



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

19th July 2015

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

HYMNS: 672, 145, 598, 448

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

As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. *Mark 6.34*

THE COLLECT

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7.1-14a

[David decides that he wants to build a temple (house) for God, but God, through the prophet Nathan, refuses him, and tells him that he is not the one to build a temple, and that God has never needed a temple. But, God promises David that his dynasty (house) will be established forever and that God will raise up a descendant of David to sit on his throne.]

A reading from the second book of Samuel

After King David was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, ‘Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.’ Nathan replied to the king, ‘Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you.’ But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying: ‘Go and tell my servant David, “This is what the Lord says: are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’”’ ‘Now then, tell my servant David, “This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people shall not oppress them any more, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. “The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: when your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 89. 20-38

[God has called and anointed David to be God's chosen king, and God has promised him a dynasty that will last forever. If David's descendants abandon God's ways, God will discipline them, but never withdraw God's love, ensuring that David's dynasty is established forever.]

Response: My soul shall proclaim your steadfast love, O Lord.

Response Andrew Moore
cf. v. 1 My soul shall pro-claim your stead-fast love, O Lord.

I have found my servant David: and anointed him with my holy oil.

'My hand shall uphold him: and my arm shall strengthen him.

'No enemy shall deceive him: nor shall the wicked hurt him.

'I will crush his adversaries before him: and strike down those that hate him?/R

'My faithfulness and loving-kindness shall be with him:

and through my name his head shall be lifted high.

'I will set the hand of his dominion upon the Western Sea:

and his right hand shall stretch to the streams of Mesopotamia.

'He will call to me "You are my Father: my God, and the rock of my salvation."

'I will make him my first-born son: and highest among the kings of the earth/R

'I will ever maintain my loving-kindness toward him:

and my covenant with him shall stand firm.

'I will establish his line forever: and his throne like the days of heaven

'If his children forsake my law: and will not walk in my judgments;

'If they profane my statutes: and do not keep my commandments,

'Then I will punish their rebellion with the rod: and their iniquity with blows./R

'But I will not cause my loving-kindness to cease from him:

nor will I betray my faithfulness.

'I will not profane my covenant: or alter what has passed from my lips.

'Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness:

I will not prove false to David.

'His posterity shall endure for ever:

and his throne be as the sun before me;

'Like the moon that is established for ever:

and stands in the heavens for evermore./R

[Jews and Gentiles together have been reconciled to God in Christ and brought into one community in which the lines of division have been removed by God through Christ's cross. Now both are part of God's household, and are built into a temple for God's Spirit.]

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Paul writes, "Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called 'uncircumcised' by those who call themselves 'the circumcision' (which is done in the body by human hands) – remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

My sheep | hear my voice.

I know them, and they | follow me.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

[When the disciples return from their mission, they tell Jesus about all they have done, and he calls them way to a quiet place to rest. But, the crowds follow them and Jesus has compassion on them because they are like sheep without a shepherd. Then, wherever he goes, the people bring the sick to him for healing.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The apostles returned from their mission and gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted

place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Gracious God, in the midst of all the rush, we find we are humbly in your presence, in the midst of being surrounded with activity, commitments, engagements, expectations. We now pause for moments of rest and renewal; help us to disengage from frenetic activity and look inwards for you; help us to follow Jesus' example to find a quiet place and rest awhile, and open our hearts and minds so that we may dwell in your Spirit.

God mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we thank you for work done in your Church, where your followers attempt to be members one with another in the body of your son; bless all who minister and seek to guide our spiritual lives; for Bishop John, and for our parish; support us and guide us for you know our frailties and may our work be for your glory.

God mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we continue our prayer for peace and cessation of the civil wars in Syria, Iraq, and South Sudan; we give thanks for the green shoots of peace with the Taliban in Afghanistan; we commend to you the people of Greece as they face the impact of economic decisions; pray for refugees, asylum seekers and all displaced persons around the world, may they find sanctuary and rest from their ordeals.

God mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of all creation we give thanks for the rain to sustain the earth, and we pray for all who work the land; pray for our nation and community that generosity and hospitality will prevail; for the needy and unemployed and those who struggle for daily needs; for those transitioning to retirement; and for the aged and those who care for them; for all living with uncertainty in health, employment and relationships.

God mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of the poor, we pray for all in need, those overwhelmed by the demands of life; for those suffering illness, anxiety or grief; for the families of those who died in the MH17 disaster; for those living with chronic disease and the terminally ill; we pray for those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

Requests for Prayer: *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Tom Scrivens, Francis Caia, Barbara Kaye, Alex Impols, Elizabeth, Mark Bennetts, Margeurite Kisvardai. Penny;*

and we give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

God mercy; **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, we give you thanks for your faithful people of every time and place; for prophets, apostles and saints; we pray for the recently departed, and those years mind occurs at this time;

Year's mind: *19th Jock Duncanson, Richard Sherwood; 20th Gladys Habgood, Margaret Insley; 21st Samuel Fullard, Sue Charles-Jones, Elizabeth Parry, Doris Allen; 22nd Leslie Neill, Alan Finlay, Robert Masters, Jessie Grace, Kerren Cookson, Maliki Kioko; 23rd Charles Russell, Byron Saunders, Keith Torrens; 24th Ida O'Brian, Bill Hincks; 25th Fran Robbins, James Robertson.*

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

God of mercy; **hear our prayer.**

God of love, hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; may our lives be touched anew with your healing presence and to know your joy as we seek to serve you by serving others.

God of mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ your son our Lord. **Amen.**

Reflections on the Readings

"Shepherd" and "House" are prominent in today's readings. David and Jesus bring both of these words together in remarkable and exciting ways. In 2 Samuel there is a play on the word "house" (The Hebrew bayit means both "house" and "dynasty"). David seeks to build a temple (house) for God, but God refuses, declaring instead that God will build a dynasty (house) for David. It is God who builds the house and who shepherds God's people. But, God uses human agency to do God's work and promises a shepherd like David who will gather and care for God's scattered people. Psalm 89 celebrates the human shepherd, David, who is to rule over and cares for God's people; and to provide a house (or a place in God's house) for God's people. In Mark's Gospel Jesus fulfils both aspects of this divine dream. As the human descendant of David, and the incarnation of God, Jesus has compassion on God's people who are like scattered sheep, and he heals, cares, and provides for them as a truly good shepherd. Paul takes the picture one step further as the people of God, both Jew and Gentile, find a place together in God's household of grace, and become, together, a house (temple) for God's Spirit. The vision that Paul describes, of a diverse, inclusive community in which all people are cared for and through which God works in the world, is what we are all called to as Church, and in our families and neighbourhoods. Unfortunately, we too

often use God's name to justify lives and attitudes and behaviours that are far removed from this vision. So often Christians try to justify their rejection and abuse of those of other faiths or no faith, of those of different theological perspectives or sexual orientations, and even of those who are different in race, language, or gender, in God's name. Rather than celebrate the house of God in which all can find a home, we have tried to become door-keepers and draw dividing lines. Rather than fulfil our role as shepherds to those for whom we are responsible, or those with whom we live and worship, we have chosen legalism, too often pointing fingers, and self-righteousness. The focus then of this week's readings is for those who find a home in God's household. We are being called to be a welcoming community in which all people can find a place to belong and a connection with God through the Spirit. It's a message of divine grace, sovereignty and care, and of human reconciliation, inclusivity and service.

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NOTICES

Next Sunday Fr Kim will be attending the ABM Annual Conference and Fr John Young will celebrate the Mass in Kilmore and Tallarook.

Strategic Planning Retreat 8th August - Parish Council is holding a retreat day in Kilmore to finalise the Parish Strategic Plan. If you would like to be part of the process please contact a Warden and book a spot.

Bunnings BBQ - 15th August & 24th October - helpers are need to assist with running the BBQ; Lucy Staring is coordinating 15th August & Robyn Whitehouse 24th October BBQs. Please indicate what time slots you can assist - it is a fun day.

Offering Envelopes there has been a delay in getting new offering envelopes from the printers. We have been provided with blank envelopes to see us through until the new ones arrive. Envelopes in bundles of 6 are available in the narthex.

2015 Bishop's Winter Appeal for Anglicare Hume - donations sought to support the programs provided by Anglicare which includes, counselling, emergency food distribution, parish programs and special needs. Donations are tax deductible, provide details if receipt needed.



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

Financial Statement from Parish Council

for month of June 2015

Income	Offeritory	\$4,171.20
	Opshop	\$3,560.75
	Fundraising	\$0
Total		\$7,731.95
Budgeted Monthly Expenses		\$11,250.00
Variance		-\$3,518.05

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 1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship meets Gavan Hall.

Wednesday 22nd **[MARY MAGDALENE]**

10.00am Eucharist Christ Church Seymour

Thursday 23rd 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford

11.15am Eucharist Caladenia

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 24th Friday - Sunday Fr Kim at ABM Conference

10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Saturday 25th **[JAMES APOSTLE & MARTYR]**

10.00am- 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 26th July 2015 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost [17]

2 Samuel 11.1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3.14-21; John 6.1-21

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

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