



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

20th October 2013

Twenty-Second Sunday after

Pentecost

A warm welcome to our visitors please stay for coffee after the service

Hymns: 227, 427, 658, 411



Introit Hymn

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book

cf. v. 35 Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your com-mand-ments.



SENTENCE

The word of God is living and active; it sifts the thoughts and intentions of the heart. *Hebrews 4.12*

THE COLLECT

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31. 27-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will plant the kingdoms of Israel and Judah with the offspring of people and of animals. Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,’ declares the Lord. ‘In those days people will no longer say, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes – their own teeth will be set on edge. ‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,’ declares the Lord. ‘This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time,’ declares the Lord. ‘I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, “Know the Lord ,” because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,’ declares the Lord. ‘For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119. 97-104

Response: Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Lord, how I love your law!

All the day long it is my study.

Your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies,
for they are ever with me.....R

I have more understanding than all my teachers,

for your testimonies are my meditation.
I am wiser than the aged,
because I keep your commandments.....R

I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.
I have not turned aside from your judgements,
for you have been my teacher.....R

How sweet are your words on my tongue!
They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
Through your commandments I get understanding;
therefore I hate all lying ways.....R

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3. 10 - 4.5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings – what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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able to judge the thoughts and intentions | of the heart.
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GOSPEL

Luke 17. 11-19

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, “Grant me justice against my opponent.” For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, “Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.”’ And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy One, we open our hearts to you in hope and awe. Grant that we may reject all apathy of spirit, all impatience and anxiety, so that, with the persistence of the widow, we may lift our voice again and again to seek your justice for your world and all peoples:

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all peoples of every land; for those who seek after you in ways different to us yet seek peace and justice. We pray for those who use violence and aggression to gain power, we pray for the peoples of Syria and Egypt in their strife and war; for all impacted by the earthquake in Cebu, in the Philippines, and by the tornado that wrecked havoc across South East Asia. We give thanks for the last -minute resolution of the political paralysis that gripped US politics:

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your world-wide Church, its clergy and its people; for all those travelling to Busan for WCC conference; for all evangelists and preachers and for all who proclaim your good news in word and action. Pray for our Bishop John, for our parish, giving thanks for the results of our Fete yesterday and for all the hard work and support of so many:

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those we share our lives and for all those we love; for the unemployed and the homeless, for street children, and those living in toxic relationships; for those seeking to find a home amongst us and for those held in detention:

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in trouble or distress, all in need of your comforting presence; for those who are infirmed and can not care for themselves; for those burdened by grief, especially the Gardner family; for the sick and the suffering and the dying and those who wait with them; for those who have requested prayer and those known to us:

Request for prayer from: *Heather Turnbull, Chris Schafer, David Flower, Glen Turnbull, Tom Scrivens, Darren Winfield, Norma Hedley, Justin Quigg, Kelly Quigg, Karen Goodger, Michael Farrell, David Parsons, Matthen, Nicole, Alex Impols, May McCormack, Dawn McCormack, Carol Boase, Lyn Ryan, Linda, Bruce Mitchell, Fr Michael Nelson.*

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks and praise for your faithful people of every age; we commend to you the recently departed, for John Murray Gardner, and those years mind occurs this week:

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May our prayers be a constant, unending rhythm that drives not just our words, but our thoughts, our attitudes and our actions; hear us as we pray for ourselves; may we never stop seeking, asking, knocking, pleading for justice, wrestling with your coming reign; for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray; **Our Father ...[pg. 124]**

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs this week:

Saint's Days and Holy Days:

Reflections on the Readings

Actually this a reflection on the Gospel reading and on issues that flow from it. The perversion of justice was a common theme in the Hebrew scriptures. The parable contrasts the judge who gave in to the widow's pleading (vss.2-5) with God's sense of justice (vss.6-8). The passage makes the point that if persistence brings results in human relationships, how much more so will God respond to persistent prayer.

From John Sherman www.seemslikegod.org (2013)

This of course opens the never-ending debate on who and what is God and what use can prayer be in a godless society. That is the challenge of the scriptures for us today. I found this piece from Marcus Borg very helpful he writes:

“I pray all the time. I do not mean “every minute,” but many times a day. My understanding and practice of prayer are grounded in my understanding of God, the Sacred. I see God as a presence, as the one “in whom we live and move and have our being,” to quote words attributed to Paul in Acts 17.28. For me, prayer – addressing God, paying attention to my relationship with God – is about reminding me of the reality and presence of God in the course of my day and days. It is about centering more deeply in God and about “opening” to God. It helps me to be more centered, more present, more appreciative. What about prayers in which we ask for something – prayers of petition and intercession? To speak personally (and how else can we speak?), I do not think of God as an interventionist – that God “decides” to answer some prayers. To imagine that God sometimes intervenes leaves all the non-interventions inexplicable. And yet I “do” both petitionary and intercessory prayer. I pray for help for myself. As Anne Lamott remarks in one of her books, the two most genuine prayers are “Help me, help me, help me” and “Thank you, thank you, thank you.” I also pray for help and health and protection for family, friends, and “the world.” Doing so is a natural expression of caring; for me, it would be unnatural not to do this. And not to do so because I can't imagine how it works would be an act of intellectual arrogance – if I can't imagine how something works, then it can't work. So I don't believe that God sometimes intervenes to answer prayer. But this doesn't prevent me from thinking that prayer sometimes has effects, even though I can't imagine how. I am very willing to think of other ways of imagining God's relation to the world, such as speaking of divine intention and divine interaction. At the very least, I am convinced that prayer changes us – that it transforms those who pray. This has been my experience.”

