

The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

9th August 2015

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

HYMNS: 474, 494, 491, 469, 569

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



God gives us Bread – and Everything Else We Need

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

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. *Ephesians 5.1–2*

THE COLLECT

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 18.5-9, 14, 31-33

[David commands his military leaders to ensure that his son Absalom is not harmed, but they fail, and Absalom is killed in battle. When David hears the news, he grieves, wishing that he had died instead of his son.]

A reading from the second book of Samuel

The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, ‘Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake.’ And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders. David’s army marched out of the city to fight Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. There Israel’s troops were routed by David’s men, and the casualties that day were great – twenty thousand men. The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest swallowed up more men that day than the sword. Now Absalom happened to meet David’s men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom’s hair got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in mid-air, while the mule he was riding kept on going. Joab said, ‘I am not going to wait like this for you.’ So he took three javelins in his hand and plunged them into Absalom’s heart while Absalom was still alive in the oak tree. Then the Cushite arrived and said, ‘My lord the king, hear the good news! The Lord has vindicated you today by delivering you from the hand of all who rose up against you.’ The king asked the Cushite, ‘Is the young man Absalom safe?’ The Cushite replied, ‘May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man.’ The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: ‘O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you – O Absalom, my son, my son!’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

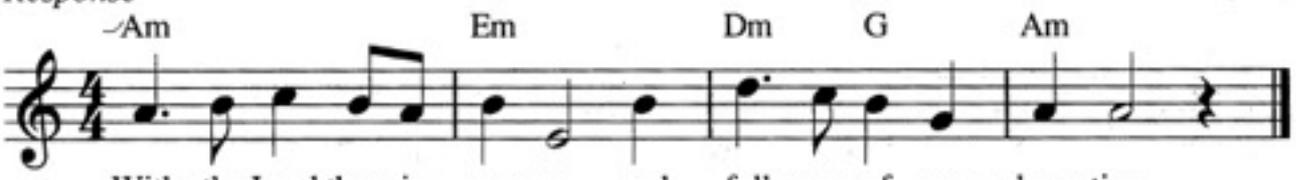
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 130

[A Psalm of faith and trust in God who forgives sins and whose promises bring hope and redemption to God's people.]

Response: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Response



With the Lord there is mer-cy, and full-ness of re - demp-tion.

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication./R

If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you shall be feared./R

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night watch for the morning,
more than the night watch for the morning./R

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;
With him is plenteous redemption
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins./R

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2

[The apostle instructs the Ephesians believers on how to live as true followers of Christ. He encourages them to be honest with one another, to speak to one another in edifying ways, and to avoid anger, shouting and slander, choosing instead the way of forgiveness and compassion.]

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Paul writes, 'Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. 'In your anger do not sin': do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy

Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.'

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Gradual Hymn

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the living bread that came | down from heaven.

Whoever eats this bread will | live forever.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6.35, 41-51

[Jesus proclaims himself as the bread of life, and responds to his critics by comparing the life that he gives to the manna that their ancestors ate in the wilderness – which could not keep them from death. Rather, Jesus, says, he gives life that does not end, and he reveals God to those who are drawn to him.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Baptism

Baptismal Hymn

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for giving your Son Jesus Christ as our life-giving bread from heaven; bringing us the promise of holy life and eternal joy, breaking the bonds of injustice, and feeding your people with the gift of love.

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

We pray for your world, for those affected by floods in Myanmar and Laos, those fleeing persecution in Syria and Iraq; for the thousands who risk life and limb to seek refuge; for all in danger on the sea; for those who exploit others through people trafficking, may they see the error of their ways; for countries devastated by disease and poverty; relieve those who carry the burden of care; give success to agencies working to help, and move us to support the efforts of our own church, particularly the work of ABM and ANGLICORD.

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

Loving God, we pray for your Church, for our Bishop John and our parish; watch over the precious children of our church and grow them strong in health and faith; bless the newly baptised, Xavier Birney, Oscar Taig & Sienna Taig; strengthen and guide their parents and godparents. Bless all the activities we undertake in your name here in our congregation, and give us joy in our life together.

