



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
24th May 2015
Day of Pentecost



HYMNS: 414, 403, 408, 413

A warm welcome to everyone please stay and enjoy hospitality after the service.



Introit Hymn from the red Hymn Book

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

‘A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you,’ says the Lord God; ‘I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.’ *Ezekiel 36.26; 37.14*

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37.1-14

[The prophet is given a vision of dry bones in a desolate valley, and God asks if they can live again. Then God commands him to speak and as he does, the bones come together, are clothed with flesh, and receive the breath of life.]

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’ I said, ‘Sovereign Lord, you alone know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones and say to them, “Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”’ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise; a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.”’ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army. Then he said to me: ‘Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.” Therefore prophecy and say to them: “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.”’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 104. 26-36

[The world and all its creatures depend on God for provision and breath – which leads the Psalmist to praise God.]

Response: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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O Lord, how manifold are your works
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great./R

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.
All of these look to you to give them their food in due season./R

When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good.
When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust./R

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
He looks on the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke./R

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have my being.
So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord.
Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia./R

SECOND READING

Acts 2.1-21

[The believers are filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and they start to praise God in various languages.]

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost came, the Apostles were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them

were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’ Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’ Some, however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had too much wine.’ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions; your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your | faithful people
and kindle in them the fire | of your love.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

[Jesus tells his disciples that he is going away, and that this is a good thing, because then he can send the Holy Spirit to be their advocate, to bring peace and to lead people into truth.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus spoke to his disciples, ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. ‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?”’ But because I have said these

things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy One, the rhythm of your breath pulses in all of your creation; a simple sign of the resurrection; of the life that cannot be quenched even by death itself; may the same Holy Spirit, the breath of our God, breathe into us again the life that never dies, the hope that never despairs, the courage that never turns back, the joy that never stops singing. Breathe into us, Holy Spirit, urging us to sing, to worship with every breath and our whole being; and to live the inspiration that is your resurrection.

Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us, and in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we pray the breath of the Holy Spirit will renew and refresh your Church and the efforts of all who work for the growth and fulfilment of your Kingdom; we pray strength and support for all ordained to ministry in the Church of God, especially John our Bishop and our parish clergy; and for the ministry of our parish giving thanks for our life that is sustained by your Spirit at work amongst us.

Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us, and in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you know better than we the challenges that face us in caring for your creation; we pray for your world where problems can seem overwhelmingly complex and solutions hard to find; where people are marginalised and discounted because of race or circumstance; we pray for all who would inflict terror and violence and all who flee from devastation and despair; for those adrift on the Andaman Sea and all who seek refuge; we give thanks for generosity of those who provide sanctuary.

Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us, and in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, pour out your Spirit on our nation and all who lead us; fill our homes and our hearts with the warmth of your love; breathe on us and inspire us with new ideas and new possibilities; we pray for all impacted by abuse and for those

who abuse; guide us in our relationships with each other; we pray for the lost and lonely, those asylum seekers held in detention and those who care for them.

Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us, and in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, we pray for those who suffer in mind, body or spirit; for those who can see only the dark corners, even on the brightest day; for those who fear lurking dangers; for those who have lost confidence in dealing with what the day may bring; for those whose pain is unremitting; for those whose inner light seems about to be extinguished; and for all 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 and Margeurite Kisvardi*

Comfort them all, we pray, with the promise of your healing presence and we give thanks for healing and blessings where ever received.

Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, we pray for those who now rejoice in the unclouded vision of your nearer presence; we pray for the recently departed and those years mind occurring at this time;

Year's mind: *24th Bradley Chapman, Irene Bruce, Matthew Hussey; 25th Ian Marryatt; 26th Linda Lowden, Pearl Watts; 27th Ada White, Shirley Holmes; 27th Doris Hughes; 29th Cameron Hiscock, Vera Buckingham.*

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

Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, for all of the ways you speak to us – in rushing wind, in dancing flames, in words we understand, and in music that transcends language, and in silence that evokes wonder we give you thanks; hear us as we pray for ourselves; pour out your Spirit upon us to give us the courage to speak your love, everywhere we go and to everyone we meet, so that your joy may be felt throughout the world.

