

The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta

## **The Parish of Kilmore**

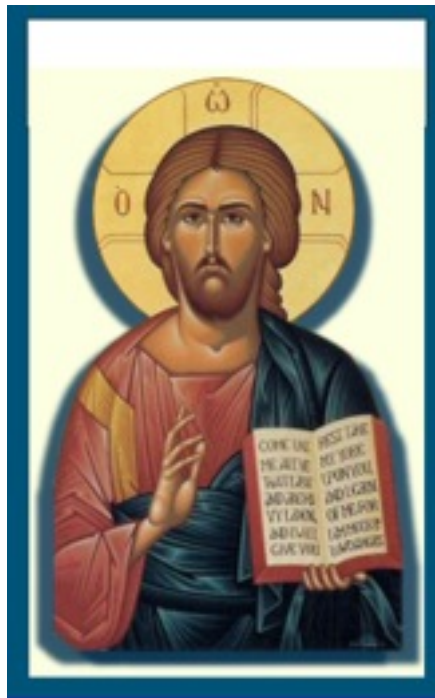
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

**21st September 2014**

**Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist & Martyr  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**HYMNS: 455, 477, 411, Pew sheet**

*Welcome to any guests to our worship  
please stay and enjoy lunch with us after the service.*



Praise the Lord, all you saints!

**Praise him, all you heavenly hosts!**

So great a cloud of witnesses surrounds us.

**They witness to God's mighty acts.**

They witness to God's steadfast love.

**Their witness guides us in our faith.**

Give thanks to God for St. Matthew:

**Apostle and evangelist of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sing praise to God, sing praise to him.

**Sing praise and thanks for all his saints.**

*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

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners. *Matthew 9.13.*

## THE COLLECT

Gracious and eternal God, through your Son Jesus Christ you called Matthew from his place of business to be an apostle and evangelist; free us from all greed and selfish love of riches that we may follow in the steps of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## FIRST READING

**Proverbs 3. 1-6**

*A reading from the book of Proverbs*

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

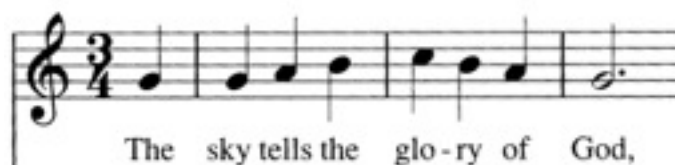
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 19.1-6**

**Response: The sky tells the glory of God.**

*Response*



The heavens are telling the glory of God  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
One day pours out its song to another  
and one night unfolds knowledge to another./R

They have neither speech nor language  
and their voices are not heard,  
Yet their sound has gone out into all lands  
and their words to the ends of the world./R

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,  
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber  
and rejoices as a champion to run his course./R

It goes forth from the end of the heavens  
and runs to the very end again,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat./R

## **SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 4.1-1**

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians*

Paul writes, 'As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: 'When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.' (What does 'he ascended' mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fulness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea | and Samaria,  
and to the ends | of the earth.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 9. 9-13

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

God of Saints and sinners, we thank you that you are constantly at work, striving to fulfil your purpose - not just the course of history, nor only the destiny of nations, but equally the life of each one of us, everybody you have created precious in your sight, of infinite importance.

Jesus our Lord; **you have done great things for your people and we are glad.**

God of Saints and sinners, we thank you for the way you have so moved in so many lives across the years - the way you have met with individuals like St Matthew, confronting them with your will, challenging them through your call, and leading them through your love to experience life-changing moments so that life was never the same again.

Jesus our Lord; **you have done great things for your people and we are glad.**

God of Saints and sinners, we give you thanks for this beautiful world entrusted to us; we pray for all places where there is conflict and beauty is sullied by violence and war, poverty and disease; for the people of Iraq and Syria praying for an end to atrocities and destruction; for the people of West Africa overwhelmed by the Ebola epidemic; for the leaders of the nation that their decision making may restore and renew rather than destroy; and we give thanks and for the peace we enjoy.

