



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
3 September 2023
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Parish
Link

The Vicar writes...

Season of Creation

Wherever you look, from images of the Himalayan peaks to the tiniest daisy peeping through the grass on our lawn, you can see the wonders of Creation. Over the next four weeks, we will consider our World, and all that is in it, and give thanks to God for the Earth.

On this first Sunday, we will read how Moses encountered a bush in the wilderness which was fully alight, and yet not being consumed by the fire. This caused him to approach the bush to learn more. His curiosity let him to be in the presence of God who revealed his holy name to Moses – “*I am who I am*”. God spoke to Moses personally, and told him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and into a place flowing with milk and honey. What are the marks of the true Christian? St Paul’s Letter to the Romans gives us an insight as to how we can live lives that glorify God, and encourage peace in the world. St Matthew also calls us to deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Jesus.

Blessings, Anne



Hymns: Introit: 72 • Psalm: 105 • Gradual: 168 • Offertory: 793 (words on sheet)
Communion: 802 (words on sheet) • Final: 188

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him. Matthew 16.24–25

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, Creator of the universe, we thank you for the precious planet on which we live. We know that our Earth and its plant life and creatures are fragile, and that we must protect and care for them, for our generation and our children's children. Help us to be aware of the needs of the Planet and to courageously work to heal what is broken and damaged so that it may be restored to reflect your divine plan. We ask this, through Jesus our Lord. Amen

Prayer for the new vicar: Bountiful God, you have answered our prayers and provided a faithful pastor to live to work in this community. We pray for The Reverend Victor Fan and his family as they prepare to move to Box Hill. Make the transition as smooth as possible, and give us warm and generous hearts as we prepare for their arrival, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 3.1–15

¹ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ⁵ Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' ⁶ He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' ¹¹ But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' ¹² He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' ¹³ But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' ¹⁴ God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."' ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

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

Psalm: 105.1–6, 23–26

¹ O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:

 tell among the peoples what things he has done.

² **Sing to him, O sing praises: and be telling of all his marvellous works.**

³ Exult in his holy name: and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

⁴ **Seek the Lord and his strength: O seek his face continually.**

⁵ Call to mind what wonders he has done:

 his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,

⁶ **O seed of Abraham his servant: O children of Jacob his chosen one.**

²³ Then Israel came into Egypt: and Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.

²⁴ **There the Lord made his people fruitful: too numerous for their enemies,**

²⁵ Whose hearts he turned to hate his people:

 and to deal deceitfully with his servants.

²⁶ **Then he sent Moses his servant: And Aaron whom he had chosen.**

Second Reading: Romans 12.9–21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 21

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to

come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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

Prayer of the Week

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Years Mind

Anne Bindon, Jean Poulter, Stanley Thompson, John Murray, Alice Gledhill, and Bishop George Hearn, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Parish of St John's, Frankston North w. St Luke's, Carrum Downs Frankston North (David Sullivan, Cheryl Sullivan); The Diocese of Willochra (Bp Jeremy James, Clergy & People); Royal School of Church Music (Roslyn Carolane, Chair); Confirmations - St John's Highton (Bp Brad Billings); Christ Church Anglican Church Berwick & St Paul's Cathedral – pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St George's Travancore – pastoral visit (Abp Philip Freier).

The Parish: Pray for our clergy, Anne, Alasdair, Esther and Joseph.

The World: Pray for those who work to protect our forests and oceans.

The Nation: Give thanks for all the wonderful natural beauty we enjoy in Australia.

Daily Readings

Monday	1 Thessalonians 4.13-18	Ps 96.7-10	Luke 4.16-30
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11	Ps 27.9-14	Luke 4.31-37
Wednesday	Colossians 1.1-8	Ps 52.8-9	Luke 4.38-44
Thursday	Colossians 1.9-14	Ps 98.1-6	Luke 5.1-11
Friday	Colossians 1.15-20	Ps 100	Luke 5.33-39
Saturday	Colossians 1.21-23	Ps 54	Luke 6.1-5



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

ALTAR RAIL

Because of the awkwardness of moving the heavy rail and central cushion we will trial a month of not using either. If you wish to kneel for Holy Communion, please go to the sides where the rail is permanently in place. Those who stand to receive Holy Communion, please be aware of people heading for the side sections and of gaps you can fill. Thank you. Acting Vicar

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

Can you help set up during the week leading up to Sept 16, from Wednesday onwards, or on the day?

