



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

27 August 2023

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Parish  
Link

The Vicar writes...

Thanks to everyone who shared their “Thanks” and their “Dreams” last week. This Parish is a strong community, and St Peter’s is a much loved and valued centre for all our work in this place. Your Dreams are of a growing multi-cultural community of faith, growing in God’s love and working for peace and the welfare of others. You shared the desire to reach out to the younger generations so that they might grow to love Jesus Christ and each other.

I hope that we have all had the opportunity to prayerfully review our financial giving, either by pledging a set amount annually, or just by giving what we can week by week. Through our giving with love we can step out in faith and through the grace of God, achieve some of our dreams. Blessings, Anne



Stewardship  
*a way of life*

*Hymns:* Introit: 693 • Psalm: Hymn 79 omit v3) •  
Gradual: 436 (tune 443) • Offertory: 658 • Communion: 599 • Final: 571

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

Sentence: Martha said, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' John 11.27

### Prayer of the Day

O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### First Reading: Exodus 1.8–2.10

<sup>8</sup> Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.'

<sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup> The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup> and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. <sup>15</sup> The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup> 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' <sup>17</sup> But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup> So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' <sup>19</sup> The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' <sup>20</sup> So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup> Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' <sup>1</sup> Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup> The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. <sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' <sup>8</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the

woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

Psalm: 124

<sup>1</sup> If the Lord had not been on our side, now may Israel say:

if the Lord had not been on our side, when our enemies rose against us,

<sup>2</sup> **Then they would have swallowed us alive:  
when their anger was kindled against us.**

<sup>3</sup> Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, and the torrent gone over us:  
the raging waters would have gone clean over us.

<sup>4</sup> **But praised be the Lord: who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.**

<sup>5</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:  
the snare is broken, and we have gone free.

<sup>6</sup> **Our help is in the name of the Lord: who has made heaven and earth.**

Second Reading: Romans 12.1–8

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

<sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew, Chapter 16, beginning at verse 13

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup> And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and

on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

### Prayer of the Week

Creator God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Years Mind

Christine Hamann, Winifred Jackson, Constance Cox, Ron Bracken, Hetta Woods, William O'Brien, Fr John Stockdale, and Spencer Mack, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Rest in Peace Andrew Jacobs - son of Judy Penwill.

Please keep Judy, Tom & family in your prayers at this sad time.

### Prayer Points

*The Church:* Tamil Christian Congregation Mount Waverley (Incumbency Vacant); The Diocese of Perth (Abp Kay Goldsworthy, Asst Bp Kate Wilmot, Clergy & People); Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School (Narelle Umbers, Principal, Jenny Sonneman, Chaplain); St Matthew's Glenroy – pastoral visit (Bp Brad Billings); St Paul's East Kew (Bp Kate Prowd).

*The Parish:* Pray for the bereaved in our parish.

*The World:* Pray for those who have lost family, friends and homes in wildfires.

*The Nation:* Pray for all firefighters and those in the police force.

### Daily Readings

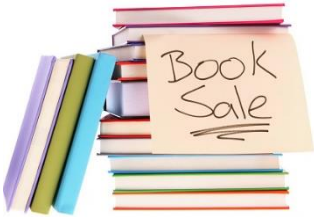
Monday	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10	Ps 149.1-5	Matthew 23.13-22
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8	Ps 139.1-5	Matthew 23.23-26
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2.9-13	Ps 139.6-11	Matthew 23.27-32
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3.7-13	Ps 90.11-17	Matthew 24.42-51
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4.1-8	Ps 97.6-12	Matthew 25.1-13
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4.9-12	Ps 98	Matthew 25.14-30



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)

## RETURNING STEWARDSHIP FORMS

Please bring back your commitment forms as soon as possible and give them to the Vicar or to our Stewardship secretary, Michele Mitchell. They can be mailed in or brought in person or emailed to the office.



## 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 to buy.

**Volunteers needed** for set up during the week leading up to Sept 16, from Wednesday 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.



## SHOE BOX SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER

I have boxes, starter bags, bits and pieces to help with your boxes. A lot of things come in multiple packs, check with me. If you want me to do a box for you, talk to me. Jan Gunst. 0425757778.

