

The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta

## The Parish of Kilmore

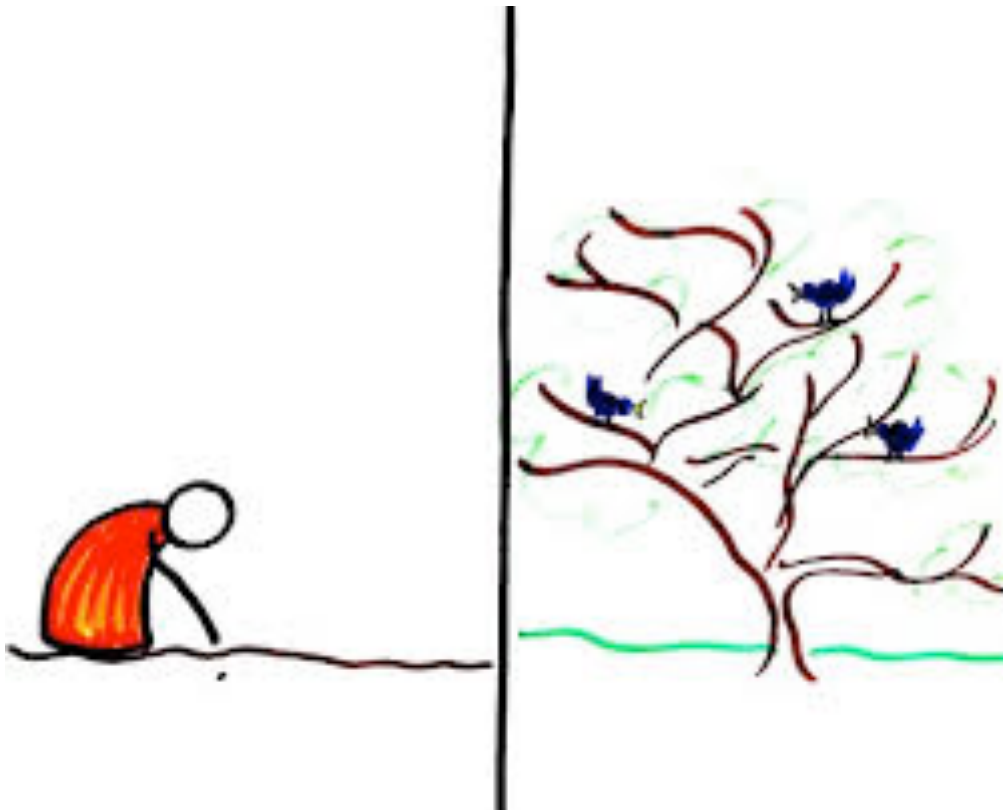
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

14th June 2015

Third Sunday after Pentecost

**HYMNS: 217(ii), 554, 671, 687**

*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

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. *2 Corinthians 5.19*

## THE COLLECT

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through 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 15.34 - 16.13**

[God tells Samuel that God has rejected Saul as king, and God instructs Samuel to anoint one of Jesse's sons as king. Samuel sees the eldest of the sons and thinks that one of them must be the king, but God tells him that God does not see as human beings do. Then David, the youngest son, is called and anointed to be king over Israel.]

*A reading from the first book of Samuel*

Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.' But Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.' The Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.' Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, 'Do you come in peace?' Samuel replied, 'Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.' Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, 'The Lord has not chosen this one either.' Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, 'Nor has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' So he asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' 'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered. 'He is tending the sheep.' Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.' So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; this is the one.' So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 20

[A prayer that God may provide and protect, bringing victory and success to the king, and ensuring that the one who trusts in God remains steadfast.]

**Response: Answer us O Lord, when we call.**

Andrew Wright

**Response**  
*cf. v. 9* Ans - wer us, O Lord, when we call.



May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble,  
the name of the God of Jacob defend you;  
Send you help from his sanctuary  
and strengthen you out of Zion;/R

Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice;  
Grant you your heart's desire and fulfil all your mind.  
May we rejoice in your salvation  
and triumph in the name of our God;  
may the Lord perform all your petitions./R

Now I know that the Lord will save his anointed;  
he will answer him from his holy heaven,  
with the mighty strength of his right hand.  
Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we will call only on the name of the Lord our God./R

They are brought down and fallen,  
but we are risen and stand upright.  
O Lord, save the king  
and answer us when we call upon you./R

## SECOND READING

## 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17

[Followers of Christ live by faith and not by sight, and do everything with the view to please God. Although we may at times seem crazy, we are controlled by Christ's love. So we no longer live our old life, but a new one in Christ for whom we live, and who was raised for us.]

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

Paul writes, 'Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due to us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all

died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Welcome with meekness the im- | planted word  
That has the power to | save your souls.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 4.26-34**

[Jesus shares two parables of God's Reign using the metaphor of seeds. In the first, he speaks about a farmer who plants seeds without knowing how they grow. In the second, he describes how the small mustard seed grows to become a large plant in which birds can nest.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The crowd began to gather so much that Jesus got into a boat and began to teach them using parables. He said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Holy God, at times we often feel powerless to confront or challenge the injustices of the world or to silence the noise of war, or negotiate peace; yet your Son calls us to action, to commit to act on the small differences we can make: may our seeds, small acts of gentleness and reconciliation bring peace; may our small contributions and collaborations bring relief to the needy; may our small acts of consideration and acceptance bring safety and sanctuary; may our small acts of

care and service bring wholeness; and may our small ways make a big contribution to your saving work in our world.

