



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

31st August 2014

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

HYMNS: 59,583, 599, 245

*Pleased to welcome any guests to our worship
please stay and enjoy coffee with us after the service.*



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

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him. *Matthew 16.24-25*

THE COLLECT

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **AMEN.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 3.1-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, 'I will go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up.' When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, 'Moses! Moses!' And Moses said, 'Here I am.' 'Do not come any closer,' God said. 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.' Then he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey – the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.' Moses said to God, 'Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is his name?"' Then what shall I tell them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your fathers – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob – has sent me to you." This is my name for ever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 105.1-6, 21-28

Response: Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

Response Keith Duke
cf. v. 1 Make known the deeds of the Lord a -
mong the peo - ples.

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises,
and tell of all his marvellous works./R

Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his face continually./R

Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
O seed of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen./R

Then Israel came into Egypt;
Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
And the Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;
he made them too many for their adversaries,/R

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people
and dealt craftily with his servants.
Then sent he Moses his servant
and Aaron whom he had chosen./R

SECOND READING

Romans 12.9-21

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Paul urges his readers, 'Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality. Bless those who persecute

you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes | of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which | God has called us.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16.21-28

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy God, you are the hope of all the oppressed, and the source of freedom for those held captive. Make us strong to witness to your liberating power, in generosity of life and in humility of spirit, that all the world may delight in your goodness.

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

We pray for all places of conflict or hardship, particularly the ongoing struggles in the Middle East and all those affected by the Ebola outbreak in West Africa; for those suffering in places of ethnic or religious hatred, economic exploitation or environmental disaster. Deliver us from hostility and greed, that we may share with justice the bounty of the earth and live peaceably with all people.

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

We pray for your church, and all who would follow you in every land; for the church congregations of this community; for your ministers and priests praying especially for our Bishop John, and our parish that all who worship in this place may bring your love to others.

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

We pray for our communities, for families and friends, for those with whom we work and learn; for those with political and legal authority, who are tasked with the responsibility of governing; and for those who go unnoticed and unheard.

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

We pray for those in need, the homeless and the hungry, the rejected and the lonely, for those weighed down by anxiety, grief or pain, deliver them and us from bitterness and despair, from callousness and indifference, that we may have the strength to endure, and with generous hearts share the joys and sorrows of your people; 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, Cathy Moseley, & Melissa & family, Seth Gunther, David Parsons, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Dianne Mitsakis, Bruce Mitchell, Evette, Mark Bennetts, Barry Watts, Roland Nicholson, Monica Nicholson.*

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

We give thanks for the lives of your faithful people, for all who have followed you to their life's end, for the recently departed and those and those years mind occurring at this time.

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

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

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 31st Lily Smith, Anthony Zammit; 1st Sept Elsie Jenkins,

William Balderson, Thomas Hannam; 2nd Peter Wallder, Trevor Jackson, Gayle Zolnierczyk; 3rd Melva Wicking; 4th Jane Horwood, Keith Winnell, John Hazlewood (Bishop), Brittany Quigg; 5th Marlyn Gordon; 6th Anne Stanmore.

Loving God, open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you, and hear us as we pray for ourselves ...; may we trust in your faithfulness and that the whole world be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Almighty God you have promised to hear our prayers;

grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflections on the Readings

What does God's call mean for us? What can we expect when we receive God's call? These are the questions at the heart of this week's readings, and they flow beautifully out of last week's challenge. In the reading from Exodus there is a clear progression from Moses' personal salvation (last week) to his call to go back and save God's (and his) people, in spite of his fears, uncertainties and the struggles which will come (this week). In the Gospel reading, the movement is from Peter's declaration of who Jesus is, and, the foundations of Church in bringing Christ to the world (last week) to Jesus' embrace of the cross and call for us to follow (this week). In Paul's letter to the Romans both the Gospel and the Moses story are brought together calling God's people to live in love for one another and for one's enemies, giving oneself for the well-being of others in practical ways. In the Psalm there is the heartfelt expression of praise for God's salvation and the plea for God to recognise the innocence of the Psalmist and God's people. So, what God may be wanting us to hear this week is that we are all called to follow Christ to be liberators of others, serving and loving all people, including our enemies, and that as we respond to this call we must be willing to lay our lives down and embrace the inevitable suffering and sacrifice that will come. Yet, even in the midst of this tough word is a light of hope. It is in this self-giving love that we find our 'souls' (our true, God-given selves) and we discover true, abundant life. In our pain-avoidant world, the idea that we should embrace sacrifice and suffering as a response to God's call sounds ridiculous. Yet, as we seek healing and sustainability in our world, we must see the wisdom in this call. We may not be a Moses or a Jesus, but as each of us embrace our "calledness", we can have global impact in our own small way. But it will require us to release our places of privilege, to turn away from our consumer, accumulation mentality, and to embrace the sacrifice of simple living, of greater financial contribution, and of personal willingness to relinquish comfort and luxury. And as we as individuals and groups respond to God's call, we become part of a movement of grace, healing, love and sacrifice that has the power to really change things for the better.

Notices

Rector out of the Parish - Fr Kim is away attending the ABM Conference in Perth today - thanks to Fr John young for celebrating mass. Fr Kim will attending Clergy Retreat 1-5 September. Mid week services are cancelled.

Property Committee Meeting this week is cancelled.

Urgent Parish Fete 25th October- A coordinator or a small group to work on coordination is desperately needed. Please contact the Wardens if you can assist.

Rosters for Christ Church - Robyn Whitehouse is preparing the Rosters for October-December. Please inform her of any dates on which you expect to be unavailable in those three months and the Rosters can be adjusted to reflect this. This should reduce the number of “no shows” by people on Rosters and avoid having to phone around for a replacement. There is a sheet at the door of the Church for you to complete, or please phone Robyn Whitehouse on 5781 1185.

Faith Enhancement Study Group will meet again Friday 12th September 7pm at 13 The Parade, Broadford. All welcome to explore our faith in a safe space.

Volunteers for mowing of Christ Church lawns - Bruce Mitchell having been stalwart in keeping the church grounds neat and tidy for many years, can no longer do this. Volunteers are needed for 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	High Tea Kilmore & concert 30 Nov
Bunnings BBQ Sat 27th Sept	St Matthew's Christmas Raffle 12-13 Dec
Stewardship Campaign starts 5 Oct	Parish Council Christmas 17 Dec
Graduation celebration 12 October	Christ Church Festival of Carols 14th Dec TBC
Commitment Sunday 19th October	St Stephens Carols 21st Dec TBC
Parish Fete Christ Church Sat 25th Oct	
All Saints Day 2nd November	
Christ Church Feast of Title 23rd Nov	

Parish life this week

First week of September

Monday 1st - Friday 5th Clergy Retreat & Conference

Tuesday 2nd MARTYRS OF NEW GUINEA (d. 1942)

Wednesday 3rd *Gregory of Rome, bishop and teacher (d. 604)*

Thursday 4th *Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher (d.430)*

10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews NO SERVICE THIS DAY

4.00pm Prayers, Dianella

Friday 5th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Saturday 6th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

5.30pm Vigil Mass - Nagambie

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 7th September 2014 - PENTECOST XIII (23)

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

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