



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

26th July 2015

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



HYMNS: 134, 511, 520, 609

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

‘I am the living bread that came down from heaven,’ says the Lord. ‘Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’ *John 6.51*

THE COLLECT

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 11.1-15

[After David sees Bathsheba bathing, he sleeps with her and she becomes pregnant. Then, he attempts to coverup his adultery, but it goes wrong and so David commands that Uriah Bathsheba’s husband be left stranded on the battlefield so that he will be killed.]

A reading from the second book of Samuel

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king’s men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman washing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, ‘She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.’ Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, ‘I am pregnant.’ So David sent this word to Joab: ‘Send me Uriah the Hittite.’ And Joab sent him to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, ‘Go down to your house and wash your feet.’ So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master’s servants and did not go down to his house. David was told, ‘Uriah did not go home.’ So he asked Uriah, ‘Haven’t you just come from a military campaign? Why didn’t you go home?’ Uriah said to David, ‘The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord’s men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!’ Then David said to him, ‘Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.’ So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. At David’s invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master’s servants; he did not go home. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In it he wrote, ‘Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so that he will be struck down and die.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 14

[Those who are foolish and wicked say that there is no God, and God sees how society has become corrupt. But, God is with the righteous who are “eaten up” by the wicked, and will save Israel, leading the people to rejoice.]

Response: The Lord is the refuge of the poor.

The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'

Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness;
there is no one that does good.

The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the children of earth,
to see if there is anyone who is wise and seeks after God./R

But every one has turned back; all alike have become corrupt:
there is none that does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, those evildoers,
who eat up my people as if they ate bread
and do not call upon the Lord?/R

There shall they be in great fear;

for God is in the company of the righteous.

Though they would confound the counsel of the poor,
yet the Lord shall be their refuge./R

O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion!

When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad./R

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3. 14-21

[Paul prays for the Ephesian Christians, asking God, who knows all people, to strengthen them, live in them and enable them to grasp the height, depth and breadth of God's love. Then Paul, celebrates God who can do far more than we can think or imagine.]

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Paul writes, 'For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A great prophet has risen among us!

God has looked favourably on us!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6.1-21

[Jesus is followed by a large crowd and he asks Philip to find food to feed them, but Philip says they can not feed so many. So Jesus, with five loaves and two fish ensures everyone is fed. Later, to get away from the crowd the disciples sail across the lake. A storm comes up and Jesus goes to the disciples on the water, and they reach their destination safely.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Most loving God, you are the companion of the lonely, strength of the weak, comfort of the sad, scourge of the apathetic, physician of the sick, rebuke of the self-righteous, friend of sinners, and the light of all those who must walk in darkness; give to us your people the full blessing of your Holy Spirit, that we may keep the faith, not having to win or lose but to abide in your Son and practice his way of extravagant love, no matter the circumstances.

God of plenteous bounty; **hear our prayer.**

God our Redeemer, we give you thanks that you come to us in the person of Jesus, who feeds us with his body and his blood; we pray for your Church in all places; for those who eat at your table and those excluded from your company; for all who minister in your name; for John our Bishop, and for our parish clergy and for the people of this parish, feed us O Lord, we and all who hunger for your good news of forgiveness and grace.

God of plenteous bounty; **hear our prayer.**

God of all creation we give you thanks that you disclose yourself in all the mysteries and wonders of your beautiful, broken world; we pray for all who live in places of war and terror, famine and disease; for the leaders of nations and for all aid agencies, NGOs and community groups, who work to alleviate the misery of others.

God of plenteous bounty; **hear our prayer.**

God our companion, we give thanks that you come to us in the joy of human relationships; for all with whom we share our lives; for our families and friends and who with whom we work and pray; for the people of this community for the homeless and unemployed; for the lost and the lonely and those abandoned by situation or circumstance; may they know dignity, acceptance and grace.

