



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta

## The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

25th October 2015

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Baptism



**Hymns: 93, 465, 491, 690, 547**

*A warm welcome to everyone, please stay and enjoy hospitality after the service.  
Especially we welcome Maddison Kate Littlewood to be baptised today.*



*Jesus encounters Blind Bartimaeus*

*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

The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. *Isaiah 51.11*

## THE COLLECT

O God, you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing, and in your Son you have given us a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness: hear the cry of your people and lead us home to our true country, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Job 42.1-6, 10-17**

[Job recognises that he had spoken without knowledge, and that he has now encountered God. Then God blesses Job beyond the prosperity he had at first.]

*A reading from the book of Job*

Job said to the Lord: ‘I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, “Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?” Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. ‘You said, “Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.” My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.’ After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter part of Job’s life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. And he also had seven sons and three daughters. The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job’s daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so Job died, an old man and full of years.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 34. 1-8

[A song of thanksgiving for God's restoration received when the Psalmist sought God.]

**Response: O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.**

Response Andrew Moore  
v. 8 O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gra - cious.

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
My soul shall glory in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad./R

O magnify the Lord with me;  
let us exalt his name together.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears./R

Look upon him and be radiant  
and your faces shall not be ashamed.  
This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles./R

The angel of the Lord encamps around  
those who fear him and delivers them.  
O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;  
blessed is the one who trusts in him./R

## SECOND READING

## Hebrews 7.21-28

[Jesus is an eternal priest who constantly prays for God's people. He doesn't need to offer sacrifices every day because he offered himself once and for all.]

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Jesus became a priest in the order of Melchizedek with an oath when God said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest for ever." Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant. Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives for ever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest truly meets our need – one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect for ever.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord will rescue me from every e- | vil attack  
and save me for the heav- | enly kingdom.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 10.46-52**

[As Jesus is leaving Jericho a blind man named Bartimaeus shouts out asking for Jesus to have mercy on him. Then Jesus calls the blind man, and asks him what he wants. When he answers that he wants to see, Jesus heals him, and he follows Jesus.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As they and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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**Baptism liturgy followed by Hymn 491**

**The Sermon**

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## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Let us cry out to God through our great high priest, Jesus the Son of David.

For the people of God in every place; for this holy gathering; for all who are newly baptised especially Maddison Kate and pray blessings upon her and her family and sponsors as she begins her journey of faith.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, for John our bishop, Kim, Maryann and John our clergy, and for our parish.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples and we pray for all who seek asylum from terror.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our community and those who live in it, for our families, companions, and all those we love.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in danger and fear: the sick and the suffering, the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and abuse.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all in need of healing and comfort; for those on our hearts and those who gave requested 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, Penny;*

**Lord have mercy.**

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead; for *Mother Rita Mary*, and for those years mind we remember today;

*25th Ted Emmerson; 26th Mary Still, Debra Siphthorp, Valerie Peterson, Gweneth Edwards, Rita Still; 27th Nellie Holcomb; 28th Frederick Wickham, Jack Gray;*

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

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer our lives to the living God; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; give sight to your faithful people O God, and enable us to follow your Son; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### **Reflections on the readings**

There is no question, when faced with this week's readings, that God is biased toward restoration. Every reading speaks about God's restoring, saving work in some way. Job has a transforming encounter with God and is restored beyond the prosperity he had enjoyed before his trial. The Psalm reflects celebration at God's restoration from trouble or from exile. In Hebrews, Jesus is portrayed as the one who intercedes for God's people and who offered himself as the only necessary sacrifice. Finally, Bartimaeus receives his sight, which not only restores his vision,