Holy and loving God accept our prayers that we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Reflection on the readings

This year the Pentecost celebration has a particular emphasis on how the gift of God's Spirit impacts, not just followers of Christ, or even human beings, but the whole of creation. The well known reading from Acts 2 describes the experience of the disciples when they receive God's Spirit. The John's Gospel reading supports this narrative with the account of Jesus' promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit whose presence and action will be experienced not just by the followers of Christ but also by the world. The life-giving power of the Spirit is also reflected in

Ezekiel's prophecy in which God promises to revive and bring life to God's people. When these readings are placed beside the Psalm, which describes how all of creation depends on God for breath and life, and all of creation as awaiting the time when God's life flows through God's children, the cosmic implications of this day become clear. The giving of God's Spirit is not just about personal empowerment, or an individual experience of God's presence. It is about God's life and grace flowing into the entire cosmos. It is about followers of Christ being empowered to bring God's resurrection life to the whole of creation, finding our place in the unity of God's universe. The reverse of the Babel confusion of languages is simply an image of the reuniting of all things under Christ by God's Spirit, and the experience which the disciples shared is to be available to all people, and ultimately, to all of creation. It is unfortunate that Pentecost has largely been presented, in the Church, as a personal "second blessing" experience that "fills" or "baptises" us with God's Spirit. There are a number of problems with this view from both a theological and a practical perspective. Theologically, this denies the Scriptural testimony that God is omnipresent that is either present everywhere or nowhere, and that God's Spirit is made manifest to us at our baptism. Pentecost is less about an outpouring of God's Spirit and more about an "outpouring" of awareness of God's Spirit that has always been the sustaining breath of creation. From a practical perspective, the individualistic view of Pentecost too often leads to attitudes of superiority, judgment and exclusivity. The Pentecost moment, however, is far more far-reaching and significant than just a personal experience of blessing. If we are truly to open ourselves, both as individuals and as communities, to the Pentecost Spirit, we must also open ourselves to our connection with others and with the cosmos – not just with God. This means that we receive God's gift as a source of empowerment which comes with a responsibility to grow in love, and to grow in compassion and respect for other people, for all creatures and for the earth. Then, as we live out of this empowerment, we must inevitably make daily choices in the direction of unity, sustainability, peace and inclusivity. The gift of the Spirit to us as the people of God is ours to either empower us or for us to squander.

Adapted from John van de Laar (2015)

NOTICES

Church4Kids This Afternoon 5pm at Christ Church - Activities, stories, songs, games and BBQ for ages 4-14. All welcome. Helpers are also welcome.

Biggest Morning Tea - Well done St Matthew's Friendship Group who raised over \$755 for cancer research and treatment.

Retiring Collection continues for Nepal and donations are still welcome for the ABM Vanuatu Emergency Fund.

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

Knitters, for knitting squares, scarves and beanies for Missions through Assumption College. If you can help please contact Caroline.

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

Monday 25th	<i>[Bede of Jarrow, priest and teacher (d. 735)]</i>
Tuesday 26th	<i>[Augustine of Canterbury missionary and bishop (d. 605)]</i>
Wednesday 27th	<i>[Week of prayer for reconciliation begins]</i>
Thursday 28th	10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade 4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 29th	10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House 3.00pm Diocesan Synod Wangaratta commences
Saturday 30th	10.00am- 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House 5.00pm Diocesan Synod concludes

SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 31st May 2015 – First Sunday after Pentecost
TRINITY SUNDAY**

Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8. 12-17; John 3.1-17

Christ Church	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11.00am	No service this day combined with St Stephens
St Stephens	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4.00pm	No Service this day

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