

The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

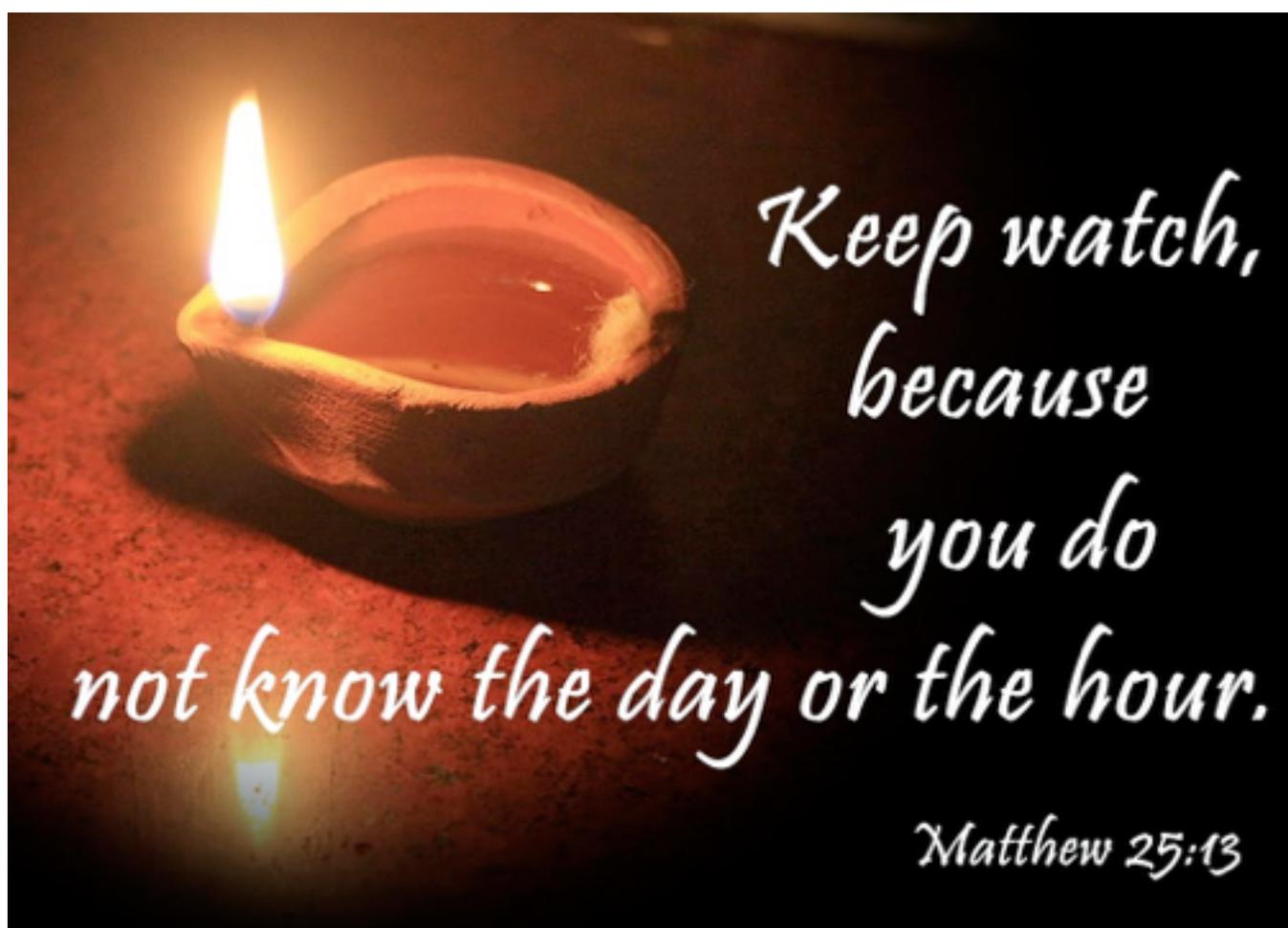
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

9th November 2014

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

HYMNS: 449, Pew sheet, 690, 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

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24.42, 44

THE COLLECT

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Joshua said to all the people, 'This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River Euphrates and worshipped other gods. But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac, 'Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshipped beyond the River Euphrates and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we travelled. And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.' Joshua said to the people, 'You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.' But the people said to Joshua, 'No! We will serve the Lord.' Then Joshua said, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord.' 'Yes, we are witnesses,' they replied. 'Now then,' said Joshua, 'throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' And the people said to Joshua, 'We will serve the Lord our God and obey him.' On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Keep awake | and be ready,

for you do not know on what day your | Lord is coming.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25.1-13

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus spoke to his disciples this parable. ‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ‘At midnight the cry rang out: “Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!” ‘Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.” “No,” they replied, “there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.” ‘But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ‘Later the others also came. “Lord, Lord,” they said, “open the door for us!” ‘But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.” ‘Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy One, your reign is always coming, with Jesus slipping into our lives quietly subverting our comfortable self-interest; and yet we so often miss it, distracted or asleep. But then, when we set our hearts to see and our eyes to search, we begin to recognise the signs, the unexpected evidence of your glory in our ordinary, everyday normality. Raise us from our slumber, so that we may see and praise your constant breaking into the world of women and men, opening us to the new, the possible, the eternal.

Loving God, we wait for your coming;

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy One, we pray for your world and the peoples of every land; for those suffering the horrors of war, for those who inflict terror, those who defend their homeland, for civilians and refugees; for all enduring the trauma of Ebola and those who tend the sick and bury the dead.

