



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

24th August 2014

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

HYMNS: 446, 448, 534, 595

*“You are the Messiah,
the son of the living God”*



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

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SENTENCE

Martha said, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’ *John 11.27*

THE COLLECT

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 1.8-2.10

A reading from the book of Exodus

A new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. ‘Look,’ he said to his people, ‘the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.’ So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labour, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly. They made their lives bitter with harsh labour in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labour, the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, ‘When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.’ The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, ‘Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?’ The midwives answered Pharaoh, ‘Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.’ So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: ‘Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.’ Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Then Pharaoh’s daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. ‘This is one of the Hebrew babies,’ she said. Then his sister asked Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?’ ‘Yes, go,’ she answered. So the girl went and got the baby’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.’ So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 124

Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth,

Colin Mawby

Response

cf. v. 7 Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made hea-ven and earth.



If the Lord himself had not been on our side,
now may Israel say;

If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us alive
when their anger burned against us;/R

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over our soul;
over our soul would have swept the raging waters.

But blessed be the Lord
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth./R

Our soul has escaped
as a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken and we are delivered.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth./R

SECOND READING

Romans 12.1-8

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Paul writes, 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give

generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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You are | the Messiah,
the Son of the | living God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16.13-20

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Gracious God, in love you created us, and in love you sustain us, day after day. So it is with confidence that we bring our prayers to you for the world around us. We pray for those who find themselves in bondage: those forced into slavery or prostitution, those oppressed by governments or economic systems, those persecuted by religious fundamentalism, those driven from their homes by threat of violence, those damaged and wounded by trauma, those killed for being in the wrong place at the wrong time; guide and nurture them in their travail.

Gracious God; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who struggle to raise their children in the midst of abuse, violence or poverty; those who can only stand by and watch as their sons or daughters die of starvation or malnutrition, of preventable disease, or violence, racial hatred, and discrimination; sustain them with your love.

Gracious God; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of all nations, especially those of Ferguson Missouri, USA struggling to come to terms with racial hatred; for the people of Gaza and Israel, conflicted by the complexity of their shared history and the destruction wrought upon them; the people in Ukraine seeking to resolve political differences; for all impacted by the atrocities in Iraq, and those struggling to survive in Syria; for the peoples of West Africa stricken by the Ebola virus: give strength and courage to all who seek to bring relief and seek peace.

Gracious God; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer this day, whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually; we pray for all refugees fleeing from destruction, poverty and violence; for asylum seekers in our own community and those held in detention; surround and sustain each one, so that they may know your love and live.

Gracious God; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church and all called to be the body of Christ; bless all those who minister in so many different ways; for the clergy of this Diocese, for John our Bishop and our parish, giving thanks for the joyful Centenary Celebrations and we pray it be a source of blessing for all who came.

Gracious God; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, the homeless and the unemployed and those overworked, for the lost and the lonely, those mourning lost loved ones; for all sick of body and mind; for the dying and those who care for them; we offer our prayer 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, 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.* Gracious God; **hear our prayer.**

We praise you O God, that through your son all are assured of eternal life; we commend to you the recently departed and those years mind occurring at this time.

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

Gracious God; **hear our prayer.**

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 25th Charles Smith; 26th Stephen John Smith; 27th Kathleen Craker; 28th Brian Wright, Gayle Witty; 29th Leslie Gullifer.

We praise you O God that through your son we may know life in all its fullness; hear us as we pray for ourselves; grant us a faith that with Peter and Martha we too may proclaim Christ as Messiah and dwell in his presence forever. We offer our prayers in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray...**Our Father in heaven...** [pg 124].

