



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

1 October 2023

Blessing of the Animals

Parish Link

Reverend Anne writes...

Welcome to all humans and our precious animals this morning, as we come for our annual Blessing of the Animals. In Genesis we read how God created all the living creatures – whales, birds, cattle, creepy crawlies – and they were blessed by God.

Our second reading, an adaptation from Isaac the Syrian, is one that speaks of the bond between humans and our animal companions, and how love cannot bear to see any creature suffer.

Luke reminds us in our Gospel that Jesus told the disciples that God feeds the birds and creates the beautiful lilies, so beautiful that even Solomon's glory is outshone by them. We are not to worry, God truly cares for us if we strive for his kingdom. He will provide all that we need.

Blessings, Anne



Hymns: Introit: 100 (omit. 4,5&6) • Psalm: TIS 41 • Gradual: 628 •
Offertory: 259 • Communion: 572 • Final: 135

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

Hosea 6.1a, 2b

Prayer of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant, and in humility became obedient even to death. For you have highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in everlasting glory. 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: Genesis 1:20–22a, 24–26a, 28, 31a

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them. ... And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind." ... God blessed them. ... God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.

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

Psalm: 78.1–4; 11–16 (TIS 41)

¹ Give heed to my teaching, O my people:

incline your ears to the words of my mouth;

² **For I will open my mouth in a parable:**

and expound the mysteries of former times.

³ What we have heard and known: what our forebears have told us,

⁴ **We will not hide from their children,**

but declare to a generation yet to come:

the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works.

¹¹ For he did marvellous things in the sight of their ancestors:

in the land of Egypt, in the country of Zoan.

¹² **He divided the sea and let them pass through:**

he made the waters stand up in a heap.

¹³ In the daytime he led them with a cloud: and all night long with the light of fire.

¹⁴ **He cleft rocks in the wilderness:**

**and gave them drink in abundance
as from springs of water.**

¹⁵ He brought streams out of the rock:
and caused the waters to flow down like rivers.

¹⁶ **But for all this they sinned yet more against him:
and rebelled against the Most High in the desert.**

Second Reading: A reading adapted from St. Isaac the Syrian

This is a charitable heart: It is a heart burning with love for the whole creation, for humans, for the birds, for the beasts, for the demons—for all creatures. One who has such a heart cannot see or call to mind a creature without having eyes being filled with tears by reason of the immense compassion which seizes the heart; a heart which is softened and can no longer bear to see or learn from others of any suffering, even the smallest pain, being inflicted on a creature. That is why such a person never ceases to pray also for the animals, that they may be preserved and purified. This person will even pray for the reptiles, moved by the infinite pity which reigns in the hearts of those who are becoming united with God.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 12, beginning at verse 22

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you— you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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

Prayer of the Week

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Years Mind

Bernard Pettman, Ernest de Bruin, Bill Wright, Brian Coulter, George Addison, Monique Winning, Jessie and Arthur Cale, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: All Saints' Anglican Church Kooyong (Kuncoro Rusman, Lachlan Thompson); The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of The Yarra (Tim Johnson); Upper Yarra Anglican Church Millgrove – pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Jude's Parkville – Confirmation and pastoral visit (Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Give thanks for the animals in our world and the life of St Francis.

The World: Pray for peoples at war or suffering from natural disasters.

The Nation: Pray for the new Premier of our state and for good government.

Daily Readings

Monday	Zechariah 8.1-8	Ps 102.18-22	Luke 9.46-50
Tuesday	Zechariah 8.20-23	Ps 87	Luke 9.51-56
Wednesday	Nehemiah 2.1-8	Ps 137	Luke 9.57-62
Thursday	Nehemiah 8.1-12	Ps 19.7-14	Luke 10.1-12
Friday	Baruch 1.15-22	Ps 79.8-10	Luke 10.13-16
Saturday	Baruch 4.5-12, 27-24	Ps 69.31-38	Luke 10.17-24



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

SAMARITANS PURSE
Only two weeks till Shoe Box Sunday! See Jan for any assistance:
0425 757 778

MOTHERS UNION September meeting

Rev'd Haeden Kynoo, Assistant Chaplain at Mission to Seafarers spoke to us on Tuesday and was presented with 4 large boxes and 4 bags of scarves, beanies, etc for use and sale at the mission. Thanks to all who worked so hard making these warm and colourful goods.

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?

Lars has now raised enough funds (\$3000) to buy an AED for St Peter's. As he has not yet completed the journey he set himself - to cycle in the steps of Jesus - he will continue riding and raising funds so another church can also have a defibrillator. This is an amazing achievement and we look forward to hearing Lars speak to us and the arrival of the defibrillator. Please continue to follow him on the Go Fund Me site and read about his adventures.

<https://gofund.me/029b5408>

BARRY MARSHALL MEMORIAL LECTURE

You are invited to join us for the 2023 Biennial Barry Marshall Memorial Lecture, presented by Dr Lynn Cohick, Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Director of Houston Theological Seminary at Houston Christian University, at the Trinity College Theological School.