Marcus J. Borg www.marcusjborg.com (2010)

Notices

Post - Fete Review - A meeting to share learnings of the Fete from stall holders and planners - 7.30pm Wednesday 23rd October @ Caroline 20 Chrystobel Way. If you cannot attend please give your feed back to Caroline on 5782 2180 or 0409 822 180 or email@carolineburge.com.

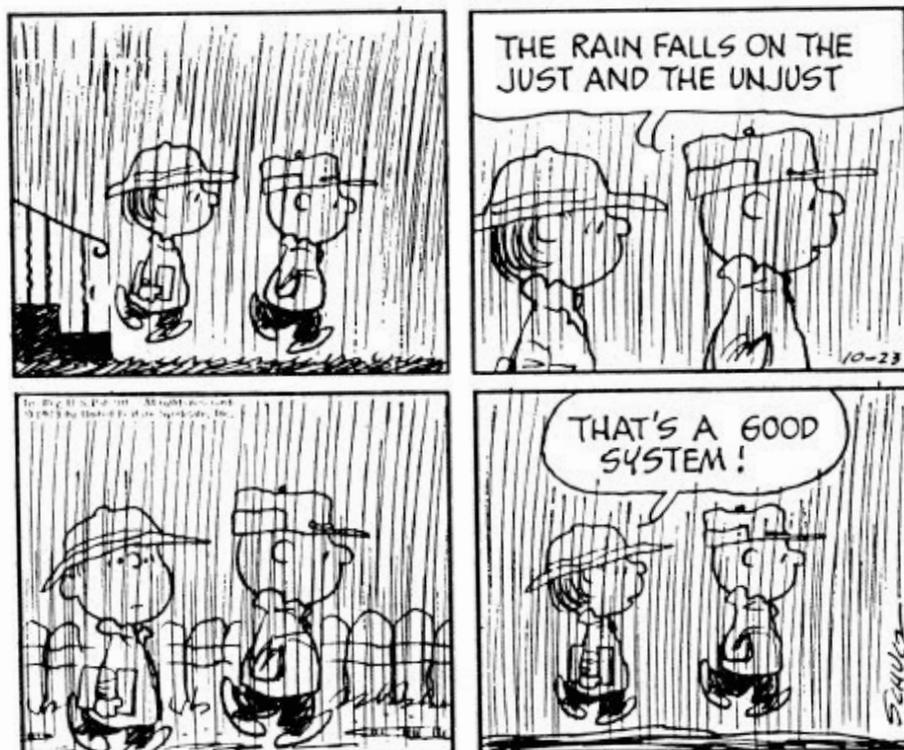
5pm Christ Church

Confirmation 2013 - 8th December - Classes to commence soon; please contact Fr Kim for details and application.

25 Years in Kilmore! On Sunday 3rd November it will be 25 years since the Burge family arrived in the parish. To help celebrate this occasion, there will be a BBQ at Caroline's house (20 Chrystobel Way) at 12.30pm. All parishioners are warmly invited. RSVP for catering purposes to Caroline.

Direct Debit Offerings - Parish Account details: CBA Account Name 'Kilmore Anglican Parish'. BSB 063-698. Account Number 1018 4649.

Glen Turnbull turns 50! Catherine Turnbull has extended an invitation to Parishioners to help celebrate Glen's 50th birthday at Hanging Rock on Sunday 3rd November 12-4pm. All welcome.



Tuesday 22nd 12.30pm Kural Deans' Meeting Benalla
Wednesday 23rd 7.30pm Post Fete Meeting @ Caroline 20 Chrystobel Way.
Thursday 17th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews
2.00pm Eucharist Willowmeade

Caladenia

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 18th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 19th 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 27th October: Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost		
Joel 2. 23-3.2; Ps 65; 2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18. 15-30		
Christ Church	9am	Sung Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No Service this day
Christ Church	5pm	Church 4Kids

Parish Diary

1st Wed of the month: Building and Maintenance Committee Meeting
7.30pm Christ Church (unless otherwise notified)

3rd Tues of the month: St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm for fellowship & afternoon tea; contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.

3rd Wed of the month: Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm venue TBA

4th Thurs of month: Christ Church Friendship Group 7.30pm contact Beris Hannam ph. 5723 9737 for program details

3rd Friday of month: Parish BBQ - 6.30pm. See Notices for details

4th Sunday of month: Church 4 Kids 5-6.30pm @ Christ Church

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