



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta

**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**23rd November 2014**  
**Feast of Christ the King**  
**Last Sunday after Pentecost**

**HYMNS: 216, 231, Pew Sheet, 456**

*Welcome to any guests to our worship  
please stay and enjoy hospitality 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*

## **Litany for Christ the King**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,

**Lord Jesus Christ, we hail you as our King.**

Through you all things came to be;  
in you all things will reach their destiny.

**Lord Jesus Christ, we hail you as our King.**

You are the image of your Father, the richness of God's grace,  
God's free gift to us of life and love.

**You love us with an everlasting love.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we hail you as our King.**

You share with us your mission to bring the Good News to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives, to set the downtrodden free.

**Lord Jesus Christ, we hail you as our King.**

**Take us and use us to bring your life, your love, and the glorious freedom  
as the people of God, to all with whom we share our lives and to all the  
world; Come Lord Jesus as our King, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book*

### **SENTENCE**

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and  
come before his face with songs of joy. *Psalm 100.1*

### **THE COLLECT**

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him  
we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and  
the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Lord  
and King, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever. **AMEN.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel*

“For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep  
and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is  
with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places  
where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them  
out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them  
into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the  
ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture,  
and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will  
lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the  
mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and make them lie down,  
declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays.

I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. “Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: see, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 100

**Response: All the earth proclaim the Lord, sing your praise to God.**

*Response*

*Gtr. Capo 1* Bb(A) Eb(D) Cm(Bm) F(E) Bb(A)



All the earth pro-claim the Lord, sing your praise to God.

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song./R

Know that the Lord is God;  
it is he that has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture./R

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and bless his name./R

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,  
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation./R

## SECOND READING

**Ephesians 1.15-23**

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

Paul writes, 'For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the

mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord.

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an- | cestor David

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 25. 31-46**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ‘Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ‘Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?’ ‘The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ‘Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.’ ‘They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?’ ‘He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ ‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Hear as we pray to you the King of kings and Lord of lords, as we thank you for the last year and for the fellowship of our worshipping community here in Christ Church. As we set out towards a new horizon, may we put our hands into your hand in the knowledge that with you as our guide we may achieve things beyond our imagining.

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, may we and all your church grow in faith and in our knowing of you. Help us to be your body on earth. Where we walk too slowly, give us courage and a helping nudge in the right direction. Where we run too fast, give us a stone in the shoe, and wisdom to ponder. If things take time, help us to hold on to hope. If solutions are slow to emerge, may we stay strong and patient in faith. We pray for our clergy who lead us; for John our Bishop, Kim and John our priests; for those tasked with leadership giving thanks for our wardens and members of our Parish Council, and for all who participate in our parish life.

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, you spurned the trappings of power, and all thrones, dominions, principalities and powers are subject to your reign. We pray to turn the hearts of despots and tyrants and all who wreck terror and war; for all who suffer, made homeless and traumatised by violence. May your reign of peace break in upon a wounded and broken world.

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, the world is charged with your grandeur, and we are daily reminded of the continual renewing power of your creation in the breaking of the new day; your grandeur pervades every part of the created universe, help us and all your people to protect the environment and to share your gifts of creation with justice and peace.

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Christ our Lord and king, help us to follow your example and be as servants to others, mindful that we shall meet you in the most unlikely of places; for our hands offering bread to the hungry and drink to the thirsty are yours; and the hands reaching out to receive are yours also; the sick we take care of are you, and the stranger we welcome into our midst is you. You taught us by example how to touch the lives of others. Help us so that our own wounds may bear fruit in love. May the pains of the past create in us compassion. Stir up in us generosity, graciousness in giving, and lavishness in loving, one to another.

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, son of David's line, we pray for all who are in need; for relief and comfort for the sick and those living with pain and despair; for those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

**Request for prayer from:** *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Alex Impols, Cathy Moseley, & Melissa & family, Seth Gunther, 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, Lidia, Katie, Cathy Grace, Abraham & Anne Formosa, Peter Jones, Jeanne Jones, & Catherine and Steve Farrell awaiting the birth of their first baby.*

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord of the dance, we pray for all those whom we love who have departed this life; for the recently departed and those years mind occurring at this time;

**Year's mind:** *24th Harriet Ashton, 25th Albert Newbold; 26th Emily Smith, Horrie Tanner; 27th Jessie Foster, Sylvia Bannon; 28th Thelma Wajsbrum; 29th Rita Castles, Edward Ryan.*

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

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings in your heavenly kingdom:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Jesus our Christ, you walked the earth and endured the pain and joy of life; hear us as we pray for ourselves .....; heal us and give us the hope that we cannot grasp alone. When our hope dies, when we forget how to dream, kindle a fire in our hearts. Hear us and help us to heal; fill our hearts, our souls and our bodies with your Spirit; and open for us the gates of heaven.

