

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME)

8TH SEPTEMBER 2024



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Gospel: Jesus cures a Deaf Man (Mark 7:31–37)

We have been prepared to see the true meaning of this incident by the first reading, for in his wonderful cures Jesus is fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. Jesus' activity as he goes around 'doing all things well' is the coming of God into the world, the Day of the Lord when the tongues of the dumb will sing for joy. Jesus is the sacrament of God. In him, God is active in the world, bringing peace, healing and joy. In him, people met and experienced God. His gestures of putting his fingers into the man's ears and touching his tongue with spittle are affectionate ways of showing that God is physically at work in him. In a modern hygiene-conscious world such gestures might be frowned upon. But if we are truly acting as the members of Christ's body in the world we cannot hold back, and from time to time will be involved physically and totally in helping others. We can bring Christ's healing in countless simple, but often costly and courageous, ways. (Fr Henry Wansbrough, *The Sunday Word*)

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. Is there any connection between sin and sickness?
2. Why does Jesus put his "fingers" in the man's "ears" and "spit" to touch the man's "tongue"? Why not just say the word, and heal the man? What is the significance of his touching him?
3. How does the healing of the deaf and mute man reveal the divinity of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark?

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please all stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 627

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

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. *James 2.12*

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope and love, and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated for the reading

FIRST READING

The prophet urges those who are losing heart to take courage, for God is coming to vindicate and save his people.

A reading from the book of Isaiah 35:4-7.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

PSALM 146 APBA

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul:
while I live I will praise the Lord;
- 2 While I have any being: I will sing praises to my God.
- 3 Put not your trust in princes:
nor in flesh and blood, which cannot save.
- 4 For when their breath goes from them, they return again to the earth:
and on that day all their thoughts perish.
- 5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob:
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

- 6 The God who made heaven and earth:
the sea, and all that is in them,
7 Who keeps faith for ever:
who deals justice to those that are oppressed.
8 The Lord gives food to the hungry:
and sets the captives free
9 The Lord gives sight to the blind:
the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.
10 The Lord loves the righteous:
the Lord cares for the stranger in the land
11 He upholds the widow and the fatherless:
as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside down.
12 The Lord shall be king for ever:
your God, O Zion, shall reign through all generations. Praise the Lord.

SECOND READING

James emphasizes that class distinctions have no place among Christians, urging equality and impartiality within the community of faith.

A reading from the letter of St James 2:1-17.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

GOSPEL (Please stand)

GRADUAL HYMN 529 Response, v.1, Response, v.2, Response

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
(*cf Matt 4:23*)

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: 7:24-37.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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

GRADUAL HYMN 529 v.3, Response, v.4, Response

SERMON

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*

With trust in God's desire to lead us to fullness of life in his presence, let us place before him our needs of others.

(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

In today's Gospel we hear the story of how Jesus cured a man who was deaf and who had an impediment in his speech. You might say this has no relevance for us, but it has. There are so many important things we are not able to hear, so many important things we are not. This is what sin does. (Pause).

Let us ask Christ to cure our blindness, deafness, and dumbness.

**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

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

Please all stand

OFFERTORY HYMN 657

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 786

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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.**

May God give to you and to all those whom you love, his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; 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 447



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Years Mind

Alice Gledhill, Don Walter, Bill Smith, Kathlyn Toussaint, Ray Bell, John Hart, Christopher Hill, Lenore George, Claude Haddrell, and Helen Wilson, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayers for the Church

The Church of the Province of Burma (Bp Stephen Than Myint Oo); St James' Glen Iris (Samuel Crane); Locums and all retired clergy; Archdeaconry of LaTrobe (Michael Hopkins); Pastoral services: Holy Trinity Coburg (Abp Philip Freier); Church of the Epiphany Hoppers Crossing (Bp Kate Prowd); St James' Old Cathedral (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Peter's Craigieburn (Bp Brad Billings).

Prayer of the Week

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and so great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	1 Corinthians 5.1-8	Ps 5.3-7	Luke 6.6-11
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 6.1-11	Ps 149	Luke 6.12-19
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 7.25-31	Ps 45.10-15	Luke 6.20-26
Thursday	1 Corinthians 8.1-11	Ps 139.13-18	Luke 6.27-38
Friday	1 Corinthians 9.16-27	Ps 84.1-7	Luke 6.39-42
Saturday	1 Corinthians 10.14-22	Ps 116.11-18	Luke 6.43-49
Sunday	Isaiah 50.4-9a	Ps 116.1-9	Mark 27-38

STEWARDSHIP

It is now time to return our pledges for the upcoming year. It can be put in the plate or handed to the Vicar. If you need a copy of the stewardship letter, there are hard copies available in the foyer, one has been attached to the parish email or ask Cecilia in the office.