but also his life. The key to these stories, though, is that they are not just about restoration of circumstances, but are about restoration of relationships, especially with God. Ultimately this is the truth in all restoration stories. It can be comforting to have our outward circumstances restored, but it is when our hearts are restored, when we are delivered from the fear, self-protection, defensiveness, and isolation that our brokenness or suffering has brought on us it is then that we are truly saved. But it is not just about us as individuals. When we speak about justice, a lot of our language reveals a bias toward what has been called “retributive justice” – the “punishment” of offenders, and the restitution that “balances the scales” and “evens the score”. Yet God’s justice appears to be more biased toward “restorative justice” – making things whole and bringing about the healing of both perpetrator and victim, and of society as a whole. The role of community in this restoration cannot be over stated. If we are to view God’s justice in these restorative ways, then we cannot ignore the importance of the restoration of the heart, and of relationships individually and collectively. Those who have been punished by society for crimes, cannot become healthy contributing members of society without strong, supportive relationships. Those who have been marginalised through poverty, sickness or trauma, cannot find healing and a sense of security without protective and healing relationships. In every circumstance where we work to bring God’s restoration to others, we need to ensure that networks of relationships are provided. The church, of course, is the perfect place to create and nurture these relationships, which is why, when we allow ourselves to become retributive, we fail in our mission. The challenge for us this week is to be people who find our restoration in relationship with God and others, and who, as we work for justice, remember the humanity of those we serve, bringing them into safe, healing relationships.

*Adapted from John van de Laar (2015) [www.sacredise.com](http://www.sacredise.com)*

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## NOTICES

**Fr Kim has returned from leave:** grateful thanks to Revd Maryann Leonard and Fr John Young for their ministry over the past three weeks. Fr Kim will be out of the parish Wednesday - Saturday this coming week.

**Today we farewell David Sou** who is moving to Chiangmai to live and work and to continue his studies at Chiangmai University. He will be greatly missed from our parish life and we wish God’s blessing on all of his endeavours.

**Salvation Jane Gospel Singers CONCERT** This afternoon @ Christ Church 2.30pm \$20/\$10 Concession. Includes light refreshments and glass of wine. Phone bookings: Wilma Hammond. 0408950258 or Ruth 0410477957.

**Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser:** Great effort by Robyn Whitehouse and all those who helped with the BBQ yesterday thank you to everyone.

**Strategic Plan:** There are copies of the first draft of the Parish Strategic Plan available in each centre. Please take a copy and read through carefully. Your

feedback will be very much appreciated. Please contact one of the Wardens or Parish Councillors with your thoughts.

**Annual Reports:** Parish Annual General Meeting to be held 29th November. Annual Reports (9 months to end of September) from all centres and organisations within the Parish are required for distribution around the parish prior to the AGM. To enable reports to be prepared and distributed, please complete reports by the first week of November. Please email (preferably) reports to [carolineburge@carolineburge.com](mailto:carolineburge@carolineburge.com), - typed/handwritten copies are acceptable.

**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. ...**If anyone requires eggs for baking, please contact Rebecca Jones as her chooks are laying abundantly!** Please see Caroline if you would like some financial help in baking extra.

**Preserves and jams** are needed for bottle stall.

**Raffle tickets:** Helpers are needed to sell raffle tickets outside the Kilmore news agency in the three weeks prior to the Fete. Helpers are needed to draw up a roster on these days. If you are able to help out for a couple of hours, please contact Lucy, Robyn or Caroline.

**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.

## FEAST OF ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS

**Next Sunday 1st November**

The celebration of All Saints will be combined with All Souls Day in each centre. This is a time of remembrance and thanksgiving for those who have died and an opportunity for the names of the departed to be acknowledged. Please fill out the forms in the Narthex or on the day take a card and write the name and leave it in the basket. Names will be read during the service.

## 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 27th	Bishop in Council Wangaratta
Wednesday 28th	[SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES & MARTYRS]
Thursday 29th	10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade 11.30am Eucharist Caladenia 4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 30th	10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
Saturday 31st	10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 1st November 2015 – ALL SAINTS**

Isaiah 25.6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44

<b>Christ Church</b>	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
<b>St Matthews</b>	11.00am	Morning Prayer
<b>St Stephens</b>	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
<b>Transfiguration</b>	4.00pm	Holy Eucharist

### Parish Clergy

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