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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

1st September 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please all stand



PROCESSIONAL HYMN 568

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you!**

SENTENCE

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1.17

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Jesus said: “This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (THE HYMN OF PRAISE)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY / COLLECT

Let us pray.

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord, and enlighten our hearts through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ, that when he comes in glory to be our judge we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated for the reading

FIRST READING

Moses once again urges the people to be faithful to God's law. It is not a burden to be endured, but a source of life and wisdom.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9.

Moses said to the people: "So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children."

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15 Hymn 5

- 1 Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle: or who may dwell upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing which is right:
 who speaks the truth from the heart, and has not slandered with the tongue;
- 3 Who has done no evil to a friend: nor vented abuse against a neighbour;
- 4 In whose eyes the worthless have no honour:
 but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;
- 5 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour: and will not go back on that oath;
- 6 Who has not put money to usury: nor taken a bribe against the innocent;
- 7 Whoever does these things: shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

St James says that it is not enough to listen to the word of God. We must put it into practice. He gives some concrete examples of what he means.

A reading from the letter of St James 1:17-27.

Dearest brothers and sisters: Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL (Please stand)

GRADUAL HYMN 476 verses 1 & 2

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. (*James 1:18*)

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St Mark 7:1-8, 14-23.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’

When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, ‘Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?’ (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, ‘It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN 476 verses 3 & 4

SERMON

A prayer of St. Augustine:

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, so that I love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. **Amen.**

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed, each in our preferred language.

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the Forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

please kneel/sit

Today's second reading reminds us that "every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights". With gratitude for all our God has done for us, let us turn to him with our needs and the needs of our world.

(At the end of each section) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Conclude the prayer with:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers:

Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

[Let us pray.]

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The Pharisees were mainly concerned with externals, so that their Worship of God became a matter of outward show. They gave God the service of their lips, but their hearts were far from him. The danger faces us all - mere externalism. We are about

to begin our great weekly act of worship. Are we going to worship our Father with our hearts or with our lips only? (Pause).

Let us open our hearts to God and confess our sins with confidence in his love for us.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE 问安

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN *see hymn sheet*

The offering is collected during the hymn. The gifts of the people, Bread and Wine and collection of money, are brought to the Lord's Table.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation:

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (ORDINARY TIME)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray, each in our preferred language:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the
time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE CONSECRATED BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

THE INVITATION

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

God invites everyone to gather around his table. We extend an invitation to all baptised Christians to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing arms over chest.

COMMUNION HYMN 546

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish and strengthen you in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen!**

DISMISSAL HYMN 531



Parish Link

Notices & Information

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Years Mind

William O'Brien, Heather Woods, Spencer Mack, Anne Bindon, Jean Poulter, Stanley Thompson, Bishop George Hearn, and John Murray, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Rest in peace: Tom Penwill



Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola (Bp Carlos Simao Matsinhe); St Paul's Frankston (Claudia Mauracher); The Diocese of The Northern Territory (Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Kew (Megan Curlis Gibson); Pastoral services: Holy Apostles' Sunshine (Abp Philip Freier); St John's Malvern (Abp Philip Freier); Inner West Church Kensington (Bp Kate Prowd); St Silas' Albert Park (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Confirmation service at St Thomas the Martyr Winchelsea (Bp Brad Billings).

Prayer of the Week

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	1 Corinthians 2.1-5	Ps 119.97-104	Luke 4.16-30
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2.10b-16	Ps 145.8-14	Luke 4.31-37
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 3.1-9	Ps 33.13-21	Luke 4.38-44
Thursday	1 Corinthians 3.18-23	Ps 24.1-6	Luke 5.1-11
Friday	1 Corinthians 4.1-5	Ps 37.3-7	Luke 5.33-39
Saturday	1 Corinthians 4.6-15	Ps 145.13-21	Luke 6.1-5

STEWARDSHIP

You should have received information in the parish weekly email about making your pledge for giving for the upcoming year. Please consider this prayerfully and bring back your response next Sunday if possible.

