billings); St George's Malvern – pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

The Parish: Pray for our Stewardship efforts and give thanks for what we have.

The World: Pray for those devastated by the fires in Hawaii.

The Nation: Pray for all those who are unemployed and needing work.

Daily Readings

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| Monday | Judges 2.11-19 | Ps 106.42-48 | Matthew 19.16-22 |
| Tuesday | Judges 6.11-24a | Ps 85.8-13 | Matthew 19.23-30 |
| Wednesday | Judges 9.6-15 | Ps 21.1-7 | Matthew 20.1-16a |
| Thursday | Judges 11.29-39a | Ps 40.5-11 | Matthew 22.1-14 |
| Friday | Ruth 1 | Ps 146.5-10 | Matthew 22.34-40 |
| Saturday | Ruth 2.1-17, 4.13-17 | Ps 128 | Matthew 23.1-12 |



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

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR LETTER

There is a letter from our Acting Vicar, Anne, for each member of the congregation, at the back of the church. Please find your envelope and take it home with you for prayerful consideration. Forms should be returned next Sunday.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who helped at the Mothers' Union service last week and with providing goods for the stall or purchasing goods from the stall. Thanks also to those who donated in the envelopes. Total for the day was \$723.70. Raffle winners were Anne Jones, Sandra Horne, Rosemary Hicks and Linda Boyd.



Book Sale in St Peter's Hall

Saturday September 16, 9.00am - 2.00pm.

There will be books, cafe with cuppas and cake, as well as sales of jams, chutneys and cakes.

Volunteers needed for set up during the week leading up to Sept 16, from Tuesday onwards, as well as on the day. Any queries: Garry Plumridge or Hilary.

BAGS FOR BOOKS!

We would like to sell our books at the Book Sale by the bagful, and for this we would like some spare shopping bags. If you have any kind of supermarket-sized shopping bags spare, please give them to Cecilia or leave in the Undercroft.



MOTHERS UNION MEETING August 23, 1.30pm

Karyn from the Box Hill Salvation Army will be the speaker.

WHERE IS LARS NOW?

The bike Lars has been using (he refers to it as his "donkey") has needed repair so, while his is raring to go, he has had a forced layover this week!

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...

There's a little old Christian lady living next door to an atheist. Every morning the lady comes out onto her front porch and shouts "Praise the Lord!". The atheist yells back, "There is no God". She does this every morning with the same result. As time goes on the lady runs into financial difficulties and has trouble buying food. She goes out onto the porch and asks God for help with groceries, then says "Praise the Lord". The next morning she goes out onto the porch and there are the groceries she's asked for! Of course, she says, "Praise the Lord". The atheist jumps out from behind a bush and says, "Ha, I bought those groceries - there is no God". The lady looks at him and smiles, she shouts "Praise the Lord --- not only did you provide groceries for me Lord, you made an atheist pay for them!"

KNEELERS

Q. WHAT IS INSIDE THEM?

A. THE FILLING DEPENDS UPON WHO HAS MADE THE KNEELER. THESE KNEELERS HAVE BEEN CUT OPEN SO THAT YOU CAN SEE WHAT IS INSIDE:



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



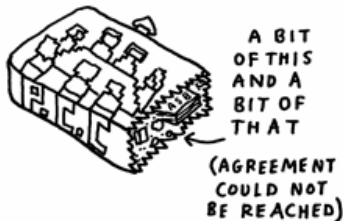
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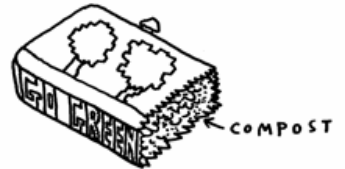
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THE P. C. C.



THE 'ENVIRONMENT' SUBCOMMITTEE

Week Ahead

20.08.23

Twelfth 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 21.08.23

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 22.08.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men at Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall*

WED 23.08.23

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group (*kindergarten*)

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 24.08.23

6.00-9.00pm Sudanese prayer, *church*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 25.08.23

8.00-11.30am Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 26.08.23

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

4.00-9.00pm Grainger WS set up and concert

SUNDAY 27.08.23

Thirteenth 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

August 20

Talk by Lars Andrews

August 20-27

Stewardship

August 23

Mothers' Union Meeting 1.30pm

September 3

Creation Season

September 16

Book Fair, 9am-2pm, *hall*

October 1

Blessing of the Pets

October 15

Shoebox Sunday

November 3

First Sunday of Advent

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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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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 20.08.23 | Next week 27.08.23 |
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| SIDESPEOPLE | Michele M, Barbara P | Rosemary S, Martin F |
| SERVERS | Elizabeth B, Rosemary S, Kim C | Michele M, Judy J, Garry M |
| READERS | Martin F, Rosemary S | Linda B, Charles B |
| INTERCESSOR | Sophia E/ Rosemary S | Michele M |
| COUNTING | Lyn B, Elizabeth B | Margaret R, Michele M |
| MORNING TEA | Cecilia , Margaret R, Jan G | Rosemary S, Peter W, Jenny F |

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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.