



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**19th April 2015**



**Third Sunday of Easter**

**HYMNS: 210, 382, 393, 578**

*A warm welcome to any visitors please stay and enjoy hospitality after the service.*



*Introit Hymn from the red Hymn Book*

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

We are the body of the risen 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

‘Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.’ *Acts 3.19–20*

## THE COLLECT

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Acts 3.12-20**

[Immediately after the healing of the lame man, Peter addresses the crowds, explaining that the power to heal the man came from the same Jesus that they had crucified. Peter then calls the people to turn back to God.]

*A reading from the book of Acts*

When Peter saw the response of the people to the healing of the lame beggar, he said to them: ‘Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. ‘Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you – even Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 4**

[A plea for God to remember God’s faithful servant, and an affirmation of how God cares for those who trust in God. Finally, a call for people to stop chasing lies and turn back to God.]

**Response: It is you, O Lord, who makes me dwell in safety.**

Andrew Wright

**Response**  
*cf. v. 8b* It is you, O Lord, who makes me dwell in safe - ty.

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:  
when I was hard-pressed you set me free;  
be gracious to me now and hear my prayer./R

Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame:  
how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?  
Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness:  
when I call to the Lord he will hear me./R

Tremble, and do no sin:  
commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.  
Offer the sacrifices that are right:  
and put your trust in the Lord./R

There are many who say ‘Who will show us any good?:  
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.’  
Yet you have given my heart more gladness:  
that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase./R

In peace I will lie down and sleep:  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety./R

## **SECOND READING**

**1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6**

[Because of God’s love, we are God’s children, and we have hope that when we see Christ we will be like him. Therefore, we resist sin and seek to live in righteousness as Jesus is righteous.]

*A reading from the first letter of John*

John writes, ‘Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives for ever. See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Our hearts | burn within us  
while you open to | us the scriptures.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**Luke 24.36b-48**

[Jesus appears to the disciples, showing them his hands and feet, and eating a piece of bread to prove that he is not a ghost. Then he shows them how he has fulfilled the Scriptures, and he calls them to proclaim repentance and faith in Christ as his witnesses.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Risen Lord, you come to us in unexpected places, in a crowded room, in a journey on a dusty road, in a conversation, in silence and stillness; you come in the midst of doubt, fear, sorrow and pain; you come in the power of resurrection life for no pain and suffering is unknown to you; yet you come bringing forgiveness and the gift of peace for each of us, for our neighbours and for the world; as we welcome your peace, we pray that we may witness to your peace and so too become peacemakers.

Living Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, you called your Church to be your witnesses to all the world, to be unafraid of what others might think or say; you call us out of our darkened

hideaways, into the light of your world as emissaries of hope and justice, compassion and joy; we pray for all who seek to witness to your resurrection; for priests and pastors, for lay ministers and chaplains; for John our Bishop and our parish; be with us; give us courage and strength to be your disciples as we participate in ministries of healing and hope through this church, in our community, region, nation, and the world.

Living Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, your disciples healed the sick and the suffering in your name; may we as you lay healing hands upon all those who are sick; may we as you make your loving presence known to those who are lonely, give your strengthening power to those who are weak; and may those who lack be filled, those who mourn be comforted, those who worry be calmed, and those who seek forgiveness find it in you our Risen Christ; we pray for those in need, those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

**Requests for Prayer:** *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Alex Impols, Cathy Moseley, & Melissa & family, Seth Gunther, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Jenny Curry, Dianne Mitsakis, Mark Bennetts, Barry Watts, Joan Hiscock, Barbara Kaye, Matthew Parker, Darron & Silva, Sarah.*

We give thanks for healing and blessings where ever received.

Living Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, you suffered death and rose again to bring new life to all your people; we remember your faithful servants of every age and for all who have witnessed to your risen power; we pray for the recently departed, and for those whose years' mind occurs at this time;

**Year's mind:** *20th Ken Allen, Reginald Boyle, Marjorie Skinner; 21st Charles Thomas; 22nd Violet Routledge, Alan Winnell; 23rd Leonard Lang; 24th Dudley Rogash; 25th Albert Fletcher.*

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

Living Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, we thank you that you have come amongst us to bring us new life; hear us as we pray for ourselves .....; remind us again that endings can lead to new beginnings, that from old new life can spring, may that confidence touch our lives and bring hope to all.

Living Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, you shape our dreams; as we put our trust in you may your hopes and desires be ours, and we be your expression of resurrection in your world. Hear us as we pray in the name of Jesus our Risen Lord, who taught us to pray; **Our Father in heaven .....** [pg. 124]

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## Reflection on the readings

