



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta

## **The Parish of Kilmore**

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

**12th October 2014**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**HYMNS: 474, 136, 259, 147**

*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*

*The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book*

## SENTENCE

This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. *Isaiah 25.9*

## THE COLLECT

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honourable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **AMEN.**

## FIRST READING

**Exodus 32.1-14**

*A reading from the book of Exodus*

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered round Aaron and said, ‘Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’ Aaron answered them, ‘Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.’ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, ‘Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.’

So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterwards they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”’ ‘I have seen these people,’ the Lord said to Moses, ‘and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.’ But Moses sought the favour of the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: “I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance for ever.”’ Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 106.1-6, 20-24

Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

Response Colin Mawby

v. 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gra - cious.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,  
for his faithfulness endures for ever.

Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord  
or show forth all his praise?

Blessed are those who observe what is right  
and always do what is just./R

Remember me, O Lord, in the favour you bear for your people;  
visit me in the day of your salvation;

That I may see the prosperity of your chosen  
and rejoice in the gladness of your people,  
and exult with your inheritance.

We have sinned like our forebears;  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly./R

Thus they exchanged their glory  
for the image of an ox that feeds on hay.

They forgot God their saviour,  
who had done such great things in Egypt,  
Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham  
and fearful things at the Red Sea./R

So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them./R

## SECOND READING

Philippians 4.1-9

*A reading from the letter to the Philippians*

Paul writes, "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do

not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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This is the Lord for whom | we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in | God's salvation.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 22. 1-14**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus spoke to the people again in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. “Then he sent some more servants and said, “Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.” “But they paid no attention and went off – one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, ill-treated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. “Then he said to his servants, “The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.” So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, “How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?” The man was speechless. “Then the king told the attendants, “Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” “For many are invited, but few are chosen.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Lord Jesus, your invitation is outrageous; no special qualifications needed; no particular connections or exclusive memberships required; no secret passwords or unique attributes expected; no campaigning or canvassing, no examinations or references; just an amazing invitation to a feast; to find our place at your table, alongside these other unworthy ones, these other beloved ones; these others humble enough to accept the invitation without asking who else will be there. Well, Jesus, Lord of the Feast, with thankful and open hearts, we accept your amazing invitation and are richly blessed by being present at your banquet.

Lord of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this world you created, and the people who share it with us: for countries caught up in war or violent conflict, for the people of Iraq and Syria, and Turkey, and all threatened by ISIS demands, and for jihadists terrorising communities - we pray for peace; for the economic difficulties in Europe; for people impacted by ebola, for those caring for the sick, and those researching treatment; for these and all the other areas in our world where there is need and despair.

Lord of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church throughout the world; for all with responsibility of leadership; priests and pastors who proclaim your love and salvation; for John our Bishop and all clergy of this Diocese; for all who share in the life of this parish; equip us for work in your service, that we may faithful ministers in your name.

Lord of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country and for its people: for our government leaders, federal and local; for our judicial system, police forces and military, especially those serving overseas; for all involved in education and for all new graduates; for the first peoples of this land, and those seeking refuge amongst us; for those held in detention especially the children.

Lord of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our local community for the people of this community; for those who are unemployed, for those in prison, for those who are hungry, for those who are alone and afraid; for all our neighbours, both known and unknown to us that all may share with justice in the resources of the land.

Lord of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation; our brothers and sisters in Christ, for those who are ill; those who mourn and for those who are anxious about the future; for those struggling with their faith; for those in need and those who have requested our prayer.

**Request for prayer from:** *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Lyn Ryan, Alex Impols, 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, Charlie Emmett, Doreen Gammaidoni.*

For all your people giving thanks for blessing and healing wherever received.  
Lord of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the recently departed; for those who have died in your love; those known to us and those who have no one to pray for them; for those years mind occurring at this time.

**Year's mind:** Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: *15th Bernie Castles; Herby Chapman; Edith Rae; Katherine Jones; 16th James Anthony Humphries; 17th Percival Bradshaw; Dorothy Loft; 18th Donald Roberts.*

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
Lord of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, pour out your Spirit on us! Hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; fix our hearts and minds on what is true and honourable and right; give us the joy and peace that comes from knowing and doing your will, and keep us faithful to our commitment to the call we have received in Christ Jesus to extend your loving invitation to the world around us.