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

We pray for all in need, for the elderly and the infirm; for the friendless and the bereaved; for those living with anxiety and the demons of addiction; for the sick and the suffering, those with chronic pain and for the dying; for those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

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

You offer comfort and relief to all who call upon your name; be with all who care for others and give them strength, skill and tenderness.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died in the faith for your holy people of every age, for those of this parish who have gone before us into eternal life; we pray for the recently departed, and those years mind occurring at this time;

Year's mind: *9th Thomas Chapman, Robyn Papworth; 10th Jonathon Schaffer, Garry Nesbitt, Gregory Stewart, Colin Buck; 12th Barrie King; 13th Rita Elson, Glen Flanagan, Ken Izod, Violet Smith, Norman Wilkie; 14th Edgar Letins, Matthew McInnes, Mabel Smith, Philip Mathieson; 15th Ernest Ashton, Leslie Watts.*

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

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; you continue to give us life through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; feed us with the bread of life from heaven and be our God for ever.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Those things, good Lord that we have prayed for,
give us the grace to work for; and in the purposes of your love, answer our prayers, and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

This week the readings hold together a variety of disparate elements. In the ongoing saga of David's Reign we jump forward to the rebellion led by his son Absalom, and to Absalom's death. Once again, we find David grieving an enemy, although this time he grieves as a father as well. In the Gospel we find Jesus being challenged for saying that he is the bread of life, claiming that he reveals God, and that he offers eternal life to those who come to him. There is a tremendous strength in Jesus' response to his critics, even as he proclaims a deeply invitational message. The psalm calls on believers to praise God for God's faithfulness and salvation. In Paul's words to the Ephesian Church, some simple, practical guidelines are offered for living together as Christ followers. How we speak to one another and treat one another is significant, because it builds our life together, and reflects the life and grace of God. In the light of this, it may seem impossible to find a common thread for this week's worship. However, what stands out is a call to Christlike behaviour that is lived in the daily routines of our lives. It is into this community seeking to be as Christ in the world that we welcome the newly baptised today. As we celebrate God's goodness, we are called to reflect and imitate that goodness in Christlike grace, compassion, gentleness, and honesty. We are called to resist evil, but love those who oppose us, even to the point of grieving their demise. This is not just living "what comes naturally," but is a challenge to embrace forgiveness, love and honesty in a radical, counter-cultural way, and in so doing, allowing God's life to flow through us to touch and restore our neighbours, our communities and our world. The simple challenge of this week is to believe that choosing to live like Christ – the Bread of Life – each day can have positive consequences for our world. As someone once suggested, we need to think globally and act locally – even in considering our daily interactions and choices.

Adapted from John van de Laar (2015) www.sacredise.com

NOTICES

Parish BBQ 12.45pm TODAY at the Rectory. Our winter menu will be soups and bakes (quiche, frittata), salads and a dessert. Please bring some to share. Please note the time as Fr Kim has to get back from Tallarook.

Strategic Planning - thanks to all who attended the workshop yesterday and for your valuable contribution. The final draft plan will be available in a month or so.

Confirmation Classes continue on Wednesdays 4.45pm at the Rectory.

Bunnings BBQ - Next Saturday 15th August 8.00am - 4.00pm - helpers are need to assist with running the BBQ; Lucy Staring is coordinating. There are some time slots left if your are able to help.

Parish Fete - tentative dates for this year's Fete are either Saturday 7th or 14th November. If any of these dates aren't suitable, please contact Caroline. The first **Fete Meeting** is to be held at Caroline's house (20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore) on **Wednesday 12th August (note the date change from last week)**.

ABM - MYANMAR FLOOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

Myanmar has been hit by one of the worst floods in living memory. Flood water has engulfed 12 of 14 States caused by heavy monsoon rains followed by Cyclone Komen which hit the affected regions late last week. These States have now been declared disaster zones with 69 dead and over 260,000 people affected. ABM is in contact with the Anglican Church in Myanmar who have 3 relief teams working to support groups and/or local committees in these areas. ABM has a long history of successfully working in Partnership with Myanmar Anglicans and the aim is to raise \$50,000 to help rebuild the many communities affected by this disaster. Please help ABM support the people of Myanmar by donating and spreading the word.

The Advocate latest edition is now available.

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.



Episcopal Parish Visitation - Bishop John will be visiting the Parish 25-27th September. On Friday 25th there will be a Gavan Hall Dinner @ \$30/head with the Bishop as guest speaker - we encourage as many parishioners to be present as possible - please book with John Paterson; Saturday 26th a prayer workshop to be conducted by Bishop John and a Parish Council Dinner; Sunday 27th is St Matthew's Day Festival and Confirmation followed by lunch.

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 10th *[Laurence, deacon & martyr at Rome (d. 258)]*

Tuesday 11th *[Clare of Assisi (d. 1252); John Henry Newman, cardinal & theologian (d. 1890)]*

Thursday 13th *[Jeremy Taylor, bishop and spiritual writer (d.1667)]*

10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 14th *[20thC martyrs including Maximilien Kolbe, friar (d1941); Martha Skobtsova (d.1945); Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia (d.1918); Martin Luther King, worker for civil liberties (d. 1968)]*

10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Saturday 15th **MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD**

10.00am- 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 16th August 2015 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost [20]

1 Kings 2. 10-12, 3.3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5. 11-31; John 6.51-58

Christ Church	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephens	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration	4.00pm	Holy Eucharist

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