



Wesley United Church

Box Hill



Birds, Thorns and Surprising Responses

12 July 2026
10 AM
Traditional Service

Service taken by ~ Revd. Charles Sundaresan
Organist ~ Mr. Filip Fulco

WELCOME



A very warm welcome to Wesley Uniting Church Box Hill. We hope that you will experience God's extraordinary peace, joy and hope during your time with us this morning. Please do join us for fellowship after the morning service. For more information please visit our Website & Facebook.



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ORDER OF SERVICE

Enter To WORSHIP

Organ Prelude and personal preparation

Introit Tis 135 ~ "All things bright and beautiful"

Welcome Greeting

Call to Worship

Hymn Tis 636 ~ "God has spoken to His people"

GROW in God's Word

Scripture Reading ~ Psalm 119: 105-112

Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

... This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music meditation ~ “The soil and the sower” (by Buddy Reid)

Prayer of Adoration and Praise

Prayer of Confession

Passing the peace

Hymn Tis 589 ~ “Jesus calls us! O’er the tumult”

Sermon ~ “Birds, Thorns and Surprising Responses”
by Revd. Charles Sundaresan

Greetings and Announcements

Sharing with the Wesley Family ~ joys, concerns

RESPOND to God's Word

Offering

Doxology Tis 768(i) ~ “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

Prayer of Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the people

The Lord's Prayer

Go forth to SERVE & REACH OUT

Hymn Tis 547 ~ “Be Thou my vision”

Sending out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Blessing Tis 755 ~ “You shall go out with joy”

Organ postlude

For Online Bank Transfer of Tithes/Pledges

Bank Account Name : Wesley Uniting Church Box Hill

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NOTES





Memory Verse

Some [seed] fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. —
Matthew 13:5 (NIV)

Thoughts on Today's Verse ...

In some regions stones are a constant reminder that top soil rests on a rocky foundation. Farmers especially notice that stones seem to boil up out of the earth. Every year they have to pick up stones before the spring planting, but it's not long before other stones take their place.

There was rocky ground in Palestine, where Jesus taught in parables. Those stories related to people's daily lives. Jesus spoke of everyday life in the home and on the farm. But those simple stories had deep meaning. Jesus used those stories to help people see amazing things about new life in the kingdom of God.

In today's verses, Jesus tells a story about scattering seed on different types of soil. But what was behind this story? Jesus explains that the seed is the Word of God, which scattered everywhere. But the reception of that seed will differ as it falls into human hearts. When some people hear God's Word, they reject it. Others receive it, but their hearts are rocky. There isn't room for the seed to grow. The distractions of life choke out the sprouting seedlings. But others have truly receptive hearts, and the Word of God and his love grow deep within them, yielding a great harvest.

Take a soil sample today from your own heart. What kind of soil are you?

What kind of soil do you want to be?

SO... ACCORDING TO THESE
STATISTICS, **THREE OUT
OF FOUR** CONDITIONS DO
NOT RESULT IN THE
DESIRED OUTCOME.



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I GUESS THAT'S
ONE WAY OF
LOOKING AT IT.



PREACHERS
MUST LIKE
LONG ODDS!



MATTHEW 13:1-9 & 18-23

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WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS



Andy Tan & Family, Audrey & John De Jong, Nathalia Kurniwan, Nimmy David & Residents of Mont Albert Manor, Peter Woodruff, Juliany & her mother, Jim & Vivian Estaña.

UPCOMING LECTIONARY Yr A Pentecost 8



Genesis 28: 10-19a or Isaiah 44: 6-8
Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24 or Psalm 86: 11-17

Romans 8: 12-25
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO PRAY WITH



The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
(Psalm 145:18)

If you would like someone to pray with you, please feel free to approach Revd. Viola Leung or one of our church council members via email or phone.

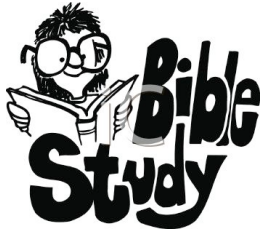
WESLEY CHURCH EVENTS

HAR Book Club

Every Tuesday to Thursday at 10:00 am to 5.00 pm

Location : Rejoice Hall

Contact ~ Keith @ 0449 887 359



Adults Bible Study

Every Sunday at 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Location : Zoom meeting

Contact ~ Nilesh @ 0414 801 937

Combined English & Chinese Sunday School For young children

Every Sunday at 10.00 am to 11.30 am

Location : Rejoice Hall

Contact ~ Vanessa @ 0401 596 016



Basketball Club

Every Sunday at 9.00 am

Location : Wesley Hall

Contact ~ TBA



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