WINE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Our popular Wine Drive is on again and you can purchase wines from Prospect Wines through their online ordering website. [Box Hill Anglican Church - Prospect Wines fundraiser](#) See Hilary if you have any queries: Phone 9899 7553 or 0400 635 600

CELEBRATING OUR PATRON ST AIDAN 6.15pm, September 1

In addition to our usual Sunday services at St Peter's, we are marking St Aidan's Day at **St Aidan's Church: 8 Surrey Street, Box Hill South**. This will be a liturgy of scripture, prayer, chants and silences and include the hymn written for our St Aidan's Church: "O God you called St Aidan/to study and to pray". All welcome. We will have opportunity for fellowship with pizza after the service.

2025 ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS

These are now available to order via Michele Mitchell – Contact on email; themitchells01@bigpond.com or mobile: 0408 531 045. The cost this year is \$15 each. They make wonderful Christmas presents as well as one for your kitchen/study.

FUNERAL

The funeral of Tom Penwill will be at 2.00pm on Thursday, September 12.

PARISH BAZAAR

Friday Nov 8, 1.00-5.00pm & **Saturday** Nov 9, 9am-midday

These dates coincide with the garage sale weekends so we have extra publicity.

All activities will take place in the hall with minimal setting up.

- Home produce, jams, chutneys, home grown foods and spices etc;
- Cakes, slices, Christmas foods (think Christmas cakes, puddings etc);
- Cards with church window photos;
- Plants (pots available to those who require them);
- Miscellaneous;
- Possible BBQ out the front.

Can you help? Please put your names down on the list with preferred type of support. Any queries or suggestions please chat to or contact Hilary on 0400 635 600.

BOARD GAMES in the Undercroft

2.00pm Sunday Sept 1

Come and join in, all welcome

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A preacher went into his church and he was praying to God. While he was praying, he asked God, "How long is 10 million years to you?" God replied, "1 second." The next day the preacher asked God, "God, how much is 10 million dollars to you?" And God replied, "A penny." Then finally the next day the preacher asked God, "God, can I have one of your pennies?" And God replied, "Just wait a second."

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.

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.

ROSTER	Today 1.09.24	Next week 8.09.24
SIDESPERSION	Martin & Jennifer F	
SERVERS	Michele M, Judy J, Garry M	
READERS	Elizabeth B, Martin F	Barbara P, Linda B
INTERCESSOR	Judy J	Elizabeth B,
COUNTING	Michele M, Garry P	
MORNING TEA	Elizabeth B , Laurence L, Lyn B	Rosemary S , Peter W, Barbara M,

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Week Ahead

SUNDAY 1.09.24

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist
11.30am Mandarin service
2.00pm Dinka service, *church*
2.00pm Board games, *Undercroft*
6.15pm Service at St Aidan's
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

MONDAY 2.09.24

Martyrs of New Guinea
Vicar's day off
6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*
6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

TUES 3.09.24

Gregory of Rome, bishop & teacher (d.604)
8.30am-12.30pm Office open
9.00 onwards Parish People@Work
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

WED 4.09.24

9.30-11.30am Playgroup, *Kindergarten*
10.30am Eucharist
10.00-11.30am Tai Chi, *hall*
8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

THU 5.09.24

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*
6.30-9.00pm Sudanese prayer group, *church*
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

FRI 6.09.24

8.30am-12.30pm Office open
9.00-11.00pm Sudanese Bible study, *church*
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

SAT 7.09.24

10.00am Bible Study, *office*
10.30am-1.30pm Sat School, *hall & U/croft*
3.30-6.30pm Student concert, *church*
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

SUN 8.09.24

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist
11.30am Mandarin service
2.00pm Dinka service, *church*
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

For the Diary

September 1

Board games in the Undercroft, 2.00pm

September 1

(All services as usual this day)

St Aidan's Day service
6.15 pm Sunday

September 28

MAP meeting 2.00pm

October 6

Blessing of the animals

October 27

Shoobox Sunday
(Boxes available from Jan)

November 8 & 9

Parish Bazaar, hall

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