Lord of all goodness, **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.**

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## Reflections on Stewardship (II)

In the readings this morning we are reminded of the generosity of God, even when God's people choose to act in ways that seem to discount what is offered, as we see in the Exodus story when the people follow Aaron and the local gods all because Moses is a bit late. But even so the promise is restated that the people of God will find the promised land and abundance will flow. Paul urges his readers to think on those things that are praiseworthy, and in Matthew Jesus talks of a wedding banquet quite like none other where all are welcome, and those who are there for the wrong reasons will find be found out. In reflecting upon stewardship the focus in this context is on the individual, because individuals have relationships with others and form communities. We use the word 'currency' in most instances to refer to money, and stewardship is concerned with money and resources, but the word also refers to prevalence and the concept of 'Holy Currencies' (Law, 2014, Chalice Press) is relevant here. Holy Currencies underpin the way we live out our lives in company with God endeavouring to be true to the way that Jesus has shown. It has been suggested that there are seven Holy Currencies that need to be addressed as good stewards: *The Currency of Relationship*, which encompasses establishing new relationships with others outside the church community and

strengthening relationships within the church; the *Currency of Truth*, encourages exploration and examination of self, the church, and the wider community; the *Currency of Time*, refers to the time given to ministry activities in the Church beyond worship time and time allocated for ministry in the wider community; the *Currency of Place*, is about assisting in preparing the church property to sustain ministry, and/or offering space for ministry activities beyond the church; the *Currency of Gracious Leadership*, which refers to the way how we participate in leadership and train or mentor others in ministry leadership; the *Currency of Wellness*, refers to physical wellness, social wellness and the enhancement of ecological wellness of the community; the *Currency of Money*, which addresses the financial needs of the church through regular giving, and participating in fund raising for ministry projects, in addition to attending to our spending choices and the impact that can follow. Stewardship then refers to a whole of life approach and urges God's people to examine and to commit to these Holy Currencies for the benefit of the self as well as the community of faith and the people we seek to serve.

*Fr Kim Benton*

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## Notices

**Parish Graduation Celebration: Today** Gavan Hall 12.30pm. All are invited to be part of the festivities on this day. Caroline - Rectors Warden.

**Stewardship Commitment Program** - Next Sunday 19th October will be our Stewardship Commitment Sunday

## Fete Update

**Saturday 25th October**

The fete needs the following donations:

- ☀ Bottles for Lucy Starring's stall, valued no more than \$2, eg: Soft drink, shampoo, UV cream, what ever comes in a bottle with a lid on!
- ☀ NEW gardening equipment such as bags of potting mix, hand tools, gloves etc (for our raffle and mini garden comp.)
- ☀ NEW items for our spinning wheel hampers. eg; things purchased but never used.

All items can be left at the church, or Carolynne Noonan's house at 125 Butlers Road, Kilmore. Please leave on veranda if not home. Please do not leave at church house as it may go into op shop.

☀ **HAMPER ASSEMBLY PARTY**

Also need wonderful volunteers to put hampers together on Friday 24th October at Church House, from 10.30am onwards. Morning tea is on!!



## ☀ RAFFLE TICKETS

Also need some wonderful volunteers to sell raffle tickets, outside Kilmore Newsagents, 9am-12pm & 12pm-4pm on the following days: 17th Oct; 18th Oct; 24th Oct Two persons per session needed. Contact Carolynne Noonan on 0404 328 827.

**Parish T-Shirts:** two 'large' parish t-shirts available for sale (\$30ea). Please see Caroline.

**Christ Church Friendship Group** meets 7.30pm Thursday 23rd @ Christ Church to wrap hampers.

**Faith Enhancement Study Group:** Advance notice - next study group meets Thursday 16th October (not 17th) at 13 The Parade, Broadford. If you would like to be picked up, please contact Fr Kim or Caroline Burge.

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

## Parish life this week

Third week of October

Tuesday 14th 1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship Group - Gavan Hall  
Wednesday 15th 10.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church Seymour  
Thursday 16th 10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews  
10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade  
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella  
Friday 17th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House  
Saturday 18th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

## SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 19th October 2014 - PENTECOST XIX (29)**

### COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Exodus 33.12-23; Ps 99; 1 Thessalonians 1,1-10; Matthew 22.15-33

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

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