Jesus our Lord; **you have done great things for your people and we are glad.**

God of Saints and sinners, we give thanks for your church, for that great company which whom we are joined across distances of time and place and tradition. We pray for your church today for all gathered as congregations in places dedicated to Saint Matthew; for John our Bishop and our parish, especially this congregation of St Matthew's Broadford; help us to continue the faithful ministry of service and witness to your gospel in the community.

Jesus our Lord; **you have done great things for your people and we are glad.**

God of Saints and sinners, we give thanks for those whose work sustains us and this community, for all whose love and friendship enrich our lives; we pray for our neighbours, our families and our friends who share our journey; we pray for those who are lonely and friendless and those living with anxiety and fear; for those seeking to find a home amongst us, for refugees and asylum seekers and those held in detention.

Jesus our Lord; **you have done great things for your people and we are glad.**

God of Saints and sinners, we give thanks for the courage of many who suffer, the patience of and dedication of those who care for them; for all in need of your sustaining love and comfort; for the outcast and the forgotten, the hungry and the homeless; for everyone whose body is broken or whose spirit is sad; we pray for the sick and the dying and those who wait with them; work your perfect will in them that they may know your presence and strength; we pray for those in need 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, Jeanne Jones, Charlie Emmett.*

Jesus our Lord; **you have done great things for your people and we are glad.**

God of Saints and sinners, we give you thanks and praise for St Matthew all your saints; for those faithful people of every time and place who have nurtured and encouraged us, inspired and challenged us; 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.**

Jesus our Lord; **you have done great things for your people and we are glad.**

**Year's mind:** Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 21st Percy Richardson, Clarrie Berry, Lorna Christenson; 22nd Geoffrey Stimson, Violette Downes, Donald Graham; 23rd Janette Coram; 25th Albert Mooney, Beryl Sheppard; 26th Archie Haddock; 27th Neal Streatfeild.

God of Saints and sinners, hear us as we pray for ourselves .....; may we hear your call to lay aside sharp practices and ruthlessness and still like Matthew, to love all those with whom we live and work.

Jesus our Lord; **you have done great things for your people and we are glad.**

God of Saints and sinners, you have promised to hear us when we ask in your name, grant that what we have asked for we may by your grace receive through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray...; **Our Father..**

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## Hymn: St Matthew [Tune 446 Abbot's Leigh 87.87.D]

1. At the entry to the city at Capernaüm of old,  
the inspector, tax collector,  
counted out his Roman gold.

*Holy Matthew saw the glory of Christ Jesus  
and his fame,  
Told the good news of His story: Lord help  
us to do the same.*

2. Public servant of the conqu'rors,  
from his fellow Jews estranged,  
Matthew's duty held no beauty, till that  
day his life was changed. *Refrain.*

3. As he sat, receiving custom, came  
that man of Galilee,  
soft, demanding, firm, commanding  
"Matthew, rise and follow me". *Refrain.*

4. Matthew answered, unresisting to that  
sweet compelling voice.

Marvelled greatly – sinner lately, yet the  
Master's blessed choice! *Refrain.*

5. So Saint Matthew walked with Jesus,  
sharing meat and drink and prayer.  
Saw His Passion: in his fashion shared his  
Master's suff'ring there. *Refrain.*

6. And for us who came thereafter,  
Matthew saw the tale was told,  
so the story of Christ's glory shall not  
fade, nor yet grow old. *Refrain.*

7. Lord, we thank you that Saint Matthew  
your true follower became.

And remember, each September, in this  
house that bears his name. *Refrain.*

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### Reflections on St Matthew's Day

