



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

20th September 2015

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

HYMNS: 454, 601, 182, 613

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



Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest in God's Reign must be the slave of all, and that whoever welcomes a child, welcomes Jesus, and the One who sent him

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

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all. *Mark 9.35*

THE COLLECT

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN.**

FIRST READING

Proverbs 31.10-31

[A good wife is to be valued because she cares for her family and her servants, she provides for her household, she brings honour to her husband and she is hard working and resourceful.]

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.' Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honour her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 1

[Righteous people are blessed because they do not follow the ways of the wicked, but love God's instruction. They are like trees planted by streams, bearing fruit and always succeeding. The wicked, however, are destroyed.]

Response: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

Response Keith Duke

v. 6a For the Lord knows the way, the way of the right - eous.



Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.....R

Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.....R

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish.....R

SECOND READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

[Wise followers of Christ should live a humble life. Jealousy and selfish ambition are not wise, but cause evil, conflict, murder and struggle. Therefore God's people should resist evil, submit to God, draw near to God, and seek to be cleansed]

A reading from the letter of James

James writes, 'Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals,

birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig-tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.'

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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God has called us through the proclamation of | the good news,
that we may obtain the glory of our Lord | Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9.30-37

[Jesus predicts his death and resurrection, and then challenges the disciples for arguing about which of them is greatest. Then he teaches them that the greatest in God's Reign must be the slave of all, and that whoever welcomes a child, welcomes Jesus, and the One who sent him.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord Jesus you untie our burdens and heal our spirits; pour into our hearts the wisdom of your Word and Spirit, that being called to love and serve you with body, mind and spirit, we may with grateful and compassionate hearts be a loving community of hope and healing.

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

God of hope, we give thanks and pray support for all who offer assistance through Church welfare agencies; for those working to meet the needs of children and orphans around the world; for John our Bishop, and we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our Church and Parish, and for all members of this congregation, that we may witness to your love for all.

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

God of hope, we pray for all in the world dealing with the impact of climate change; for all threatened by violence, civil war, religious or political unrest especially those who flee the strife in Syria and for the millions seeking asylum; for those in refugee camps, those making the 'Long March' to freedom in Europe; we pray for the governments of Europe striving to be generous in the face of so much need; give thanks for the miraculous surgery that reversed 13-year-old Muhammad Ibrahim Khan, paralysis the result of being shot by gunmen at Peshawar's Army Public School in Pakistan last December; we pray for all impacted by the earthquake in Chile and the subsequent tsunami.

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

God of hope, we pray for our country and for all tasked with leadership; for newly appointed Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, for his new Cabinet and for our nation as we seek a new future; for our community and for children who are homeless, neglected or abused, for those trapped in lives of poverty, misery or violence; we pray for all migrants held in detention; we give thanks for all whose daily work nurtures the growth of children or sustains the elderly, and for all who bring hope and dignity to your people; for the homeless and the unemployed; for all who serve others in different ways.

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

God of hope we pray those in trouble or distress, those whose hearts are sad or burdened with concerns or anxiety for the future; for the sick and suffering of body or mind; for those grieving lost loved ones; those close to death and those who wait with them; for all in need, 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;*

and we give you thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

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

God of hope, we remember those who have died in your love, and we give thanks and praise for your faithful servants in every age; we commend to you the recently departed and those years mind occurring at this time;

Year's mind: *21st Percy Richardson, Clarrie Berry, Lorna Christensen; 22nd Geoffrey Stimson, Violette Downes, Donald Graham; 23rd Janette Coram; 25th Albert Mooney, Beryl Sheppard; 26th Archie Haddock; 27th Neal Streatfeild.*

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

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

God of hope, Lord, as we try to build our community in the image of you, give us the grace to do so with a servant heart; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; help us to be open to each other, and to take pleasure in working alongside those who happen to come along, knowing that in serving others we serve you and in do doing bring about the coming of your kingdom.

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

God of hope we offer our prayers for others and for ourselves in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray..., **Our Father [pg 24]**

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Once again the readings offer us a choice. This time it is between our own selfish desires, ambitions and power, and serving, loving and sharing with others as we follow the way of Jesus. In one set of readings, the life of the righteous person is applauded. From the righteous wife in Proverbs 31 (clearly written in a time of patriarchy, and now applicable to both men and women, rather than just the women!), to the righteous person who studies God's law in Psalm 1, to James' call to live a humble life submitted to God, to Jesus' teaching that the greatest in God's Reign must be servants, the Scriptures call us to righteousness, humility, service and generosity. We are to avoid the ways of the wicked, which are driven by selfishness, jealousy, violence, and the hunger for power. In the Gospel, Jesus predicts his death, but also predicts his resurrection. Essentially, the message of the readings for this week is that life, peace, joy, love, prosperity and grace are found through living humbly, simply, kindly, generously, compassionately and with grace, conscientiousness, resourcefulness and responsibility. If we reject these values, we reject the ways of God's Reign, and we doom ourselves to conflict, violence, lack, misery and judgment. As James suggests, though, even faith can become a mask for our worst human instincts, and so we need the attitude of submission to God's ways, and the humility to repent and receive forgiveness if we are to live in ways that bring life to us and to others. To quote Brian D. McLaren: "We are increasingly faced with a choice...not between kindness and hostility, but between kindness and non-existence."

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.

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

NOTICES

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. Preserves and jams are needed for bottle stall.

Bigger and better Cake Stall - 'cake bakers', and donor of ingredients needed. If you can donate flour, eggs, sugar, butter, rather than bake or if you are able to bake more than one or two items, please let us know.

Invitation to extend hospitality to Deacon Maryann & John for lunch on a Sunday when there are afternoon services. If you can help please check with Maryann for a date.

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

Financial Statement from Parish Council

end of August 2015

Income	Offeritory	\$5,478.90
	Opshop	\$3,503.35
	Fundraising	\$1,162.20
Total		\$10,153.45
Budgeted Monthly Expenses		\$11,250.00
Variance		-\$1,096.55

Parish life this week

- Wednesday 23rd 4.00pm Confirmation Class St Matthew's Broadford
- Thursday 24th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford
 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
 4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
- Friday 25th *[Sergius of Moscom, abbot & teacher (d. 1393)]*
 12.00pm Clergy lunch with Bishop
 5.00pm Evening Office - Christ Church
 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
 7.00pm Q & A Dinner with Bishop - Gavan Hall
- Saturday 19th 10.00am-2.00pm Bishop's Prayer & Practice Workshop Kilmore
 10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 27th September 2015 – Pentecost XVIII [26]
ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST & MARTYR
 Proverbs 3.1-6; Psalm 19.1-6; Ephesians 4.1-14; Matthew 9.39-13

Christ Church	8.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	10.30am	Parish Eucharist & Confirmation
St Stephens	11.00am	No service this day
Transfiguration	4.00pm	No service this day

Parish Clergy

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