



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

15 October 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Parish Link

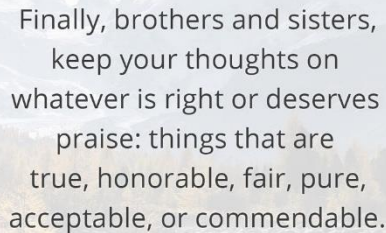
Reverend Anne writes...

Last week we spoke about the gods that demand our attention in today's world. This morning we read how the Israelites made their own god, a golden calf, instead of having faith in the one true God.

The squabbles of the Israelites is echoed in the second reading where Paul addresses the issue of two of the members of the young church in Philippi, Euodia and Syntyche, and Paul urges them to be of the same mind – in the Lord. “Whatever is true, honourable, pure, pleasing, and commendable – think about these things.”

The Gospel has some difficult verses this week, coloured by the horrendous situation in the Middle East. But the wedding banquet to which we are invited is not to be taken lightly – no matter who we are, or what our entitlement is, we must be prepared.

Blessings, Anne



Finally, brothers and sisters,
keep your thoughts on
whatever is right or deserves
praise: things that are
true, honorable, fair, pure,
acceptable, or commendable.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Hymns: Introit: 596 *omit v5* • Psalm: said • Gradual: 609 •
Offertory: 474 • Communion: 813 *on sheet* • Final: 106

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Isaiah 25.9

Prayer of the Day: Saving and healing God, you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us, and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others, so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 32.1–14

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' ² Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord'. ⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' ¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."' ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm: 106.1–6, 20–24

¹ Praise the Lord; O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.

² **Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord: or fully voice his praise?**

³ Blessed are those who act according to justice: who at all times do the right.

⁴ **Remember me, O Lord, when you visit your people with your favour:
and come to me also with your salvation,**

⁵ That I may see the prosperity of your chosen:
that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people,
and exult with those who are your own.

⁶ **We have sinned like our ancestors:
we have acted perversely and done wrong.**

²⁰ At Horeb they made themselves a calf:
and bowed down in worship to an image.

²¹ **And so they exchanged the glory of God:
for the likeness of an ox that eats hay.**

²² They forgot God who was their saviour: that had done such great things in Egypt,

²³ **Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham:
and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea.**

²⁴ Therefore he thought to destroy them:
had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach,
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

Second Reading: Philippians 4

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ In any case, it was kind of you to share

my distress. ¹⁵ You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. ¹⁶ For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. ¹⁸ I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. ²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The friends who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of the emperor's household. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 22, beginning at verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by sight: give us such trust in your fatherly care that in the face of all perplexities we may give proof of our faith by the courage of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Teresa of Avila, teacher (d. 1592)*



Years Mind

Joy Husband, Glenn Hearn, and Hilda Werkwerth, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: St Mary's Anglican Church Melbourne North (Jan Joustra, Mark Lindsay); The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Box Hill (Dianne Sharrock); Pastoral visits to St John's Diamond Creek (Bp Kate Prowd); St Peter's Jieeng Congregation Werribee (Bp Brad Billings); Confirmation services with Bp Genieve Blackwell at: Deep Creek Anglican Church; St Alfred's Blackburn North.

The Parish: Give thanks for Synod and our representatives.

The World: Pray for peace in the Middle East.

The Nation: Pray for all Australians after our referendum vote.

Daily Readings

Monday	Romans 1.1-7	Ps 98.1-7	Luke 11.29-32
Tuesday	Romans 1.16-25	Ps 19.1-6	Luke 11.37-41
Wednesday	Romans 2.1-11	Ps 62.1-8	Luke 11.42-46
Thursday	Romans 3.21-29	Ps 130	Luke 11.47-54
Friday	Romans 4.1-8	Ps 32.7-12	Luke 12.1-7
Saturday	Romans 4.13-18	Ps 105.7-11	Luke 12.8-12



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

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.

SHOEBOXES

Thanks to all who have contributed shoeboxes to the Samaritan's Purse and to Jan Gunst for organising it.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who have helped with Polling Day, jamming and baking, BBQing, setting up, selling and cleaning up.

ST PETER'S PLAYGROUP

Did you know that we hold a Christian Playgroup each Wednesday from 9.30am-11.30am (during school terms) in the old Kindergarten building at St. Peter's?

We have vacancies for children from 1 year to 4 years old.

Grandparents caring for children who are looking for a way to entertain them are most welcome, English not essential.

Includes: Toys, crafts, outdoor playground, Bible story and song time
Tell your friends, family and neighbours about the Playgroup.

More details: Barbara 0405 193 122 or Michele

WINE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Here is the link to the online wine drive order form. (If required, paper forms available from Hiliary.)

<https://prospectwines.com.au/product/box-hill-anglican-church/>

The cost for local delivery remains at \$9.00. (Sometimes you can pool together your orders to share this delivery cost.)

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A small boy went to church with his grandmother and joined her when she quietly slipped off the pew to kneel and pray. He even copied her example of burying her face in her hands. But after a few seconds his curiosity got the better of him. "Who are we hiding from, grannie?"

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK ELODIA AND SYNTYCHE WERE FIGHTING ABOUT?



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THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN FIGHTING AT ALL.



CHRYSOSTOM* READ THIS AS ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PAUL TO THESE TWO WOMEN WHO WERE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH. "HAVE THE SAME MIND" IS A PHRASE HE USES ELSEWHERE TO ENCOURAGE BELIEVERS.**



*HOMILIES ON PHILIPPIANS 13. **PHIL 3:14-17



WOMEN LEADING THE CHURCH? NOW THAT'S **LOOKING** FOR A FIGHT!



PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9



Week Ahead

SUNDAY 15.10.23

SHOEBOX SUNDAY

Twentieth 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 16.10.23

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*

TUES 17.10.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men at Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall*

WED 18.10.23

10.30am Eucharist

9.30-11.30am Play group, *kindergarten*

10.00-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 19.10.23

6.00-9.00pm Sudanese prayer, *church*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *Undercroft*

FRI 20.10.23

8.30am -12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 21.10.23

10.30am-1.30pm Sat School, *hall & Undercroft*

9am-12.30pm VMTA Concert, *church*

1.00-6.30pm VMTA Concert, *church*

6.00-7.00pm Concert supper, *Undercroft*

SUNDAY 22.10.23

Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

9.30am Farsi Service, *kindergarten*

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*

For the Diary

November 3

First Sunday of Advent

November 19

Parish Annual General Meeting

December 3

9.30am service

Dedication of new windows in chapel

December 15

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.



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Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

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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 15.10.23	Next week 22.10.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Michele M, Barbara P	Rosemary S, Elizabeth B
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Elizabeth B, <i>Kim C</i>	Judy J, Michele M, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Edwin C, Jan G	Rosemary S, Martin F
INTERCESSOR	Sophia E/Judy J	Michele M
COUNTING	Lyn B, Michele M	Garry P, Hilary B
MORNING TEA	Cecilia , Margaret R, Jan G	Barbara P , Dianne A, Keith W

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.