Loving Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God we pray for the church and for all who preach the gospel and bring alive your word of grace; we give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; for John our Bishop, and for the people of our parish and all who worship and minister in this place; sow seeds of faith in our hearts anew so that our witness to the world may grow your kingdom.

Loving Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God we pray for the world; for nations trapped on poverty by unjust economic structures; for all threatened by war, terrorism or persecution, by hunger and disease; for leaders of governments and all who work for peace; for the peoples of Syria and Iraq subjected to the horror and bloodshed of war; for the thousands of refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons seeking sanctuary, give thanks for the generosity of countries welcoming strangers; we continue our prayer for the peoples of Nepal and Vanuatu recovering from disasters.

Loving Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God we pray for our country and community, for the ancient peoples of this land and for recent arrivals, especially during this Refugee Week; we pray for the work of organisations supporting refugees and for all held in detention; we pray for parliamentarians and those tasked with leadership, and for all organisations assisting migrants; for all who work in education; teachers, students and schools staff.

Loving Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, hear our prayer for those who are suffering; the unemployed and the homeless, those who will be cold and hungry this day; for those living with pain and chronic diseases; all who are caught in the cycle of addiction and their families and friends; for those who mourn and those nearing death; may the seeds of faith grow deeds of compassion for all in need as we pray 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.

Loving Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we remember those who have died in the faith, all whose lives have shown justice, obedience, compassion and love, we commend to you the recently departed and those years mind occurring at this time;

**Year's mind:** 14th Lorelei Stewart, John Vinden; 15th Geoffrey Sexton (priest), John Allen; 16th John Rogers; 17th May Smith; 18th Adam McLeod, Lorna Cockcroft; 19th Stuart Hicks, Eileen Hall, Reginald Dyer, Fenley McDonald.

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

Loving Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, your reign of love makes all things new; plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts and hear us as we pray for ourselves .....; may we have faith that in trusting your word, we may live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and was raised for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Loving Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray..... **Our Father in heaven...** [pg 124]

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### **Reflections on the Readings**

The main theme coming through the readings this week is that small things grow to have significant impact and influence. In Samuel, the arrogant Saul is replaced by David, the youngest son of an insignificant family in an unimportant village. It is God who sees the heart, and takes the “small” person who trusts in God and makes him or her someone of significance in God’s purposes. Similarly, Psalm 20 reflects on how those who trust in God know God’s victory and success. In the Gospel, the small mustard seed becomes a large tree, revealing how important small contributions, commitments and actions are for the growth of God’s Reign in our world. Paul’s letter calls us to respond to God’s gracious, mysterious kingdom work in our hearts and lives by committing to living lives rooted in Christ’s love, and based on faith, not on the sight of goal-orientation or of human expectations. Flowing from last week’s challenge to our allegiances, and the call to remain faithful to God in spite of what may come, this week’s promise of God’s hidden activity to bring growth, fruit and flourishing in our lives is a comforting, encouraging gift. This is all well and good for those who enjoy this flowering but in the quest for justice, peace and love in our world, results can often be difficult to see, and our efforts can often feel like futile attempts to push back the tide. Yet Paul calls us to walk by faith and not by sight, and when we can trust that God’s Reign is at work in and through us to bring forth the fruit of God’s Reign, we can renew our commitment to service and activism. When we recognise that the smallest commitments and contributions, and the least significant people, can have a great impact for God’s Reign, we are inspired to do what we can and not fret about what we cannot do. As the old saying goes, learning to “think globally and act locally” is a kingdom principle as much as anything. Picking up the theme in the Gospel, in a world where our planet and the creatures on it are under threat, the value God places on the green and growing things of our world is a challenge and a call to take our place as the custodians and stewards of creation. And again, even in this work of creation care the

importance of small contributions and actions cannot be over stated. The ‘take-home-message’ is the reminder that every act of service, every gesture of love, every gift we give has value and makes a difference in the work of God’s Reign in our communities and in our own hearts. We may not be talented or well-known or wealthy or well-connected, but we all have fruit that we can produce and that God can use – often in ways we that we won’t even know. The invitation, then, is to learn to value our small efforts and contributions as God does, and to stay faithful even when we don’t see the results of our work.

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



## NOTICES

**Today Monthly Parish BBQ** - Host 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.

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 15th	<i>[Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer (d. 1941)]</i>
Tuesday 16th	1.30pm St Matthews Friendship Group - Gavan Hall 3.00pm Bishop in Council - Wangaratta
Wednesday 17th	10.00am Eucharist Christ Church Seymour 7.30pm Parish Council - St Matthews
Thursday 18th	10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade 11.15am Eucharist Caladenia 4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 19th	10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
Saturday 20th	10.00am- 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

### SERVICES

#### Next Sunday: 21st June 2015 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17.1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49; Psalm 9.9-20; 2 Corinthians 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-41

<b>Christ Church</b>	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
<b>St Matthews</b>	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
<b>St Stephens</b>	11.00am	Morning Prayer
<b>Transfiguration</b>	4.00pm	Holy Eucharist

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