Loving God, we wait for your coming, for your reign of justice and peace;

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy One, we pray for your church in every place, for the newly baptised and for those whose faith has grown cold; for all who minister in your name; for bishops and priests, pastors and chaplains; for John our Bishop and our parish that all we do may strengthen the faithful, enliven the lost, and show forth your glory.

Loving God, we wait for your coming reign of righteousness and truth;

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy One, we pray for our country and this community in which we live; for those tasked with leadership that with justice all may share in the resources of the land; for all impacted by adverse weather; for those who are forgotten, the unwanted or the abused; for our families and friends, and all we love.

Lord God, we wait for your coming reign of forgiveness and love;

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy One, we pray for all in trouble or distress; for the forgotten, the unwanted and the abused; for the homeless and the unemployed; the elderly, the infirmed, for the broken-hearted and those who mourn; the sick and suffering of body and mind; for the dying and those who wait with them; for all in need, especially those who have requested 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 Gammaldoni, Lidia, Abraham & Anne Formosa.*

Loving God, we wait for your coming reign of compassion and healing;

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy One, we give thanks for all who have faithfully served you; for the recently departed and for those whose years mind occurs at this time;

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: *9th Francis Shin; 11th Lorna Carboon; 14th William Smith, Fred Wright; 15th Lyle McMabon, Marjorie Shanahan.*

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

Loving God, we wait for your coming in glory, and in your mercy;
Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy One, who shapes our dreams; hear us as we put our trust in you and pray for ourselves.....; awaken us, Lord, may your hopes and desires be ours and we your expectant people, so that when your Son comes we may be ready to receive him with joy and to find us serving you with loving hearts.

Loving God, we await your coming; accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray, **Our Father ...** [pg 124].

Hymn: Give me oil in my lamp

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, / give me oil in my lamp I pray;
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, / keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, / sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, / sing hosanna to the King.

2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing, / give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me singing, / keep me singing till the break of day.

Refrain

3. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, / give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving, / keep me serving till the break of day.

Refrain

4. Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying, / give me faith in my heart, I pray;
give me faith in my heart, keep me praying, / keep me praying till the break of day.

Refrain

Reflections on the Readings

In the Church of England calendar the Sundays are marked as Sundays before Advent to focus on the preparation for the start of the Advent season, and today's readings make a good preparation. In the Gospel, Jesus' parable of the bridesmaids is a reminder that God is always coming to us, and that we need to be alert and watchful so that we don't miss God's presence and activity in our lives. In the letter to the Thessalonians, this reminder extends to death and to the end of time when our hope in Christ is fulfilled. The connection, though, of course, is that we need to live this hope now in each day of our lives. In the Old Testament reading, Joshua challenges the people to be committed to God alone, and the Psalm celebrates living with wisdom, of remembering God's gracious acts on behalf of God's people, and of trust in God's help. When all of these ideas are brought together, we find there is a single, cohesive theme that emerges: As we hope and trust in God's coming and God's activity in our lives and our

world – past, present and future – we are inspired and challenged to live out this faith and hope by being alert, mindful and wise. Our hope in Christ, then, forms the basis for wise and abundant living. But, talking this is not enough. As the Gospel reading points out we must be alert and watchful for the signs of God's coming in the lives of those we serve and as we become more committed to live out our hope now. In this way we are able to contribute to the manifestation of God's reign where we are. And when our lives and ministries reflect Christ in this way, we can't help but be agents of grace, healing, and salvation to hurting, hopeless people.

Adapted from John van de Laar (2014) www.sacredise.com

Notices

Visitors - special welcome to our visitors and we are delighted to have Revd Trevor and Lyndell Smith with us this morning.

Monthly Parish BBQ - 12.30pm today - Hosts: Andrew & Nerrida Prosser, 415 Boundary Road, Willowmavin; bring & share meat, salad and dessert. All welcome.

Faith Enhancement Study Group meets again Friday 21st November @ 13 The Parade, Broadford.

Christ Church Friendship Group Christmas Breakup - 6.30pm Thursday 13 November, @ Kilmore Golf Club, RSVP by 9 Nov Beris Hannam 5723-9737

Cup Day Fundraising Luncheon: Many thanks to those who supported the Melbourne Cup Luncheon last Tuesday in aid of the ABM Iraqi Christian Crisis Appeal. A small but enthusiastic group enjoyed chicken and champagne, chocolate fountain and strawberries, whilst raising money for a worthy cause. Monies raised came to nearly \$130. It would be great to round this up to \$200 for ABM. If you would like to help us to help us reach our goal, please put your donation in the basket at the back of the church or give to Fr Kim.

Christ Church Feast of Title Sunday 23rd November - one service in the Parish - 9am followed by morning tea.

Festival of Carols Music Group: The annual Festival of Carols will be held on Sunday December 21st at Christ Church. Anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument in a music group please see Fr Kim or Caroline. It is hoped that we can get together for a few practices before hand with rehearsal dates to be decided by those taking part.

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 & 3rd 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

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 November

Monday 10th [*Leo of Rome, bishop and teacher (d.461)*]

Tuesday 11th 10.30am Remembrance Day Service - Dianella

Wednesday 12th [*Charles Simeon, priest and evangelist (d.1836)*]

10.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church Seymour

2.00pm Patronage Board Meeting - Wangaratta

Thursday 13th 10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews

10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade

4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella

6.30pm Kilmore Friendship Group breakup @ Golf Club

Friday 14th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Saturday 15th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 16th November 2014 - PENTECOST XXV (33)

Judges 4.1-10; Ps 123; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

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

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