



The Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Anglican Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
13th July 2014  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Hymns: 626, 427, 690, 595



*Introit Hymn*

Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

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*

**SENTENCE**

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life. *John 6.63,68*

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 25.19-34**

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, 'Why is this happening to me?' So she went to enquire of the Lord. The Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the elder will serve the younger.' When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, 'Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!' (That is why he was also called Edom.) Jacob replied, 'First sell me your birthright.' 'Look, I am about to die,' Esau said. 'What good is the birthright to me?' But Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 119. 105-110**

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

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

Your word is a lantern to my feet  
and a light upon my path.  
I have sworn and will fulfil it,  
to keep your righteous judgements./R

I am troubled above measure;  
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.  
Accept the freewill offering of my mouth, O Lord,  
and teach me your judgements./R

My soul is ever in my hand,  
yet I do not forget your law.  
The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
but I have not strayed from your commandments./R

Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever;  
for they are the very joy of my heart.  
I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes:  
always, even to the end./R

## **SECOND READING**

## **Romans 8.1-11**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans*

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The word is very | near to you;  
it is in your mouth and | in your heart.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Ever-giving God, the seed of your kingdom is forever being sown into our lives and our world; may it find good soil, may it grow and produce a harvest of life, peace, joy, and love in us and across the planet.

Spirit of God; **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living God, we pray for all who proclaim your gospel and those who work as labourers for the kingdom; for leaders, councils and synods of churches; we pray for our General Synod and our Primate AB Philip Frier; we give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Board of Mission and for all Church aid agencies; pray for our Bishop John, and for the people of this Parish, that the spirit of wisdom may grow and guide all that we do.

Spirit of God; **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living God, we pray for the peoples of the world, for those oppressed by harsh governments; those who live under foreign rule, for those in countries destroyed by war and for the dispossessed; for the peoples of Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Nigeria and for easing of tensions between Israel and Palestine.  
Spirit of God; **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living God, we give thanks and praise that we live in a country richly blessed, and keep us ever mindful of the poor and the marginalised; may our leaders provide effective leadership and we pray for the first peoples of this land that all share in the earth's resources.

Spirit of God; **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living God, we pray for this community, for those with whom we live and work, learn and play, for our families and friends; sow seeds of goodness that our community may be welcoming of the those seeking refuge and we pray for all those held in detention.

Spirit of God; **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living God, we pray for all in need, those living with poverty, discrimination, pain and anxiety, for the sick and the bereaved; we pray for those known to us and those who have requested prayer...

**Request for prayer from:** *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Lyn Ryan, Alex Impols, May McCormack, Dawn McCormack, Carol Boase, Cathy Moseley, Seth Gunther, David Parsons, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Dianne Mitsakis, Bruce Mitchell, Evette, Mark Bennetts, Suresh Jain, Barry Watts, Roland Nicholson, Monica Nicholson ...* spirit of compassion grow in us, that with warm and open hearts, we may offer care and comfort to all.

Spirit of God; **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living God, we pray for the faithful departed, for those in whom your word has grown and flourished and now is no more; we pray for the recently departed and those whose years mind occurs at this time.

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Spirit of God; **hear our prayer.**

**Year's mind:** Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 13th Jim Still; 14th Mary Chapman, Phillis Climas; 15th Sidney Bradshaw, Benjamin Baines, Olive Shaw; 16th Joseph Heintz; 17th Cassie Scanlan, Pauline Javor; 18th Cecil Lane; 19th Jock Duncanson, Ricahard Sherwood.

Ever- living God, Ancient Gardener, your holy word is planted in our hearts as good seed in fertile soil; hear us we pray for ourselves ..... and so nurture us that we may bear fruit abundantly.

Spirit of God; **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living God, we offer our prayers to you in the name of your son who taught us to pray... **Our Father in heaven....**

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### **Reflections on the Readings**