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

TRAINING SESSION Sunday 22nd September

There will be a training session run by Fr Victor on Sunday 22nd September following our 9.30 Eucharist for those currently serving in the roles of Acolytes and Crucifers and more especially for those interested in becoming servers. Fr Victor would like to get more young people involved and we definitely need more on the roster.

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.

DOT HOUSE

Long-time parishioner, Dot House, it now living with her son in Knoxfield. Her address is 13 Rickards, Ave. Knoxfield, 3180. Jan has been in contact and can pass on messages.

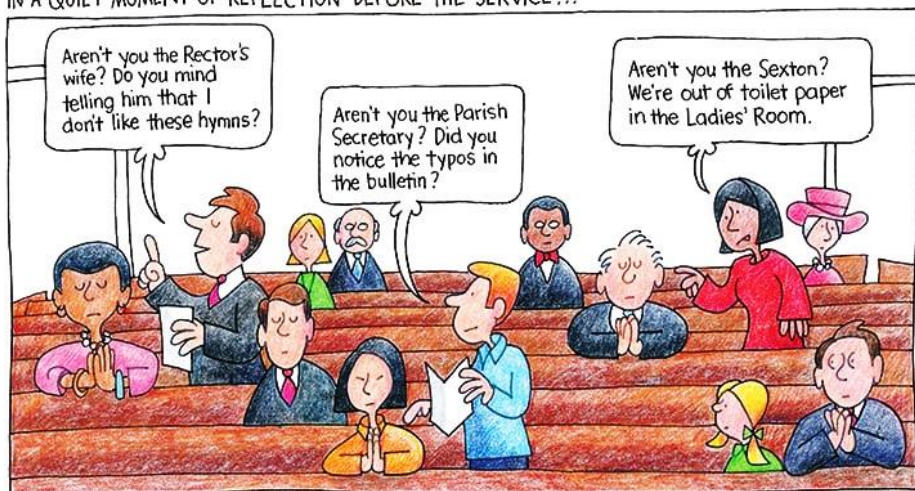
SHOEBOX SUNDAY is coming up on October 27. There are many ways to participate:

- Get a box (or boxes) from Jan and fill it with appropriate things from the list in the Undercroft or ask Jan for help. Don't forget to add the price of freight.
- Ask Jan to fill a box (or boxes) for you and give her the cost.
- Give a donation via Jan or directly through their website: [Home - Operation Christmas Child \(samaritanspurse.org.au\)](http://Home - Operation Christmas Child (samaritanspurse.org.au))



TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

IN A QUIET MOMENT OF REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE...



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 8.09.24	Next week 15.09.24 10.30am
SIDESPERSION	Elizabeth B	Barbara P
SERVERS	Michele M, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>	Rosemary S, Michele M, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Barbara P, Linda B	Dianne A, Jeff G
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MORNING TEA	Rosemary S , Peter W, Barbara M,	Cecilia , Margaret R, Jan, Jenny F

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Week Ahead

SUNDAY 8.09.24

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

MONDAY 9.09.24

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 10.09.24

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 11.09.24

*Mother Esther CHN, founder of the
Community of the Holy Name (d.1931)*
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 12.09.24

2.00pm Funeral Tom Penwill
6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, hall
6.30-9.00pm Sudanese prayer group, church
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

FRI 13.09.24

Cyprian of Carthage, bp & martyr (d.258)
8.30am-12.30pm Office open
9.00-11.00pm Sudanese Bible study, church
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

SAT 14.09.24

10.00am Bible Study, office
10.30am-1.30pm Sat School, hall & U/croft
2.30-4.30pm Student concert, church
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

SUN 15.09.24

10.30am Eucharist
2.00pm Dinka service, church
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

For the Diary

September 28

MAP meeting 2.00pm

September 29

Creation Sunday
Michael and All Angels

October 6

Blessing of the animals

October 27

Shoobox Sunday
(Boxes available from Jan)

November 8 & 9

Parish Bazaar, hall

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