



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

13th September 2015

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



HYMNS: 242, 187, 473, 583

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

The heavens are telling the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
One day pours out its song to another
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.
They have neither speech nor language
and their voices are not heard,
Yet their sound has gone out into all lands
and their words to the ends of the world./R

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.
It goes forth from the end of the heavens
and runs to the very end again,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat./R

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives light to the eyes./R

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb./R

By them also is your servant taught
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often they offend?
O cleanse me from my secret faults!
Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me;
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence./R

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer./R

SECOND READING

James 2.18-26

[James entreats his readers to understand that faith is made complete in how God's people live out their faith in deeds.]

A reading from the letter of James

James writes, 'But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder. You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,' and he was called God's friend. You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for | the unrighteous,
in order to bring | you to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 8.27-38

[Jesus asks his disciples who do the people say he is, and then who do they say he is. Peter replies that he is the Christ. Then Jesus predicts his coming death and resurrection, but Peter tries to correct him. Jesus responds by rebuking Peter, and then teaching that all who seek to follow him must take up their crosses, and not be ashamed of him.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine

things but on human things.’ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

God of all wisdom, from the street corners and at the entrances to the city you proclaim the way of life and of death; your wisdom brings us to new places in your creation with the promise of Spring, and your Son showed us the way to life through death.

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

God of all Wisdom, we pray for the nations of the world; for those seeking to respond to the tide of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; for all who risk their lives to flee devastation and war, especially we pray for children caught up in cultural and religious violence; we pray for generosity of heart for nations of the world and that grant endurance and wisdom for all.

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

God of all Wisdom, we pray for the church, for all those persecuted for their faith, for priests and pastors and all who minister in your name; for John our Bishop, and our parish, that we might show forth our faith in action, regard all with impartiality, be quick to listen, generous and welcoming and slow to anger.

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

God of all Wisdom, we pray for the sick, the injured, the vulnerable, and those undergoing all forms of adversity, for those broken hearted with grief; for the sick and 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, 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;*

Grant wisdom and compassion to all who offer care and comfort, and we give you thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

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

God of all Wisdom, you call the faithful departed in your holy presence; we pray for those who have died and for those years mind occurring at this time;

Year's mind: 13th Leslie Boak; 14th Desdemona Carter, George Anderson; 15th Dulcie Smith, Francis Treanor, David Damon; 16th Edward Chomley; 17th Kelly Oehm, Leslie Reynolds, Zella Gentsch; 18th Herbert Jose, Ian Overend; 19th William Bannon, Robert Green, Margaret Moore.

that they would draw near to you, and that you would draw near to them.

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

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

Lord Jesus, you walk beside your people, you raise up those who are bent low, you feed the hungry and give the means for all to be fed, you celebrate the small and the insignificant and notice those who are unremarkable and you say to take up our cross and follow you; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; may we have courage and faith in our hearts that we may take up the cross and find it leads to abundant life.

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

Gracious God, let our prayers be offered to you with the gentleness that is born from your wisdom, that is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, and full of mercy, for we pray in the name of Jesus our Lord who is the Christ. **Amen.**

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Wisdom, faith and good deeds, and the proclamation of God's glory all come together in the readings this week. The reading from Proverbs and Psalm 19 speak about the wisdom that comes from obeying God's instruction, directions, and ways. The Gospel reading connects with the suffering that comes from following God's ways, and God's faithfulness in acting for those who cry to out to God. Finally, James reiterates that faith without deeds that lead to justice and support for the marginalised is empty. The theme that brings all of these readings together can be summed up in one word - 'integrity'. We live with integrity when we embrace God's wisdom and live it, rather than just speaking words that we do not put into action. We live with integrity when we stay faithful to God's ways, and speak God's message, even though it often results in suffering, struggle and sacrifice, which is the way of the cross. We live with integrity when we acknowledge who Jesus is and proclaim him as the Christ, while understanding that he is a crucified God who calls us to take up our own crosses. We live with integrity when our lives reflect the cross and resurrection of Jesus, and when our words are filled with praise, blessing and wisdom, rather than cursing. When our words, our thoughts, our attitudes and our actions all align with one another, and with the ways of God that were taught and lived by Jesus, then our lives are lives of integrity and they are lives that add value and make a life-giving contribution to the world.

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

NOTICES

Parish BBQ 12.30pm TODAY Hosts: Len and Robyn Whitehouse, 4 Kurkurac Court, High Camp. Please bring meat and salad and desert to share.

Parish Fete - Saturday 21st November - Those interested in running or assisting on a stall please attend or contact Caroline, Lucy or Robyn.



Plant Cuttings - with the arrival of Spring, please start striking some cuttings or planting some seeds for the Plant Stall.

Name badges - With Deacon Maryann with us for the next few months, please be mindful about wearing name badges. It is easy for us to know Maryann's name, but not so easy for her to remember ours. If you have lost your name badge or never had one in the first place, please let Caroline know.

Offering Envelopes are now available - please help yourself. You might consider using Electronic Transfer of Funds.

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

Bishop's Parish Visitation Friday 25th - Sunday 27th September Program

Friday 25th Lunch at Rectory & meeting with Clergy

7pm - 10pm - Gavan Hall Dinner Broadford - Q & A on the theme "*The relevance of the Church for today*" and with other entertainment.

Note: bookings for dinner now closed.

Saturday 26th - Christ Church Kilmore -

10am - 2pm Prayer & Practice workshop facilitated by Bishop John - discussion and practical session on the function and practice of prayer - lunch provided please RSVP for catering.

5pm Evening Office - Christ Church

7pm Dinner with the Parish Council and spouses at home of Len & Robyn Whitehouse at High Camp and the presentation of the Parish Strategic Plan.

Sunday 27th - 8am Holy Communion Christ Church Kilmore

10.30am Parish Sung Eucharist, Confirmation & Celebration of Feast of Title for St Matthews, Broadford with confirmation; followed by lunch; St Matthew's parishioners to provide the main & Kilmore, Pyalong and Tallarook desserts. No service at St Stephen's.

5pm - 6.30pm Church 4 Kids at Christ Church

Parish life this week

Monday 14th	[HOLY CROSS]
Tuesday 15th	<i>[John Oliver Feetham, bishop & bush brother (d. 1947)]</i> 11.30am Bishop in Council - Corryong 1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship Group - Gavan Hall
Wednesday 16th	<i>[Ninian of Galloway, bishop & missionary (d.c. 432)]</i> 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting Christ Church
Thursday 17th	<i>[Hildegard of Bingen, abbess & spiritual writer (d. 1179)]</i> 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade 2.00pm Memorial Service Caladenia 4.00pm Eucharist Diana
Friday 18th	<i>[John Ramsden Wollaston, priest & missionary of WA (d. 1856)]</i> 10.00am VCC Chaplains leadership training - Melbourne 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House 7.00pm Faith Enhancement Study Group
Saturday 19th	8.00am - 12.00pm TKIS Student Community Service Project 10.00am- 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 20th September 2015 – Pentecost XVII [25]

Proverbs 31.10-31; Psalm 1; James 3. 1-12; Mark 9.30-37

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

Parish Clergy

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