It is tempting, in the face of this week's readings, to view the world in simplistic terms – if we just listen to and obey God's word, abundance will come, and life will be ours and all will be fine. In one sense there is truth in this – if we allow the wisdom of God's word to guide us, we will care for the world, and ensure that its ability to provide food is not jeopardised by our foolishness and greed, while also ensuring that food is distributed equitably; if we allow God's word to guide us, we will avoid the destructiveness of our selfishness and sense of entitlement, and enjoy the life-giving benefits of living with justice, mercy and grace. If we allow God's word to guide us we will open ourselves to God's presence and enjoy relationship with God that inspires and empowers us, while enabling us to bring life to others. However, life is also far more complex. Sometimes we face lack and suffering through no fault of our own. Sometimes the call of justice is not as clear as having one right way to go, but leaves us to make difficult choices. But, it is important that the two extremes – of blind, literalistic application of God's word, and of complete disregard for God's word – are avoided, and that, in working with God for the healing and restoration of our world and ourselves, we allow God's word to guide us, while also taking account of the wisdom that science, reason and common sense can give – all of which can also be thought of, in some sense, as a word of God. Christ's call for us to be 'good soil' means that we need to seek to study and receive God's word responsibly, thoughtfully and prayerfully, and then allow it to direct us as we interact with others, work for justice and seek to bring life as God's Spirit empowers and guides us. This is the opposite of being "Bible-bashers", and is the gracious, sensitive, compassionate attitude of those who have been both convinced and challenged by the life and message of Christ. It is these sensitive but strong servants and prophets that our world so desperately needs. Unfortunately, the church has too often been seen as a place that robs people of life rather than giving life, of judgment and condemnation, based on God's word, rather than on the grace and mercy that that same word offers. It's not that we ignore the tough challenges of following God's word, but that we embrace them for ourselves – the call to follow Christ into compassionate and sacrificial living, and the call to be life-givers for others – rather than using them to control or judge others because they are different from us. And, as we do this, we draw others into the joy, challenge and blessing that comes from living in alignment with the word that was taught and lived by Christ.

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# Notices

**Monthly “BBQ”!!** Due to the cold weather and lack of hosts, the “BBQ” will be a pub lunch! Nice and warm and no need to cook! Table booked for 12.30pm at the Royal Oak Pub in Kilmore (opposite Simon Yu Pharmacy). Three course Sunday Roast \$15.00, or choose from the regular menu - drinks bar prices. Please contact Caroline (0409 822 180) or Fr Kim after Mass this morning to confirm numbers. Let’s make this a big mid-winter get together.

**St Matthew’s Friendship Group** meets 1.30pm Tuesday- Christmas theme afternoon tea

**Parish Council meets** 7.30pm Wednesday 16th @ Christ Church

**Building works** - please exercise caution in moving around the Christ Church over the next few weeks.

**Due to the inclement weather last Wednesday’s working bee was cancelled and now volunteers are needed for Tuesday 15th 9am** to assist with the digging trenches for the construction of the toilets at Christ Church - please bring shovels and wheelbarrow if possible - contact Ian Staring for details.

**Working Bee** to repair Church House veranda next Sunday 20th July after the 9am service. Router needed to bevel the posts - if you have one please bring to the working bee.

**Christ Church Friendship Group** - No meeting this month.

**Giving Envelopes** new sets have started please take a set. They are not numbered or checked, it is a means of regular weekly giving to meet weekly expenses!

**Direct Debit Offerings** - Parish Account details: CBA Account Name ‘Kilmore Anglican Parish’. BSB 063-698. Account Number 1018 4649. If you have any questions, please contact Fr Kim or one of the Wardens.

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For the Diary  
Church of the Transfiguration, Pyalong  
Centenary Celebrations  
4pm Sunday 10th August 2014  
RSVP 30th July Glen McKenzie [gwork@mac.com](mailto:gwork@mac.com)  
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## Parish Diary

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month:** Property Committee Meeting 7.30pm (venue TBA)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of the month:** Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month:** St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm  
contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month:** Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm venue TBA  
**4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month:** Christ Church Friendship Group 7.30pm contact Beris  
Hannam ph. 5723 9737 for program details  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month:** Church 4 Kids 5-6.30pm @ Christ Church

## Parish life this week

Third week of July

- Tuesday 15th 9.00am Working bee Christ Church  
1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship Group Gavan Hall  
Wednesday 16th 10.00am Eucharist Christ Church Seymour  
7.30pm Parish Council @ Christ Church  
Thursday 17th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews  
10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade  
2.30pm Eucharist Caladenia  
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella  
Friday 18th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House  
Saturday 19th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop Church House  
Sunday 20th 10.30am Working Bee Church House

## SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 20th July 2014 – Pentecost VI**

Gen 28.10-19a; Ps 139.1-11, 23-24; Rom 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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

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