God of plenteous bounty; **hear our prayer.**

God our healer, you come to us and make yourself known in the shadows and dark places of our lives; we pray for all in trouble or distress; for those who mourn lost loved ones; for those whose bodies ache, whose minds are confused, whose spirits are sad; for the sick, the suffering and all in need of any kind, for those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

Requests for Prayer: *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Tom Scrivens, Francis Caia, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Jenny Curry, Dianne Mitsakis, Seth Gunter, Barbara Kaye, Alex Impols, Elizabeth, Mark Bennetts, Margeurite Kisvardai. Penny;*

may they know your grace, which brings hope and healing, comfort and consolation; and we give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

God of plenteous bounty; **hear our prayer.**

God our lover and dreamer, we give you thanks that in life and death your hold all in your embrace; we pray for the recently departed, and those years mind occurs at this time;

Year's mind: 26th Jason Schafer, Leslie Walton, Joyce Brown; 29th Francis Ryland; 30th Linda Speirs; 31st Win Hix, Eric Cowley; Aug 1st Roy Parker, Nadine Smith.

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

God who feeds the hungry with two small fish and five loaves, hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; may we know your radical love in our lives that opens us to the gracious hospitality of your beloved, and so be richly blessed as we live out our dreams of caring and grace,

God of plenteous bounty; **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we offer our prayer in the name of your son Jesus Christ our Lord who is our way, truth and life. **Amen.**

Reflections on the Readings

The Gospel readings move to John's Gospel for some weeks and we encounter John's narrative of the feeding of the 5,000. There are tremendous challenges facing our world, and there are millions of people working daily to address these challenges. However, so much of our work for justice and peace is motivated by fear, or by the sense that it all depends on us alone. And so much of our work is plagued by the influence, or direct resistance, of interest and lobby groups. When it comes to dealing with the very real crises of our world, faith may feel like the most irrelevant thing, but without it we risk missing one of the most important resources and guiding principles at our disposal. Human wisdom and self-sufficiency drove David's destructive lust. Human wisdom inspired Philip's incredulous question about where food could be obtained to feed the crowds. But, when the values of God's Reign are brought into play, we can truly believe in a different way, which often leads to surprising solutions to our problems. When a crowd is hungry, faith means that a boy's lunch can be the catalyst that ensures that everyone is fed – most likely through the simple miracle of sharing. When the disciples face a storm alone, their fear threatens to sink them, but when they realise that Jesus is with them, they find the way to land safely. These narratives may be interpreted miraculously or not, but either way the principle remains: the miracle of God's Reign is that we begin to believe that we can feed crowds, we can navigate storms, and we can discover ways to live that liberate us from the prisons of our own self-interest, lust, and self-sufficiency. The key challenge this week, then, is to risk believing in God's Reign enough that we embrace its values as the primary driving force of our lives, and as the guiding principle for addressing the crises of our times.

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NOTICES

Church4Kids happens again 5pm tonight at Christ Church. Activities, games, story and songs and a BBQ for children aged 4-14.

Fr Kim is attending the ABM Annual Conference - thanks to Fr John Young for taking the services today.

St Stephen's Patronal Festival Next Sunday 2nd August 11am Parish Eucharist followed by lunch. No services at St Matthew's or Transfiguration. There will be an 8am Holy Communion at Christ Church for those who cannot attend at Tallarook. If you need transport please contact a warden.

Holy Baptism next Sunday 2.00pm of George Cicone at Christ Church, parishioners invited to attend to welcome George.

Confirmation Classes Wednesdays 4.45pm Christ Church.

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.

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 28th	3.00pm Bishop in Council - Wangaratta
Wednesday 29th	<i>[Mary & Martha of Bethany]</i> 4.45pm Confirmation Class
Thursday 30th	<i>[William Wilberforce, social reformer (d. 1833)]</i> 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade 4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 31st	<i>[Joseph of Arimathea; Ignatius of Loyola, priest & founder of Society of Jesus (d.1556)]</i> 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
Saturday 1st	<i>[Holy men and women of the Old Testament]</i> 10.00am- 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 2nd August 2015 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost [18]
St Stephen's Feast of Title**

2 Chronicles 24.17-22; Psalm 31. 1-8; Acts 6 8-10, 54-60; Matthew 10.17-22

Christ Church	8.00am 2.00pm	Holy Communion Holy Baptism
St Matthews	11.00am	No service this day Combined with St Stephens
St Stephens	11.00am	Parish Eucharist - Feast of Title
Transfiguration	4.00pm	No service this day Combined with St Stephens

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