

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

26 November 2023 Christ the King Parish Link

Reverend Anne writes...

We know that sheep are an important part of Australia's economy. In Old Testament times, they were of huge importance to the people, too. The reading from Ezekiel uses the image of sheep to explain how important the people are to God, and how God will care for them. God chose a special person, David, to be the shepherd of his sheep, to guide them and to care for them.

The reading from Paul's first letter to the Ephesians reminds the people of what they have inherited from Jesus Christ.

The Gospel again picks up the image of sheep in this passage from Matthew, and goes on to remind the people that whatever we do to others throughout our lives will be recognized by Jesus when he returns to earth to judge the nations.

Blessings, Anne



Hymns: Introit: 216, omit v.4 • Psalm: Hymn 60 • Gradual: 629 • Offertory: 228, v.1,5 & 6 • Communion: 677 • Final: 245

Sentence: O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy. Psalm 100.1

Prayer of the Day: God of power and love, who raised your Son Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation: free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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: Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24

¹¹ For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

For the word of the Lord, thanks be to God

Psalm: 100

¹ O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his face with songs of joy.

- ² Know that the Lord he is God: it is he who has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- ³ Come into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.
- ⁴ For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever: his faithfulness throughout all generations.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.15–23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 31

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food. I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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

Prayer of the Week: Stir up, we pray you, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Years Mind

Peter Lovett, Colin Boulter, Perry Dunstan, Stanley Marshall, Catherine Chong, Blanche Chapman, and Iris Vollenhoven whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: St James the Great Anglican Church St Kilda East (Paul Bower); The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People); Pastoral visits to: St Peter's Bundoora (Bp Brad Billings); Christ Church Little River (Bp Brad Billings); St Aidan's Parkdale (Bp Paul Barker); All Souls' Sandringham (Bp Kate Prowd); St James the Great St Kilda (Abp Philip Freier).

The Parish: Pray for all those ill and in hospital and for their families.

The World: Pray for the safety of hostages in Gaza and for all victims of war.

The Nation: Pray for all affected by floods and bushfires.

Daily Readings

| Monday | Daniel 1.1-20 | Song of 3YM (APBA p.399) | Luke 21.1-4 |
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| Tuesday | Daniel 3.31-45 | Song of Creation (APBA p.419) | Luke 21.5-11 |
| Wednesday | Daniel 5.1-28 | Song of Creation 1-4 (APBA p.427) | Luke 21.12-19 |
| Thursday | Daniel 6.12-28 | Song of Creation 5-7 (APBA p.427) | Luke 21.20-28 |
| Friday | Daniel 7.2-14 | Song of Creation 8-10 (APBA p.427) | Luke 21.29-33 |
| Saturday | Daniel 7.15-27 | Song of Creation 11-13 (APBA p.428) | Luke 21.34-36 |



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

COMPLINE for CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

St Aidan's, November 26, 6.15pm. Pizza meal afterwards.

DEDICATION OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Sunday December 3, during the 9.30am service. **No** 8.00am service this day.

ANGLICARE DIXON HOUSE APPEAL

Christmas gifts for parents given by luncheon patrons and MU members and parishioners for Dixon house and Mission House need to be given to myself or Margaret Payne **before 6th Dec**. The gifts and food are distributed in first week of Dec. Jan Gunst. 0425757778.

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. Ring Jan 0425757778 to book your place.



LAST ORDERS FOR THE WINE DRIVE!

Please use the link below to order, or contact Hilary if you want a paper form. Orders must be in by November 30 https://prospectwines.com.au/product/box-hill-anglican-church/

ANGLICLAN CHURCH CALENDARS

Michele has one 2024 Calendar available at \$16 – please contact her if you would like to purchase it – first in, first served.

2024 ROSTERS

Michele will be working on the January-June 2024 roster in the coming weeks. Please advise if you wish to be included in any of the categories i.e., Flowers, Sidespersons, Servers, Crucifers, Readers, Intercessions, Counting, Morning Tea. Alternatively, if you no longer feel able to assist and are currently on the roster, please let her know asap.

SALVATION ARMY MELBOURNE STAFF BAND CONCERT

Celebrate Christmas - Saturday 2nd December @ 7:30pm
Tickets are now available online at - www.trybooking.com/CNDGE

JOB POSITION at St Andrews Christian College in Wantirna South

Executive Assistant to the Principal – full-time, commencing January 15^{th,} 2024

Library Assistant / Study Period Supervisor – part-time, commencing January 23^{rd,} 2024

More information can be found on their Employment page: <u>Employment | St Andrews Christian College</u>

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

When a young minister was still single, he preached a sermon he entitled, "Rules for Raising Children." After he got married and had children of his own, he changed the title of the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children." When his children got to be teenagers, he stopped preaching on that subject altogether.



Week Ahead

SUNDAY 26.11.23 Christ the King

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

6.15pm Compline, St Aidan's

MON 27.11.23

10.00am-5.00pm Installation of windows

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon Undercroft

TUES 28.11.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

10.00am-5.00pm Installation of windows

9.00 onwards Parish People at Work

2.00pm Funeral

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing hall

WED 29.11.23

10.00am-5.00pm Installation of windows

NO 10.30am service today

9.30-11.30am Play group, kindergarten

10.00-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, Undercroft

THU 30.11.23

9.00am-5.00pm Installation of windows **6.30-9.30pm** Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 1.12.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 2.12.23

10.30am-1.30pm Sat School, hall & Undercroft

1.30-3.30pm Student piano concert

SUNDAY 3.12.23

First Sunday of Advent

9.30am Eucharist, with window dedication

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 26

*Ashes of Lorna Berkeley in Memorial Garden after 9.30am service

*Compline for Christ the King Sunday St Aidan's, 6.15pm

December 3

Advent Sunday
Dedication of new windows
in chapel during the **9.30am service**(**No** 8.00am service on this day)

December 13

Mothers Union Christmas lunch, RSL

Christmas Services

Dec 17

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, 7.30pm. Supper to follow

Dec 24 Christmas Eucharist, 10.30pm

Dec 25 Christmas Eucharist, 9.30am

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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

| | Today 26.11.23 | Next week 3.12.23 | |
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| SIDESPEOPLE | Rosemary S, Martin F | Dianne A, Sandra L | |
| SERVERS | Michele M, Elizabeth B, Kim C | Rosemary S, Michele M, Garry M | |
| READERS | Kim C, Hilary B | Kim C, Dianne A | |
| INTERCESSOR | Keith W | Elizabeth B | |
| COUNTING | Elizabeth B, Charles B | Garry P, Michele M | |
| MORNING TEA | Barbara P, Keith Wilkins, Dianne A | 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.