It is abundantly clear from today's readings that God expects the resurrection to have an impact on how we live. All of the readings highlight that, because of God's work in our lives, we should be living differently, and witnessing to God's grace and love. The Acts reading describes how Peter, after healing the lame man at the Temple, bears witness to Christ and calls his listeners to turn back to God. The Psalm speaks about God's goodness to God's faithful ones, and exhorts people to seek God. John's letter clearly teaches, that following Christ changes how we live. Finally, in Luke's Gospel reading Jesus challenges his disciples, to be witnesses that call others to repent and believe and find life in him. As all of these biblical witnesses teach, we too are also called to become witnesses to Christ, changing our own lives to live as true Christ-followers and calling others to repent, believe, and find life. Historically, witnessing to the resurrection, has provided a motive for colonialism, Christian triumphalism, and even religious sectarian violence and against people of other faiths. This is tragic and horrifying, since nothing could be further from the Gospel of peace and grace that Jesus lived and taught. Even today, in a mistaken belief that we are somehow "witnessing" to Christ, Christians have engaged in crusades against evolution, climate change, Islam, abortion, homosexuality, gender-based and racial discrimination, and even against social justice. Yet, the economic, political, and social implications of the resurrection have largely been ignored. When the resurrection, and the teaching that accompanies it in the New Testament, is seen in the context of Jesus' message of God's Reign, we see that the resurrection is far more than just a promise of life after death. Rather, it is a challenge to everything that brings death into our world, and a call for all people to live differently – in ways that bring life to others. This means that we, who seek to follow Christ, need to begin by repenting ourselves, as John directs, seeking to remove sin – that is whatever would bring injustice and death into our world – from our lives, while embodying the same grace and love that Jesus showed. Then, through Christ-like lives and words, we are able to call others to a new, loving, gracious, and just way of being. The true power of the resurrection is felt not so much after death, but in the here and now when God's life is brought to all who are dying under oppression, poverty, persecution, exploitation and hatred.

*Adapted from John van de Laar (2015) [www.sacredise.com](http://www.sacredise.com)*

### Financial Statement from Parish Council

end of March 2015

|                                  |             |                    |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                    | Offertory   | \$4,433.80         |
|                                  | Opshop      | \$4,405.35         |
|                                  | Fundraising | \$1,097.60         |
| <b>Total</b>                     |             | <b>\$8,839.15</b>  |
| <b>Budgeted Monthly Expenses</b> |             | \$11,250.00        |
| <b>Variance</b>                  |             | <b>-\$2,410.85</b> |

## NOTICES

### Retiring Collection for ABM Vanuatu Emergency Fund

**Urgent Local Appeal - The Priest from the Anglican Parish of Footscray has requested donations to assist the Sudanese family with the funeral expenses following the drowning of the three children last week.** \$250 has been donated, with Parish Council agreeing to match this amount. Further donations gratefully received. Please see one of the Wardens if you wish to help.

**Memorial Service at Caledonia Aged Care** to be held on Thursday 23rd April at 2.30pm.

**Church4Kids Sunday 26th 5.00pm** Fun and learning time for 4-14 year old followed by BBQ. Helpers always needed - please contact Fr Kim or Caroline Burge.

**Strategic Planning Consultation** - Over the next couple of weeks after the service Catherine Turnbull will be conducting a consultation with parishioners for the Strategic Plan. Please be available for a short time to provide your input.

**Confirmation 2015** - There will be a parish confirmation service in September anyone desiring to be confirmed please see Fr Kim.

**URGENTLY NEEDED** - Volunteers for the Christ Church Morning Tea and Cleaning Rosters - Please contact Robyn Whitehouse 0409 707 117 asap.

**Op Shop Volunteers needed-** Helpers for Saturday mornings urgently needed at the Op Shop. Duties involve serving customers 10.00am to 12noon. Also - people with trailers to assist with taking large unsaleable items to the tip - we have tip tickets. Please see Dianne Dixon if you are able to help out every few weeks.

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

### Parish Diary

|               |         |                               |                          |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1st Wed       | 7.30pm  | Property Committee Meeting    | venue TBA                |
| 1st & 3rd Fri | 7.00pm  | Faith Enhancement Study       | 13 The Parade, Broadford |
| 2nd Sun       | 12.30pm | Parish BBQ                    | See Notices for details  |
| 3rd Tues      | 1.30pm  | St Matthew's Friendship Group | Gavan Hall Broadford     |
| 3rd Wed       | 7.30pm  | Parish Council Meeting        | venue TBA                |
| 4th Sun       | 5.00pm  | Church 4 Kids                 | Christ Church            |

## Parish life this week

Tuesday 21st [*Anselm, abp Canterbury, teacher, (d. 1109)*]

1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship Group Gavan Hall

3.00pm - 10.00pm Bishop in Council Wangaratta

Wednesday 22nd 10.00am Eucharist Christ Church Seymour

Thursday 23rd 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

2.00pm Memorial Service - Caladenia

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 24th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Saturday 25th [MARK, EVANGELIST & MARTYR]

10.00am- 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

11.00am ANZAC Day Ceremonies Pyalong

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 26th April 2015 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4.5-12; Psalm 23; I John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18

|                 |         |                               |
|-----------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Christ Church   | 9.00am  | Holy Eucharist                |
| St Matthews     | 11.00am | Holy Eucharist Morning Prayer |
| St Stephens     | 11.00am | Holy Eucharist                |
| Transfiguration | 4.00pm  | No service this day           |
| Christ Church   | 5.00pm  | Church4Kids                   |

### Parish Clergy:

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