



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
24 September 2023
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Parish Link

Reverend Anne writes...

Creation didn't just happen – it was planned and continues to evolve as is evident with the changing seasons that bring us our life-giving food and water “in due season”. Today we hear of God's faithfulness to the Israelites and of miraculous provision of manna in the wilderness. This constant love shown to us by God is expressed in the gospel as one of equal measure for everyone, regardless of when in their lives they find understanding and the peace in God's presence.

Reverend Alasdair is entering a new creative season in his life. He is taking on a short-term role of locum tenens as St Dunstan's Camberwell as of next week so today we will farewell him and send him off with our blessing as he begins his ministry with other congregations. We are grateful for his care of the past years and pray that this new adventure will enable him to fulfil his calling to live and care for God's people wherever they may be.

Make sure you join us for morning tea so that you farewell Alasdair personally.

Blessings, Anne



Hymns: Introit: 156 • Psalm: 105 • Gradual: 146 •
Offertory: 187 • Communion: 668 • Final: 133

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2.8–9

Prayer of the Day

Loving and righteous God, your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve, and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first: liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may be free to love and serve others, and in your service may find our true reward; through Jesus Christ 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 16.2–15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.' ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?' ⁸ And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.' ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." ' ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God" ' ¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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

Psalm: 105.1–6; 37–45

- 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.**
- ³⁷ He brought Israel out with silver and with gold:
and not one among their tribes was seen to stumble.
- ³⁸ **Egypt was glad at their going: for dread of Israel had fallen upon them.**
- ³⁹ He spread out a cloud for a covering: and fire to lighten the night.
- ⁴⁰ **The people asked, and he brought them quails:
and satisfied them with the bread from heaven.**
- ⁴¹ He opened a rock, so that the waters gushed:
and ran in the parched land like a river.
- ⁴² **For he had remembered his holy word:
that he gave to Abraham his servant.**
- ⁴³ So he led out his people with rejoicing: his chosen ones with shouts of joy;
- ⁴⁴ **He gave them the land of the nations:
and they took possession of the fruit for which other peoples had toiled,**
- ⁴⁵ So that they might keep his statutes: and faithfully obey his laws.
O praise the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 1

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. ¹² I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; ¹⁴ and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. ¹⁵ Some proclaim Christ

from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. ¹⁶ These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defence of the gospel; ¹⁷ the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will result in my deliverance. ²⁰ It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 20, beginning at verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I

choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"
¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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

Prayer of the Week

Loving Father, whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, and yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Years Mind

William Lowe James Toussaint, Hugh Beach, Lewis Plumridge, Ruth Marshall, and Fr Richard Southey, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: St George's Anglican Church Ivanhoe East (John Sanderson, Kristen Dillon); The Church of Ireland; The Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd, Clergy & People); Anglican Board of Mission (John Deane, Executive Director); Jieng Congregation - St John's Footscray (Bp Brad Billings).

The Parish: Give thanks for the service of Father Alasdair in our parish.

The World: Pray for Ukraine, Libya, Morocco and all those there who are suffering.

The Nation: Pray for all teachers and students.

Daily Readings

Monday	Ezra 1.1-6	Ps 126	Luke 8.16-18
Tuesday	Ezra 6.6-7, 14-20	Ps 122	Luke 8.19-21
Wednesday	Ezra 9.5-9	Ps 119.97-104	Luke 9.1-6
Thursday	Haggai 1.1-8	Ps 149	Luke 9.7-9
Friday	Haggai 1.15b-2.9	Ps 43	Luke 9.18-22
Saturday	Zechariah 2.5-15a	Ps 72.8-14	Luke 9.43b-45



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

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Bring your pet to our Blessing Service on Sunday, October 1.



CREATION MONTH GREEN TIP 4

Use a microwave where possible as it uses less energy than the oven or stove top.

SAMARITANS PURSE

Only three Sundays till Shoe Box Sunday! Talk to Jan if you need help with a box. Let's have a good number of boxes to be blessed in October.

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.

MOTHERS UNION

The meeting for this week is on **Tuesday 26 Sept**, *not* Wednesday.
Speaker: Assistant Chaplain from Mission to Seafarers. 1.30 pm

WHERE IS LARS NOW?

I believe we may have enough donations raised already to buy our AED and First Aid Bag ... but I have already decided I will continue with the remaining 2,000 km still to go and hope to continue raising funds for a second church AED. Total raised: \$2,837.44.

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

STORAGE SPACE

Church organist, Stuart Connew, is looking for a garage or similar space to store his music collection which he uses often. He is seeking somewhere dry and easily accessible. If you can help, please contact him on 0418 814 843.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Late for a seminar and unable to find parking, I pulled into a spot behind a church. It was only after I'd gotten out of the car that I spotted this sign:
"No parking. Forgiveness is our business, but don't make it harder than it already is."



THIS NEXT SONG IS A
DIFFICULT AND TEDIOUS
ONE, BUT WE'RE GOING
TO SING IT ANYWAY

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 24.09.23

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist
- 11.30am Mandarin service
- 2.00-3.00pm Alpha Course, *office*
- 2.30pm Dinka service
- 2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Aidan's*
- 4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

MON 25.09.23

- 6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*
- 6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*

TUES 26.09.23

- 8.30am-12.30pm Office open
- 9.00-1.00pm Men at Work
- 6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall (on holiday)*

WED 27.09.23

- 10.30am Eucharist
- 9.30-11.30am Play group *(on holiday)*
- 10.00-11.30am Tai Chi *hall (on holiday)*
- 8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 28.09.23

- 6.00-9.00pm Sudanese prayer, *church*
- 6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *Undercroft*

FRI 29.09.23

- 8.30am -12.30pm Office open
- 5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 30.09.23

- 10.30am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall and Undercroft (on holiday)*
- 1.30 - 5.45pm VMTA piano concert, *church*

SUNDAY 1.10.23

Pet Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist
- 11.30am Mandarin service
- 2.00-3.00pm Alpha Course, *office*
- 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

Creation Season

September 26 Tuesday

Mothers' Union Meeting
(*not on Wednesday this month*)

October 1

Blessing of the Pets

October 13

Referendum voting in church hall
Fundraising stall outside

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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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
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Roster for Sunday 9.30am service

	Today 24.09.23	Next week 1.10.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Elizabeth B, Sandra L	Dianne A, Martin F
SERVERS	Michele M, Rosemary S, <i>Garry M</i>	Michele M, Rosemary S, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Hilary B, Kim C	Dianne A, Edwin C
INTERCESSOR	Sophia E/Jan G	Keith W
COUNTING	Michele M, Garry P	Hilary B, Margaret R
MORNING TEA	Barbara P , Dianne A, Keith W	Elizabeth 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.