Myths and stories and legends abound about the Saints of the Church - this one about the Apostle St. Matthew is from "Golden Legend". Matthew evangelized Ethiopia, where he disclosed various pagan magicians as misleading the Ethiopian King and the people. He resurrected the King's son, and the admiring people wanted to adore him as a god. But St. Matthew refused and used the gold and silver brought in homage to build a great church. He resided there for 33 years. The king's daughter, Princess St. Ephigenia [Feast day also September 21], consecrated herself to God and founded a convent where she was the superior of more than 200 virgins. The King died, and his successor, Hirtacus, wanted to marry St. Ephigenia since he considered her the only woman worthy of him. The new King asked St. Matthew to convince the Princess to marry and promised him half of his kingdom if he should succeed. The Apostle told him to come to church on Sunday, and that there he would find a response to his request. The King hastened to comply, thinking that the Apostle would persuade Ephigenia to marry him. St. Matthew preached at great length on the excellence of the sacrament of marriage. Hirtacus was pleased believing that the sermon would make Ephigenia consent to marry him. Then St. Matthew turned and said: "Since marriage is good as long as the union is kept inviolate, all of you here present know that if a servant dared to usurp the king's spouse, he would deserve not only the king's anger, but death as a penalty." Then he turned to the king and addressed him: "So it is with you, O King! You know that Ephigenia has become the spouse of the Eternal King and is consecrated with the sacred veil. How can you take the spouse of One who is more powerful than you and make her your wife?" Filled with rage and hatred, the King left the church. When the Mass was concluded, he sent a swordsman to kill St. Matthew. He stabbed the Apostle in the back, while at prayer killing him and making him a martyr. Learning of this, the indignant people ran to the royal palace to take revenge for that crime, but the priests

restrained them and advised them to follow the funeral of the Saint instead. Hirtacus then had a huge fire ignited around the convent of St. Ephigenia to kill her and the virgins. But St. Matthew appeared to them and turned the fire away from the convent and towards the royal palace, which was completely consumed along with all in it. Only the King and his son managed to escape. The Prince immediately ran to the tomb of St. Matthew confessing his father's crimes and asking forgiveness. The King was stricken with a loathsome leprosy and took his life with his own sword. The people chose as king the brother of Iphigenia. He reigned for 70 years spreading the cult of Christ building churches throughout Ethiopia.

*Adapted from Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira (2014). <http://www.traditioninaction.org>*

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## Notices

**Church4Kids** Next Sunday 5.00pm Christ Church.

**Bunning BBQ Saturday 27th September.** Helpers required for the BBQ - 2 hours afternoon slots. Please see Sharner Mitchell roster coordinator.

Christ Church Friendship Group Thurs @ Christ Church Bring & share travels.

**Parish Fete 25th October** - Carolynne Noonan will take on fete coordination for this year, and this is most welcome. If you have played a role or managed a stall in the past please make contact with Carolynne 0404 328 827 and let her know what you will be doing - watch the website for updates.

**Faith Enhancement Study Group** meets Friday 26th September 7pm at 13 The Parade, Broadford. All welcome to explore our faith in a safe space - new study "Living the Questions".

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

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## Parish Diary

**1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month:** Property Committee Meeting 7.30pm (venue TBA)

**1<sup>st</sup> Fri of the month:** Faith Enhancement Study 7.00pm 13 The Parade, Broadford.

**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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Fri of the month:** Faith Enhancement Study 7.00pm 13 The Parade, Broadford

**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

## Forthcoming events

Bunnings BBQ Sat 27th Sept	High Tea Kilmore Postponed
Stewardship Campaign starts 5 Oct	St Matthew's Christmas Raffle 12-13 Dec
Graduation celebration 12 October	
Commitment Sunday 19th October	Parish Council Christmas 17 Dec
Parish Fete Christ Church Sat 25th Oct	Christ Church Festival of Carols 14th Dec TBC
All Saints Day 2nd November	
Christ Church Feast of Title 23rd Nov	St Stephens Carols 21st Dec TBC

## Parish life this week

Third week of September

Tuesday 23rd	12.00pm	Funeral St Matthew's Broadford
Wednesday 24th	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Christ Church Seymour
Thursday 25th		<i>[Sergius of Moscom, abbot and teacher (d.1392)]</i>
	10.00am	Eucharist, St Matthews
	10.00am	Eucharist, Willowmeade
	2.30pm	Eucharist, Caladenia
	4.00pm	Eucharist Dianella
	7.30pm	Christ Church Friendship Group @ Christ Church
Friday 26th		<i>[Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester (d. 1626)]</i>
	10.00am - 4.00pm	Op Shop, Church House
	7.00pm	Faith Enhancement Study 13 The Parade Broadford
Saturday 27th		<i>[Vincent de Paul, priest, worker with the poor (d. 1660)]</i>
	10.00am - 12.30pm	Op Shop, Church House

## SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 28th September 2014 - PENTECOST XVI (26)**

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day
Christ Church	5pm	Church4Kids

## Parish Clergy:

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