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The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta

## The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

7th June 2015

Second Sunday after Pentecost

**HYMNS: 449, 613, Pew sheet, 683 [Tune 525]**

*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*

*The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book*

## SENTENCE

Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother. *Mark 3.34–35*

## THE COLLECT

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**1 Samuel 8.4-20**

[The people of Israel demand a king and God concedes, instructing Samuel to tell them how hard it will be to have a king ruling over them. Then Saul is appointed as king.]

*A reading from the first book of the Samuel*

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, ‘You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.’ But when they said, ‘Give us a king to lead us,’ this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. And the Lord told him: ‘Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.’ Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, ‘This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: he will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plough his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.’ But the people refused to listen to Samuel. ‘No!’ they said. ‘We want a king over us. Then we shall be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

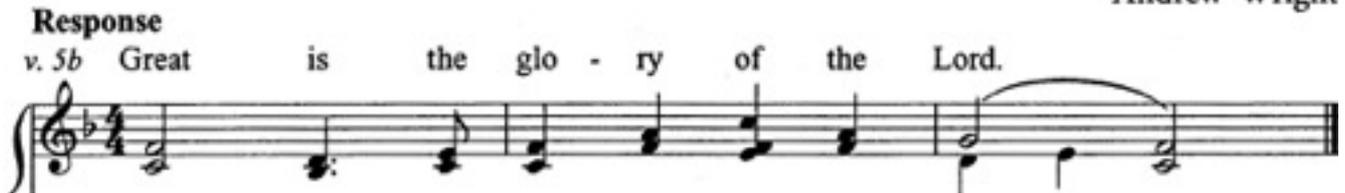
## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 138

[Praise and thanksgiving for God's unfailing love, God's promises, God's answers to prayer, and God's protection.]

**Response: Great is the glory of the Lord.**

Andrew Wright



I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.  
I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.  
In the day that I called to you, you answered me;  
you put new strength in my soul./R

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.  
Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;  
as for the proud, he regards them from afar./R

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;  
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand will save me.  
The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
forsake not the work of your hands./R

## SECOND READING

## 2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1

[Paul explains his hope and faith in God that compels him to preach, for as God raised Christ, so God will raise all who believe in Christ. This gives us hope and perseverance in the face of the troubles we must deal with in this life.]

*A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians*

Paul writes, 'As it is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The ruler of this world will be | driven out.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people | to myself.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 3.20-35**

[In response to the religious teachers who claim that Jesus is possessed by a demon, Jesus teaches that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand, and that Satan cannot fight against Satan. Then, when his mother and brothers come asking for him, Jesus declares that all who do God's will are his siblings and parents.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When Jesus' family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord Jesus, when threatened by violence and abuse you teach us to choose love rather give in to fear; when dreams fail and the world seems colder and broken, you teach to live in the power of hope; when joy and celebration feel naïve, cynical and frivolous, you teach us to believe in the power of faith; when grief shuts out all other voices and you teach us of the power of life rather than the fear of death; may your resurrection rise up within us, and lead us to new, creative, healing choices.

Jesus, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you have warned us that a house divided against itself will not long stand; we pray for the family of the faithful that is the Church responding to the call of God; draw us together as members of one body; for world leaders of churches and for ecumenical dialogue; for John our Bishop, and for the members of this parish; help us to do your will, to proclaim your gospel throughout the world.

Jesus, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we pray for your world especially for the people of Iraq and Syria and all places where terror dominates; for refugees and asylum seekers and all who flee violence and devastation; for those adrift in the Andaman Sea and all held in detention.

Jesus, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you claimed as your family the outsider and the unloved, hear our prayers for all who are marginalised or neglected; for the frail, the vulnerable; for those impacted by abuse and broken families; for the homeless and for children separated from families and living on the streets; we pray for our families and friends giving thanks for their love and care.

Jesus, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus we pray for the lonely and the friendless; for the sick and suffering in body and mind; those in pain or distress; the dying and those who care for them; for those who mourn; for all in need or distress, 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, Barbara Kaye, Matthew Parker, Darron & Silva, Sarah, Margeurite Kisvardai.*

May our prayers bring your comfort, and we give thanks for healing and blessings where ever received.