## WHERE IS LARS NOW?

I'm a bit nervous about getting back in the saddle. 'Lightning' my Donkey (bike) has only just come back from the veterinary surgeon (bike shop) having had a new leg fitted (chain and gear cable). I am fitter, and even though I have had a lay off whilst 'Lightning' was having surgery, I still found tonight was a pleasant ride. The gear changes were a lot smoother and less noisy too. Tonight, I plan to get back to Beit She'an, crossing the River Jordan from right (East) to left (West). Total Journey Distance: 841.37km (28%). Please donate that \$5 coffee money into my AED fund and help save lives. And be the first to leave me a message down below on this GoFundMe page.

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

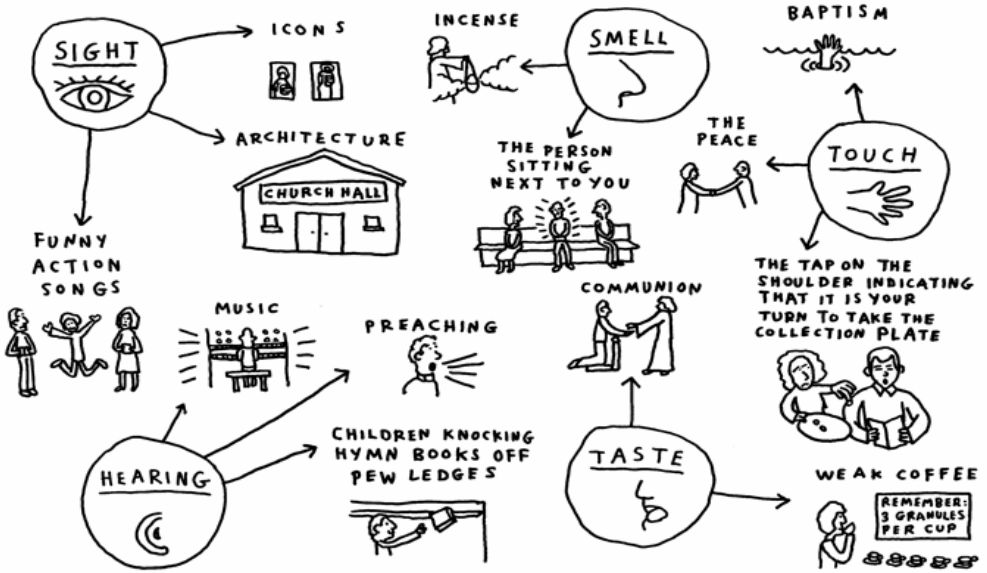
# TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

There are three recently deceased clergy standing at the gates of heaven. One is a Baptist pastor, one's a Roman Catholic priest and the third is an Anglican priest. While they are talking to St Peter, along comes none other than Jesus Christ himself. Pointing to the Baptist, Jesus asks: "Who do you say that I am?" "Hmm," the pastor begins, "the Bible says..." "No," says Jesus gently. "Please step back." Then, pointing to the Roman Catholic, Jesus asks again: "Who do you say that I am?" The priest pauses for a moment and then says, "His Holiness Pope Francis says..." "No," says Jesus. "Please step back." Now the Episcopal priest is nervous. "Who do you say that I am?" "Oh, well, um," the priest says, "you are the Messiah? the Son of the living God?" Jesus smiles and nods, and turns to walk away. "Well, but on the other hand," says the priest...

*Not quite the right message:* The Associate Pastor unveiled the church's new stewardship campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours!"

## WORSHIP

THIS SHOULD INVOLVE ALL OF THE SENSES



## Week Ahead

### 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*

### MON 28.08.23

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*

### TUES 29.08.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men at Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall*

### WED 30.08.23

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group (*kindergarten*)

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

### THU 31.08.23

6.00-9.00pm Sudanese prayer, *church*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

### FRI 1.09.23

8.00-11.30am Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

### SAT 2.09.23

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

3.30-6.30pm Student piano concert, *church*

### SUNDAY 3.09.23

#### 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

### September 3

Creation Season

### September 16

Book Sale, 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.



# 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 27.08.23</b>	<b>Next week 3.09.23</b>
SIDESPEOPLE	Rosemary S, Martin F	Dianne A, Sandra L
SERVERS	Michele M, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>	Michele M, Rosemary S, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Linda B, Charles B	Barbara P, Margaret D
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Keith W
COUNTING	Margaret R, Michele M	Garry P, Hilary B
MORNING TEA	<b>Rosemary S</b> , Peter W, Jenny F	<b>Elizabeth B</b> , Laurence L, 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.