



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

5th October 2014

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

HYMNS: 83, 242, 187, 687

*Welcome to any guests to our worship
please stay and enjoy coffee and conversation 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

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. *Matthew 21.42*

THE COLLECT

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **AMEN.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

A reading from the book of Exodus

And God spoke all these words: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 'You shall have no other gods before me. 'You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 'You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. 'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, 'Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. 'You shall not murder. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.' When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, 'Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not let God speak to us or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19

Response: The sky tells the glory of God.



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.
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.
It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple./R

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb./R

By them also is your servant taught
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often they offend?
O cleanse me from my secret faults!
Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me;
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer./R

SECOND READING

Philippians 3. 4b-14

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

I myself have reasons for confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But

one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus says, I chose you and ap- | pointed you
to go and bear fruit | that will last.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21. 33-46

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to the disciples, ‘Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ‘The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘‘They will respect my son,’’ he said. ‘But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’’ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ‘Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,’ they replied, ‘and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes’’? ‘Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord God, your creation shows forth your glory and we praise you with grateful hearts; hear our prayers for the preservation of the earth; guide us to have responsible stewardship of your abundance, to honour what you have entrusted to us and to use wisely for the good of all.

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

Lord God, you have planted your church to be a flourishing fruitful vineyard; equip and nourish your people for the work you have entrusted to us; bless those who lead us; for clergy and laity especially those suffering persecution for their witness to your love; for John our Bishop, and our parish; make us loyal and productive, in bringing in the harvest in your kingdom.

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

Lord God, we are not asked to hide from the troubles of the world but to show where knowledge of Christ and his love can lead to new actions, understandings and changes of heart; in faith we pray for peace in the world; for those places where peoples are in conflict and where that conflict causes misery to those innocently caught up in its turmoil and destruction; for jihadists causing trauma; for the people of Iraq and Syria, especially the children, and for the towns and villages of Turkey engulfed with refugees, for the people of Hong Kong desiring democracy. We continue our prayer for all involved in mitigating the impact of ebola and for those who mourn the dead.

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

We pray for this our nation and we pray wisdom and humility to all in government and authority at all levels of our society; for our politicians as they make decisions that affect our lives; and for our defence forces on assignment; and there rallying calls and lay out policies in party conferences so we thank you we give thanks for our hard-won democracy and pray for all in our communities especially those subject to discrimination because of race or religion, sex or gender; we continue our prayer for those in detention on Nauru and Manus Island.

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

We pray for the those in need in our own community, the sick, the frail, the vulnerable, the outcast, those who's only comfort is the bottle or the needle; for the homeless and unemployed; for the fearful and those fraught with mental disorders; for the dying, and we pray for those who minister to them and the sick and we ask that you endow them with wisdom, strength and compassion as they go about their caring tasks.

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

Lord of all love, we commend to you all who mourn especially Sharner, Nerrida. Sonia and the Mitchell family; we pray for those in special need, 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, Gavin Linard, Rose & Paige Linard, and Anna & Keith Linard, Mark Bennetts, Barry Watts, Roland Nicholson, Monica Nicholson, Charlie Emmett, Doreen Gammaidoni.*

We give thanks for blessings and healing wherever received.

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

Gracious God you embrace and make your own all called into your eternal love; we pray for the recently departed, for Bruce Mitchell and Nellie Stafford, and for those years mind occurring the week;

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 5th Gladys Tanner, Gavan Cowl; 7th Brendan Target, Leslie Piva (Priest), Edna McCabe; 8th Spencer Horwood, Dallas Hayes, Hugh Chomley, Alfred Pound; 9th Gregory Ryan; 11th Robert Glanville, Rose Harriden.

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

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

Holy One, come amongst and make yourself known again in the breaking of the bread and hear as we pray for ourselves; pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name.

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

God our hope, may your blessing empower our prayer; for we put our trust in the living God, because you care for us and hear our prayer we offer in the name of your son Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray; **Our Father in heaven...** [p.124].

Reflections on Stewardship

I raised the question of stewardship with a group of clergy and the reaction was either silence and “looking down at the shoes” or as one person said, “Too difficult - because my stipend is paid by those who give.” I was nonplussed, yes my stipend is paid through the work and giving of the people who make up the congregations in the parish, but this is not what stewardship is all about. Sure, raising funds to meet the budget is important and this is an ongoing labour of love and the generosity of many. But stewardship is more about how do we respond to the generosity of God and what does God want us to do and be in this place and in this community. Today's gospel reading is all about workers working in the vineyard and how they tried to work their arguments (and actions) to keep the vineyard for themselves. The Church is not ours but God's and it is not ours to keep for ourselves but rather to be the gateway to more abundant life and joy for all. Stewardship then is living out our lives with the belief that all we are and have is God's, entrusted to us to share; it

includes vocational discernment; it includes care of creation; it includes formation of our young people; it includes caring for the vulnerable; and yes, stewardship does include aspects of development and fundraising to sustain this community of faith. But the starting point for any conversation about stewardship is in recognising that we need to share what God has given us. The starting point for stewardship is not the need and mission of the institution but rather about generosity. It is about encouraging people to live with money in a way that is rooted in faith, and in our understanding of God's abundance and how we respond. What God want us to do in this place at this time is being revealed as we journey and this needs resources in terms of the good will of all who contribute in time and effort as well as giving of funds. In two weeks we will celebrate and give thanks for the hard work of many and recommit ourselves to the tasks of sustaining the ministry we offer in the name of Jesus Christ.

Fr Kim Benton

Notices

Funeral service for Bruce Mitchell Tuesday 11am to be held in Christ Church. Our prayers and condolences to Sharner and Nerrida and the Mitchell family.

Working Bee Church House next Saturday 11th October 12.00-4.00pm

Parish Fete 25th October - Carolynne (Kaz) Noonan (0404 328 827) is now fete coordinator and requests all involved to a meeting in Christ Church 7pm Wednesday 8th October.

Parish Graduation Celebration: next Sunday we will help Fr Kim celebrate PhD Graduation with a bring and share lunch (Broadford mains, others salads & desserts) at Gavan Hall at 12.30pm. All invited to enjoy the festivities on this day.

Monthly Parish BBQ Lunch: Please note that Fr Kim's Graduation celebrations next week will replace the October "BBQ lunch". Hosts are required for the November BBQ.

Parish T-Shirts: At this stage we don't have any orders for t-shirts to put in a new order, but we have two 'large' parish t-shirts available for sale (\$30 each). Please see Caroline.

Faith Enhancement Study Group: Advance notice that the next study group will be held on Thursday 16th October (not 17th) at Bruce and Barbara Radford's home 13 The Parade, Broadford. If you would like to be picked up, please contact Fr Kim or Caroline Burge.

Stewardship Commitment Program - Sunday 26th October will be our Stewardship Commitment Sunday

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

Parish life this week

Second week of October

- Tuesday 7th 11.00am Funeral for Bruce Mitchell - Christ Church
- Wednesday 8th 10.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church Seymour
- Thursday 9th 10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews - No service this day
10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade
2.30pm Caladenia - No service this day
4.00pm Dianella - prayers
- Friday 10th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
- Saturday 11th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House
12.00pm - 4.00pm Working Bee - Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 12th October 2014 - PENTECOST XVIII (28)

Exodus 32.1-14; Ps 106. 1-6,20-24; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

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

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