Reflections on the Readings

“Salvation” is a word that is thrown around a lot in churches, and also in the work of evangelism. The readings this week encourage us to revisit this word, to delve deeper into its meaning. In Exodus, we read the famous story of Moses’ rescue from death and how he was brought into the family of Pharaoh. The psalm celebrates God’s saving, protecting love in song, and in the Gospel, after the disciples receive insight into who Jesus really is, Jesus proclaims that the Church will never be overcome by evil. There is debate about whether Jesus’ mention of “this rock” refers to Peter or to the revelation he received. This issue may well be over stated – mostly in terms of which church is the true church or not. Rather, the focus here is on those who follow Christ, and form an alternative community in Christ’s name. The promise is that, though they may be attacked and persecuted, God will ensure that they are not overcome. Although the Romans reading seems a bit out of place in amongst these other readings, but it does reflect on the community of faith, and on God’s work in and through it. Here, God’s people are called to offer themselves completely (as sacrifices) to God, and to trust in God’s transformation, God’s community and God’s gifting – all of which, it can be argued, are given by God to save, protect and empower God’s church, and through it, the world. In the end, though, we have to choose whether we will trust in God’s saving activity among us enough for us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, to throw our lot in with the others who make up God’s Church in whatever form, and to give ourselves and our abilities to serve God’s saving purpose in the world. It’s a challenge we cannot avoid this week.

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Notices

Fete Coordination Meeting - at the conclusion of the service today there will be a meeting to begin the preparations for the Parish Fete.

Church4Kids tonight 5pm- 6.30pm Christ Church - fun time suitable for children aged 4-15. Songs, stories, activities, BBQ.

Centenary Celebrations of the Church of the Transfiguration, Pyalong, What a splendid occasion and we extend congratulations and thanks to the little congregation of Transfiguration for all their preparations and making us so welcome last Sunday. Thanks are extended to all who provided the sumptuous refreshments for the reception. There is a photo gallery on the website. Thanks also to Glen and Catherine Turnbull for hard work in preparing the History Booklet. Spare copies are available at the back of the churches.

Rector out of the Parish - Fr Kim is away Thursday 28th - 31st August attending the ABM Conference in Perth - and attending the Clergy Retreat 1-5 September. Mid week services are cancelled for those two weeks. Fr John Young will be taking the services in Sunday 31st August.

Christ Church Friendship Group next meeting Thursday 28th August @ Caroline Burge' home 20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore

Faith Enhancement Study Group will again Friday 5th September 7pm at 13 The Parade, Broadford. All welcome to explore their faith in a safe space.

Volunteers for mowing of Christ Church lawns - Bruce Mitchell has been stalwart in keeping the church grounds neat and tidy for many years, but he is no longer able to do this, so volunteers are needed and we can make a roster to spread the work load. Please see Church Warden Eric Javor if you can help. Training provided.

Op Shop requests donations of clothing and cloths, fabrics of all types for a new enterprise. Bagged and labelled would help considerably.

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

Parish Diary

1st Wed of the month: Property Committee Meeting 7.30pm (venue TBA)

1st Fri of the month: Faith Enhancement Study 7.00pm 13 The Parade, Broadford.

2nd Sun of the month: Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details

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

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

3rd Fri of the month: Faith Enhancement Study 7.00pm 13 The Parade, Broadford

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

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

Forthcoming events

St Matthew's Patronal 21 Sept

Bunnings BBQ Sat 27th Sept

Stewardship Campaign starts 5 Oct

Graduation celebration 12 October

Commitment Sunday 19th October

Christ Church Fete Sat 25th Oct

All Saints Day 2nd November

Christ Church Feast of Title 23rd Nov

High Tea Kilmore & concert 30 Nov

St Matthew's Christmas Raffle 12-13 Dec

Parish Council Christmas 17 Dec

Christ Church Festival of Carols 14th Dec TBC

St Stephens Carols 21st Dec TBC

Parish life this week

Fourth week of August

Monday 25th BARTHOLOMEW APOSTLE & MARTYR

Tuesday 26th 3pm Bishop in Council Wangaratta

Wednesday 27th *Monica, mother of Augustine (d.387)*

10.00am Eucharist Christ Church, Seymour

Thursday 28th *20 Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher (d.430)*

ABM Conference - Perth

10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews NO SERVICE THIS DAY

10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade

4.00pm Prayers, Dianella

7.30pm Christ Church Friendship Group 20 Chrystobel Way

Friday 29th *Beheading of John the Baptist*

ABM Conference - Perth

10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Saturday 30th ABM Conference - Perth

10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

Sunday 31st ABM Conference - Perth

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 31st August 2014 - PENTECOST XII (22)

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Holy Eucharist - combined with St Stephens
St Stephens	11am	No service this day
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day

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