Jesus, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you bring your people from death to everlasting life; we remember all who have died in the faith; hear our prayer for the recently departed, and for those years mind;

**Year's mind:** 8th Wilfred Horwood, Phillip Downie; 9th Jack Pontin; 10th Alan Winnell, Greg Potts, Winifred Barber, Alan Busch; 11th Darren White, Joe Johnstone, Violet Ball; 13th Ivy Chapman, Edward Piva.

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

Jesus, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, in Jesus you gather us into your family, and we may confidently call you Abba Father; hear us as we pray for ourselves .....; may your Spirit bring us to share in the glorious liberty of your children as we seek to live out your command to love you and to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Jesus, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we offer to you these our prayers and the prayers of our hearts; be with us, sustain us in your love so that as one family we may realise your dream of peace, love and justice for all; we pray this for your name's sake. **Amen.**

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### Reflections on the Readings

We head into this long season of Pentecost in this second half of the year with a rather direct challenge as to where do we place our allegiance, and to whom do we give our obedience and devotion. In the Samuel reading, which marks the start of the monarchy in Israel, the people reveal their struggle to remain committed to God. In the conversation between God and Samuel, God relates Israel's history of turning away from God, and views this call for a king as just another case of misplaced allegiance and a quest to be like the other nations, instead of living as an alternative community under God's Reign. The other readings indicate reasons why we are tempted to turn away in the struggles and suffering of life. In Psalm 138 the attitude is one of praise for God's unfailing love, protection and answer to prayer. The intent is clear – no matter what life may throw at us, our faith needs to remain in God. Similarly in the Corinthians reading, Paul describes the troubles that we experience in this life as small compared with the glory which awaits us in Christ. It is this hope that enables us to stay faithful, and to share the message of God's grace, even as we face suffering. Finally, Jesus faces persecution of his own, both from his family who call him crazy, and from the religious leaders who claim that he is demonised. His response is decisive though, in two ways. Firstly, he reveals the absurdity in claiming that his power to defeat the devil comes from the devil, which implies that it can only come from God. Secondly, he embraces as his family all who give their hearts in allegiance to God as he has done. The message of this week, then, is that life is not easy often hard and will bring suffering, especially when we try to live with integrity and faith. However when we keep our allegiance with God we have God's promise that God will sustain us, and we have the hope in the eternal life that God promises. More immediate is the joy we have as a member of the family of faith with whom we can share our tears, our joys and our hope, while helping one another to stay faithful to God.

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

## Hymn: God Between [Tune TiS 168]

1. In community with others  
God is between.  
Prizing them like sisters, brothers,  
God is between.  
God involved in human action,  
Spark of life in each reaction,  
Core of every interaction  
God is between.

2. When we learn to live together  
God is between;  
Harmonising with each other,  
God is between.  
When corruption is deemed  
loathsome,  
When our diff'rences are welcome,  
When community is wholesome  
God is between.

3. When equality is central  
God is between;  
Justice, truth when fundamental  
God is between.  
When our leaders show they're honest,  
Comp'ny profits when kept modest,  
Disadvantaged, when they're noticed  
God is between.

4. When compassion flows quite freely  
God is between;  
When we share our love sincerely  
God is between.  
When we suffer no rejection,  
When our strength provides  
protection,  
When in love we make connection  
God is between.

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## NOTICES

**Property Committee meeting, 7.30pm 10th June @ St Matthews**

**Monthly Parish BBQ** - Host this month is Carolynne (Caz) Noonan at "The Barn", 125 Butlers Road, Kilmore, next Sunday 14th June from 12.30pm. Bring your own meat, with salads, sweets and drinks to share.

**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. Squares need to be 55 stitches wide with 8 ply wool and number 8 needles. 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

Tuesday 9th [*Columba of Iona, abbot and missionary (d. 597)*]

Wednesday 10th 10.00am Eucharist Christ Church Seymour

7.30pm Property Committee meeting @ St Matthews

Thursday 11th **[Barnabas, Apostle & Martyr]**

10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 12th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Saturday 13th [*Anthony of Padua, missionary and preacher (d. 1231)*]

10.00am- 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 14th June 2015 – Third Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Samuel 15.34-16.13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17; Mark 4.26-34

<b>Christ Church</b>	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
<b>St Matthews</b>	11.00am	Morning Prayer
<b>St Stephens</b>	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
<b>Transfiguration</b>	4.00pm	No service this day

### Parish Clergy

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