



The Diocese of Wangaratta
**The Anglican Parish of
Kilmore**
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
8th December 2013
**Second Sunday of Advent
Confirmation**



*A warm welcome to our visitors
please stay and enjoy brunch with us after the service*

Hymns: 474, 265 vs2 (candle), 270, 687, 242, 272 (tune 136)



A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."

Introit Hymn

Welcome to Bishop John and guests

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.

Second Sunday of Advent

Last Sunday we lit the first candle - the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

[The second candle, the candle of peace is lit.]

[All Sing]

*O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*



[The people are invited to join in the dialogue responses.]

Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning,

We thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.

Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,

That we may walk in the light of Christ.

Take your encouragement from Christ,

that your joy may be complete.

We will share in the Spirit;

We will find consolation in love.

Practice a ministry of humility and compassion

For God is at work in you, empowering you

We will welcome Christ into our hearts.

We will live worthy of the Gospel.

The Liturgy continues on page 84 Green Prayer Book

SENTENCE

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1.15*

THE COLLECT

God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11. 1-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord – and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash round his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72. 1-7, 18-19

Response: May all nations be blest in him.

Response John McCann
v. 17c May all na - tions be blest in him.

Give the king your judgements, O God,
and your righteousness to the son of a king.
Then shall he judge your people righteously
and your poor with justice.
May the mountains bring forth peace,
and the little hills righteousness for the people./R

May he defend the poor among the people,
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another./R

May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,
like the showers that water the earth.
In his time shall righteousness flourish,
and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more./R

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wonderful things.
And blessed be his glorious name for ever.
May all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen./R

SECOND READING

Romans 15. 4-13

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name.' Again, it says, 'Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.' And again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him.' And again, Isaiah says, 'The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Prepare the way | of the Lord.

All flesh shall see the salva- | tion of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3. 1-12

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."' John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Labouring God, with axe and winnowing fork you clear a holy space where hurt and destruction have no place, and a little child holds sway; we hear the cry of John the Baptist to make a way for the coming Lord; clear our lives of hatred and despair, sow seeds of joy and peace, that shoots of hope may spring forth and we may live in harmony with one another; be with us in our waiting for the coming of your Son.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

God of new horizons, we see the vision of Isaiah's new world when the earth will be full of the knowledge of your Messiah Son. The wolf and lamb, the bear and the cow, the child and the asp at peace. Empower your Church with such a vision, that we may be agents of peace; we pray for our Bishop John, for our parish and for Alison and Claire now confirmed.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

God of justice, and peace; we see Jesus our Lord loving the poor, those who languish and are oppressed, those suffering indignity and adversity. We pray for the peoples of the Philippines recovering from disaster; for peace for the peoples of Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and Central Africa afflicted by violence; for the people of Egypt seeking a new future. We pray for the peoples of South Africa mourning the death of their hero Nelson Mandela. You promise that peace will abound, and that righteousness will flourish; give us the eye of Christ to see it, and power of the Spirit to bring in your kingdom.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

God of the poor and brokenhearted, hear our prayer for those whom you have placed into our lives and for whom we care. We pray for the sick and suffering, those who mourn and those nearing death; we pray for those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

Request for prayer from: *Heather Turnbull, Chris Schafer, David Flower, 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, Mark Bennetts, Mandy, Seth Gunther, Adrian Walsh, Cliff & Glenda Stomann, Tom, Sandra & Bianca Davidson, Peter Cannon, and Glen Turnbull, giving thanks and praise for his progress.*

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Almighty God, we are promised that in faith we share an eternal inheritance; we pray for the recently departed; for Thea Cooper, and Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, and those whose years mind occurs at this time.

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

It is with expectant joy and thanksgiving we come to your table of presence, Lord Jesus, knowing that we have been blessed beyond measure. Grant us to know your love and come amongst us as our Messiah, and hear us as we pray for ourselves.... We pray these our prayers through 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: 8th Ray Jackson, Eric Beaumont; 9th Michele Potts, Tara Alexander; 10th Clarence Parkinson; 12th Grace Patterson, Harry Lazarus; 14th Robert Freestone.

Saint's Days and Holy Days: 13th Lucy, martyr & Virgin (d 304); 14th John of the Cross, mystic & teacher (d.1591).

Notices

Retiring Collection for Philippines Disaster

Please support the ABM Philippines Emergency Appeal - a retiring collection or donate to the Philippines Emergency Appeal through ABM on 1300 302 663, email info@abm.asn.au, or at www.abmission.org/philippines-emergency.

Retiring Collection for Bishop's NSW Bushfire Appeal - please give generously - funds will be sent to Diocese of Sydney to help those in need.

ABM Advent Appeal envelopes are available in the Narthex.

Saint Matthew's Christmas Street Raffle, selling tickets on Friday 13th December, drawn Saturday 21 December.

Wanted! Christmas Tree Decorator!

One or two volunteers to decorate the Christmas tree at Christ Church on Sunday 22nd December AFTER the 9.00am Mass and BEFORE the 6.30pm Festival of Carols. Christmas decorations are provided. Please see Fr Kim or one of the wardens if you can help.

Empty Christmas Tree

As is our custom, for an empty Christmas tree during Advent in Christ Church to put donations of Christmas presents for those in need. All donations will be given to Anglicare. Wrapped gifts, need to be labelled as being suitable for girl or boy and what age range.

Festival of Carols at Christ Church

On Sunday evening 22nd of December is our annual Festival of Carols at Christ Church. The children from Church 4 Kids, will be dressing up and assisting with the nativity and singing. The Service starts at 6.30pm, preceded by a BBQ at 5.00pm. Meat will be provided, please bring salads to share. Please invite families, neighbours and friends to come and sing Carols and hear again the Christmas story. Families with children involved in the service need to be at the church by 5.30pm to get costumes and instruments. Helpers are needed for to sing with the singing group, read, give out books, cook the BBQ or help dress the children - please see Fr Kim or Caroline.

Singing Group Practice

It was lovely to have six enthusiastic singers turn up for our first Sing Group Practice for our Festival of Lessons and Carols. Next practice 6.00pm Friday 13th at Christ Church. If you couldn't manage the first practice, you are still welcome at the next one. There will be one more practice between now and Christmas. Please contact Caroline if you would like to assist.

Photographs

Wanted! A willing photographer from each parish centre to take photos of whatever is happening at their churches. We have visitors to the website and

Facebook pages, and it would be great to have news and photos from all centres there. Please email any photos and articles to Caroline at email@carolineburge.com. If you are unable to email but have actual 'real' photos, these can be scanned and return them to you.

Pew Sheets for this Sunday and previous weeks are on the parish website.

Thea Cooper RIP

Parishioners may remember Fr Angus and Thea Cooper from 1970s. Fr Angus died a number of years ago, with sadness we learnt that Thea died during the week following surgery. May she rest in peace.

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

Next Parish Council Meeting 18th December, Short meeting and dinner.

Christmas Services are on the website

Parish life this week

Second week of December

Thursday 12th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews
 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
 4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 13th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
 6.00pm Singers carol rehearsal @ Christ Church
Saturday 14th 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 15th December 2103

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35.1-10; Magnificat; James 5.7-19; Matthew 11. 2-11

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephens	11am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration	4pm	Holy Eucharist

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