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings, and now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or conceive, by the power that is at work among us, be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus our Lord and King throughout all ages. **AMEN.**

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### **Reflections on Christ the King**

We have been on a journey the past twelve months as we have travelled through the Christian Church Year. We have followed in the steps of Jesus as he was birthed in a stable, as he walked the dusty hillsides of Galilee, opened blind eyes and made the lame to walk again, as he taught the multitudes and the disciples, as he was crucified, and rose again. We have celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, reflected on the mission of the Church, and what it means to be a disciple of the Christ. We have been told stories and parables that teach of the Kingdom of God, and we have been called to account for our faithfulness, witness and service as followers of The Way of Jesus. Today is the last Sunday of that journey for this year. Next Sunday we begin celebrating Advent as we once again begin that journey to remind ourselves who we are and whose we are.

We do so knowing that the Kingdom of God that Jesus brought is a present reality in our lives. And yet we also know that there is a future Kingdom over which God will reign in Christ, a Kingdom in which the world will once again fully reflect its creator. Today we celebrate Christ as past, present, and future

King over all the earth, at the same time that we express our hope and our faith in that coming Kingdom. So today we reflect on this past year's journey with Jesus. But we are also looking forward to our journey this coming year, as we express each week our faith in the transforming power of God at work in our world, in our Church, and in our lives to restore all of creation to God's purposes.

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### **Hymn: Jesus and God's Kingdom** [Tune 'Tis 262 Kingsfold 86.8.D]

1. When Jesus taught in Galilee  
his message was quite new;  
he said God's kingdom had arrived;  
"It now belongs to you."  
He loved the children of his day;  
he sat them on his knees;  
"God's kingdom,  
you should understand,  
belongs to such as these."

2. When Jesus taught in Galilee  
his message was quite clear;  
"The time has come.  
I bring Good News.  
God's Kingdom has come near."  
It is for those with heavy loads  
he said, "I bring relief.  
God's Kingdom comes to offer hope  
to those who have belief."

3. If Jesus came to us to today  
what might his message be?  
It may just be the same as then  
with pow'r and urgency.  
God's Kingdom still belongs to those  
who suffer for the right;  
to those who work for truth and peace  
and in these find delight.

4. God's Kingdom is, as Jesus said,  
within humanity;  
it is uncovered when we love  
and strive for equity;  
God's Kingdom is both here and now  
whenever truth prevails;  
when we allow God's rule to come  
it's true - Love never fails.

*Lyrics George Stuart (2009)*

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## **Notices**

**Church4Kids Today** 5.00pm Christ Church. Preparations and practice for Christmas Nativity.

**Request for assistance on Tuesday** 10.30am - 11am to unload panels at Christ Church.

**Next Sunday 30th** Fr Kim is guest preacher at Euroa Fr John Young will celebrate Mass at Christ Church & combined service at St Stephens Tallarook.

**Monthly Parish BBQs** - the BBQs are suspended until February.

### **Festival of Lessons and Carols at Christ Church 21st December**

Sunday 21st December is the annual Festival of Carols at Christ Church, with the children from Church 4 Kids, and the Singers. 5.00pm BBQ Watch this space.

**Faith Enhancement Study Group** has concluded for the year.

## Christmas Services

|                          |                    |                     |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday<br>14 December    | 7pm                | Community<br>Carols | St Stephens, Tallarook   |
| Thursday<br>18 December  | 2.30pm<br>4.00pm   | Christmas Service   | Caladenia<br>Dianella    |
| Sunday<br>21 December    | 5.00 BBQ<br>6.30pm | Carol Service       | Christ Church            |
| Wednesday<br>24 December | 11.30pm            | Midnight Mass       | St Matthews, Broadford   |
| Thursday<br>25 December  | 9.00am             | Christmas Mass      | Christ Church, Kilmore   |
|                          | 11.00am            | Christmas Mass      | St Stephens, Tallarook   |
|                          | 4.00pm             | Christmas Mass      | Transfiguration, Pyalong |

### Parish life this week

Fourth week of November

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|----------------|---|
| Tuesday 25th   | <i>[James Noble, pioneer Aboriginal deacon (d.1941)]</i><br>1.00pm Patronage Board Meeting Wangaratta |
| Wednesday 26th | 10.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church, Seymour   |
| Thursday 27th  | 10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews<br>10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade<br>4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella        |
| Friday 28th    | 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House  |
| Saturday 29th  | 12.00pm Ordination Holy Trinity, Wangaratta<br>10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House                |

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 30th November 2014 - First Sunday of Advent**  
Isaiah 64.1-9; Ps 80.1-7, 17-19; I Corinthians 1.1-9; Mark 13.24-37

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|-----------------|------|---------------------------|
| Christ Church   | 9am  | Holy Eucharist            |
| St Matthews     | 11am | Combined with St Stephens |
| St Stephens     | 11am | Holy Eucharist            |
| Transfiguration | 4pm  | No service this day       |

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