



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

12 November 2023

Twenty-fifth All Sunday after Pentecost

Parish  
Link

Reverend Anne writes...

Today we acknowledge Remembrance Day. This day was designated to specifically mark the Armistice, the end of the First World War. The red poppy symbolised the blood of the young soldiers on the fields where battles had been fought. The red poppy reminds us now of those who have died in all conflicts as they fought for peace in their land. We are confronted with the situations in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Sudan and so many other countries where daily life is punctuated by the sound of bombs and gunfire. We give thanks that we live in a peaceful country where people try to live together as Australians with many different backgrounds. We praise God that we can respect each other and live as normal lives as possible.



*Hymns:* Introit: 642 • Psalm: said • Gradual: on sheet •  
Offertory: 123 • Communion: 503. v1. 2&6 • Final: 28

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

Sentence: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Matthew 24.42, 44

Prayer of the Day: Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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: Joshua 24.1–3a, 24.14–25

<sup>1</sup> Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>3</sup> Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; <sup>14</sup> 'Now therefore revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' <sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup> and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.' <sup>19</sup> But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup> If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.'  
<sup>21</sup> And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' <sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.'  
<sup>23</sup> He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.'  
<sup>24</sup> The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him

we will obey.’<sup>25</sup> So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm: 78.1-7

<sup>1</sup> Give heed to my teaching, O my people:

incline your ears to the words of my mouth;

<sup>2</sup> **For I will open my mouth in a parable:**

**and expound the mysteries of former times.**

<sup>3</sup> What we have heard and known: what our forebears have told us,

<sup>4</sup> **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.**

<sup>5</sup> He established a law in Jacob and made a decree in Israel:

which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,

<sup>6</sup> **That future generations might know, and those yet unborn:**

**that they in turn might teach it to their children;**

<sup>7</sup> So that they might put their confidence in God:

and not forget his works, but keep his commandments,

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.9–18

<sup>9</sup> Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another;

<sup>10</sup> and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, <sup>11</sup> to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, <sup>12</sup> so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one. <sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew, Chapter 25, beginning at verse 1

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>1</sup> ‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were

wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." <sup>7</sup> Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." <sup>9</sup> But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." <sup>12</sup> But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." <sup>13</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

### Prayer of the Week

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that, by patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Years Mind

Christopher Hill, Arthur Locke, Colin Jones, and Eva Claire Paull, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Rest in peace Sophia Errey.



### Prayer Points

**The Church:** The Anglican Parish of Jika Jika Preston (Michael Hopkins, Fan Zhang); Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; The Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, General Secretary Anne Hywood, the General Synod & the Standing Committee); Angliss Health Services; St Andrew's Brighton – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); All Soul's' Sandringham – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); Holy Trinity Balaclava – pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd);

**The Parish:** Give thanks for the life and work of our friend, Sophia Errey.

**The World:** Pray for more kindness and goodwill in the world.

**The Nation:** Pray for our doctors and nurses and care givers.

### Daily Readings

Monday	1 Maccabees 1.10-15, 41-64	Ps 119.153-160	Luke 18.35-43
Tuesday	2 Maccabees 6.18-31	Ps 3	Luke 19.1-10
Wednesday	2 Maccabees 7.1, 20-31	Ps 17.1-7	Luke 19.11-28
Thursday	1 Maccabees 2.15-29	Ps 50.1-6	Luke 19.41-44
Friday	1 Maccabees 4.36-37, 52-59	Ps 134	Luke 19.45-48
Saturday	1 Maccabees 6.1-13	Ps 9.1-4	Luke 20.27-40



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)

## **WINE DRIVE FUNDRAISER**

Here is the link to the online wine drive order form. (If required, paper forms available from Hilary.) The cost for local delivery remains at \$9.00. (Sometimes you can pool together your orders to share this delivery cost.)

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

## **AGM**

The timetable for the AGM is as follows:

12 Nov Sunday Report pack available (please print your own if possible)

16 Nov Thurs List of nominations displayed

**19 Nov Sunday Annual Meeting**

## **SOCIAL SUPPORT**

A worker from Supporting Connections Outreach SAVVI – Supporting Connections program at EACH <https://www.each.com.au/service/savvi-supporting-connections/> is currently visiting a local supported residential service (SRS) located in Mont Albert and Box Hill North and was wondering if any members of our church would be interested to offer social support with residents at the SRS on a weekly or fortnightly basis such as playing board games and watering the garden together. *If you are interested, please let Cecilia in the office know and she will put you in contact with the Outreach Worker.*

## **COMPLINE for CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

St Aidan's, November 26 (Start time to be confirmed.)

## **RSL LUNCH** 13 December, 11.30am

Only 20 places are booked for this annual lunch so please let Jan know as soon as possible if you want to be there.

## **ANGLICARE DIXON HOUSE APPEAL**

Gift cards and presents for Anglicare Dixon House appeal need to be in by **December 11**. The list of suggestions is on the noticeboard at the back of the church. They are prioritising food gifts and food vouchers this year.

## **WASHING MACHINE free to a good home**

Fisher & Paykel Cleansmart, 8kg, top loader, heavy-duty washing machine in very good condition. Delivery negotiable. Contact Garry 0421 056 706

**PENRITE VIP BIKE DAY** (note corrected date of this event)

Our friend and fellow-parishioner, Margaret Dymond, has invited all those interested to attend the **Penrite VIP Bike Day** at the Auto Museum in Wantirna. If you have not seen the museum, then it is well worth a visit.

**RSVP essential:** Trevor 0428 105 836

**Date:** Saturday, **November 18,**

**Time:** 11.00am-3.00pm

**Where:** Lane 88 Auto Museum, 88 Lewis Road, Wantirna

**TO MAKE YOU SMILE...**

I've just joined the Jehovah's Observers. It's like being a Jehovah's Witness but we don't like to get involved

CartoonChurch.com



I HAVE EVANGELISED  
WITH THE EVANGELICALS



I HAVE CROSSED MYSELF  
WITH THE ANGLO-CATHOLICS



I HAVE WORSHIPPED  
WITH THE CHARISMATICS



I HAVE QUESTIONED  
WITH THE LIBERALS

I THINK NOW I WILL STOP AND HAVE SOME TEA

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY 12.11.23

#### Twenty-fourth 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*

### MON 13.11.23

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*

### TUES 14.11.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men at Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall*

### WED 15.11.23

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 16.11.23

6.00-9.00pm Sudanese prayer, *church*

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

### FRI 17.11.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

### SAT 18.11.23

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

2.30-4.30pm Student piano concert

5.00-7.00pm Student piano concert

### SUNDAY 19.11.23

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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 19

Parish Annual General Meeting

10.30am Undercroft

### November 26

Compline for Christ the King Sunday

St Aidan's

### December 3

Advent Sunday

9.30am service

Dedication of new windows in chapel

### December 13

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  
Kooyoora Professional Standards  
1800 135 246

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## Roster for Sunday 9.30am service

	<b>Today 12.11.23</b>	<b>Next week 19.11.23</b>
SIDESPEOPLE	Rob K, Elizabeth B	Michele M, Barbara P
SERVERS	Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Kim C</i>	Rosemary S, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Garry P, Michele M	Elizabeth B, Conrad H
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Michele M
COUNTING	Lyn B, Garry P	Hilary B, Margaret R
MORNING TEA	<b>Rosemary S</b> , Peter W, Barbara M	<b>Cecilia</b> , Margaret R, Jan G, 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.