Any queries: Garry Plumridge or Hilary.



RETURNING STEWARDHIP FORMS

Thanks to all those who have put in or renewed their commitments forms.

If you have not yet done so, please bring back your commitment form as soon as possible. Forms are available in hard copy from the office or should be in your email. They can be mailed in or brought in person.



SHOE BOX SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER

If you would like to be part of this project but can't do a box yourself, then please talk to Jan who can put a box or two together for you. Don't forget that a donation towards freight is very helpful. Jan Gunst 0425757778.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12th September.

Please Note: **All reports** to be in to the Secretary by **Friday 8th September**. This is to enable all Councillors time to read the reports prior to the meeting. Reports will be tabled, and any questions arising will be discussed. Hopefully, this will streamline and shorten our meetings.

ANGLICAN 2024 CALENDARS

Michele is now taking orders for the 2024 Anglican Calendar – the cost this year will be \$16 per calendar. Please order via Michele asap, either at church or on Email: themitchells01@bigpond.com or Phone: 0408 531 045.

WHERE IS LARS NOW?

My latest ride brings me to 939.37km (31%) with 2,060.63km still to ride. I have nearly done the first 1,000km. My first major milestone, which I hope to mark with an update presentation at St Peter's.

Lars says "Can you donate \$5 or the price of this week's coffee?"

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

CREATION MONTH GREEN TIP 1

Cook with saucepan lids on, it stops the heat escaping and boils quicker.

MOTHERS' UNION

The final amount raised in the parish for MU projects is \$1056.70. Thank you to all who helped in any way. Jan Gunst, leader.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

One day, Eve was walking in the garden with the Lord. She said, "Lord, the garden is wonderful, and the animals and birds provide such joy, but I am still lonely sometimes."

"No problem!" the Lord replied. "I will make you a man for a companion. He will desire to please you and to be with you. But I have to warn you, he won't be perfect. He'll have a difficult time understanding your feelings, will tend to think only of himself, and will stay out late with his footy mates."

"What's footy?" Eve asked.

"Oh... never mind. I was just getting ahead of myself, sorry."

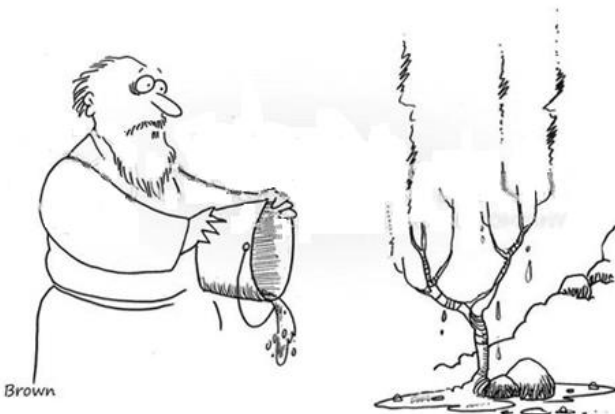
"That's OK. I think I can handle this 'man'," Eve replied.

"Great, I'll get right to it!" God said, and started shaping some mud.

Suddenly, the Lord stopped and said to Eve, "Oh, there's one other thing about this man I'm making for you."

"What's that?" asked Eve.

"You'll have to tell him he was here first."



Moses' first encounter with the burning bush didn't go well.

Week Ahead

CREATION SUNDAY 3.09.23

Fourteenth 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 4.09.23

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*

TUES 5.09.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men at Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall*

WED 6.09.23

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group (*kindergarten*)

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 7.09.23

6.00-9.00pm Sudanese prayer, *church*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 8.09.23

8.00-11.30am Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 9.09.23

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

9.00am-4.30pm Student piano concert, *church*

SUNDAY 10.09.23

Fifteenth 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 12

Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm, Undercroft

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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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 3.09.23	Next week 10.09.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Dianne A, Sandra L	Noel W, Rob K
SERVERS	Michele M, Rosemary S, <i>Kim C</i>	Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Barbara P, Margaret D	Michele M, Garry P
INTERCESSOR	Keith W	Elizabeth B
COUNTING	Garry P, Hilary B	Elizabeth B, Margaret R
MORNING TEA	Elizabeth B , Laurence L, Lyn B	Rosemary S , Peter W, 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.