Date: Tuesday 31 October 2023

Time: 7.30 – 8.30pm Drinks and canapés until 9pm

Where: Buzzard Lecture Theatre, Evan Burge Building, Trinity College
100 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052

RSVP: By COB Tuesday 24 October 2023

Enquiries: Briony O'Halloran | 03 8341 0216

CHANGES TO PRINT VERSION of The Melbourne Anglican

The paper will still come to you monthly, but in a slightly different form. In 2024 it will be published in **four print editions**, and seven online-only editions. Each print edition will also be available online. The first online-only edition will be available from 1 February. The first 2024 print edition will be available in churches on March 17. Many people in our community are consuming information differently, but many also still enjoy a print product.

PRAYER WALK WEEK – 8-15TH October

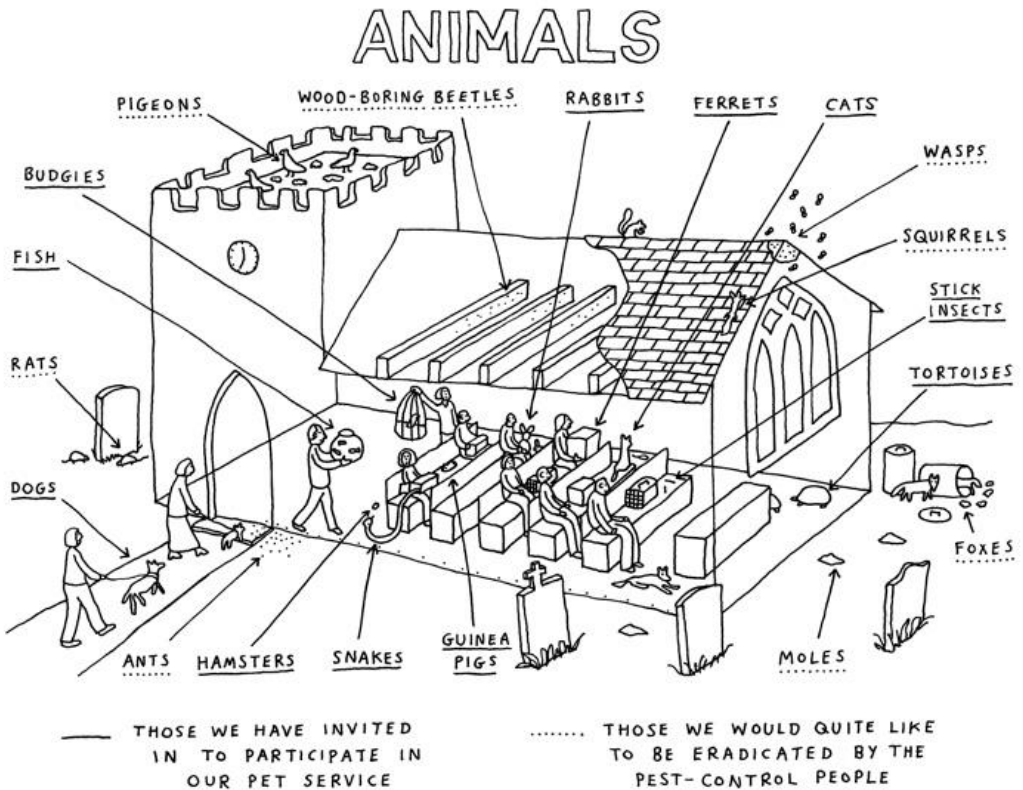
Whitehorse Churches Care – a great opportunity for us to join in prayer across churches and across the City of Whitehorse. People are encouraged to register at (<https://whitehorsechurchescare.org.au/prayer>) to help give us a picture of prayer across the City. There are resources to help you at the website. If you are a walker, or even someone who likes to stroll, join us! Let's know if you are going to be part of this great initiative!

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Difference Between Cats And Dogs Joke

A dog thinks: 'Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me and take good care of me ... **THEY MUST BE GODS!**'

A cat thinks: 'Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me and take good care of me ... **I MUST BE A GOD!**'



Week Ahead

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*

MON 2.10.23

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*

TUES 3.10.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men at Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall*

WED 4.10.23

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group

10.00-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 5.10.23

6.00-9.00pm Sudanese prayer, *church*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *Undercroft*

FRI 6.10.23

8.30am -12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 7.10.23

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

SUNDAY 8.10.23

Nineteenth 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

October 1

Blessing of the Pets

October 10

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

October 13

Referendum voting in church hall
Fundraising stall outside

October 15

Shoebox Sunday

November 3

First Sunday of Advent

November 11

Music afternoon

November 19

Parish Annual General Meeting

December 19

Mothers Union Christmas lunch

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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
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1800 135 246

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Roster for Sunday 9.30am service

	Today 1.10.23	Next week 8.10.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Dianne A, Martin F	Noel W, Rob K
SERVERS	Michele M, Rosemary S, Kim C	Elizabeth B, Judy J, Garry M
READERS	Dianne A, Edwin C	Judy J, Conrad H
INTERCESSOR	Keith W	Elizabeth B
COUNTING	Hilary B, Margaret R	Elizabeth B, Charles B
MORNING TEA	Elizabeth B , Laurence L, Lyn B	Rosemary S , Peter W, Barbara Moss

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.