



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta

## The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

15th November 2015

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Hymns: 59, 590, 491, 457, 161**

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

*A special welcome to Sullivan Charles Bruce to be baptised today.*



*Model of the Second Temple in Jerusalem*

*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 Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed. *1 Samuel 2.10*

## THE COLLECT

O God, welcoming refuge for the outcast, and upholder of justice for the oppressed: maintain the hope of the poor, so that the time may soon come when no one need want for food and shelter, and all will learn to share freely following the example of your Son, who gave his very self; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**1 Samuel 1.4-20**

[Hannah grieves her inability to conceive, and endures the mockery of Elkanah's other wife, Peninnah, so when the family goes to the temple she prays for a child. After Eli accuses her of being drunk, he blesses her and she falls pregnant to Elkanah and gives birth to Samuel.]

*A reading from the first book of Samuel*

Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb. Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah would say to her, 'Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?' Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, 'Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.' As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, 'How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine.' 'Not so, my lord,' Hannah replied, 'I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.' Eli answered, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.' She said, 'May your servant find favour in your eyes.' Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. Early the next morning they arose and worshipped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, 'Because I asked the Lord for him.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## For the Psalm

## The Song of Hannah

[Hannah sings a song of praise for God's grace and justice in response to Samuel's birth and dedication to the Lord. Note the strong resonances here with Mary's Magnificat.]

**Response: Blessed are those who believe, for what God has promised will be fulfilled.**

My heart exults in the Lord;  
my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation./R

There is no Holy One like you, O Lord,  
nor any Rock like you, our God.  
For you are a God of knowledge  
and by you our actions are weighed./R

The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.  
Those who were full now hire themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are well fed./R

The barren woman has borne sevenfold,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
Both the poor and the rich are of your making;  
you bring low and you also exalt./R

You raise up the poor from the dust,  
and lift the needy from the ash heap.  
You make them sit with the rulers  
and inherit a place of honour.  
For the pillars of the earth are yours  
and on them you have set the world./R

## SECOND READING

## Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25

[Jesus offered the perfect once-for-all sacrifice and then sat at God's right hand. He perfected God's people, who can now enter God's presence with confidence because of our faith, the cleansing of God, and our high priest in God's house. In response we are to hold on to our hope, and motivate each other to acts of love and goodness.]

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. For by one sacrifice he has made perfect for ever those who are being made holy. Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great

priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord raises up the poor | from the dust,  
to make them inherit a | seat of honour.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 13.1-11**

[As they leave the temple, Jesus' disciples are awed by the size and beauty of the building, but Jesus predicts its destruction. When the disciples ask for a sign, Jesus warns them about false messiahs who will come, reports of war, earthquakes, and famines. But, these, he explains, are just the beginnings of the end.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs. 'As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord God, at the end of time as we know it, you will be there, making a new world of peace and justice for all your people. Help us by your Spirit to stay the course when times are difficult trusting in your grace and mercy to guide us to safe havens.

Loving Lord, you hear our prayers: **for you live among us.**

Lord God, we pray for peace in the world; for those maimed by land mines or terrorist's bombs, those injured in industrial accidents, road trauma and natural disasters; for those living in poverty, struggling with droughts and fleeing intolerable conditions; we pray for all refugees and displaced persons as they seek sanctuary; we give thanks that democracy and a new beginning has come for the people of Myanmar.

Loving Lord, you hear our prayers: **for you live among us.**

Lord God, we pray that your Church may not be lead astray by charlatans and false prophets; for all who offer ministry in difficult situations around the world; for our Diocese and John our Bishop, and the clergy and people of this parish; we pray blessings for Sullivan Charles Bruce and his family as begins his life of faith.

Loving Lord, you hear our prayers: **for you live among us.**

Lord God, we pray for our nation and community; for those marginalised in our society; street kids and call girls, drug users and suppliers, those suffering addictions and those in prison; we pray for all social workers, police officers, warders, chaplains, probation officers and drug & alcohol counsellors; for the unemployed and the unemployable, and the hosts of people who must work at jobs they find distasteful or degrading, may they have a sense of dignity and purpose.

Loving Lord, you hear our prayers: **for you live among us.**

Lord God, we pray for those in need; for relief for the homeless; those who are bullied and victimised; for the sick in body and mind; those living with pain and disability; all who are unhappy and mourn lost loved ones; for the dying and those who care for them; for those in special need; 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, Belinda Shannon, Eric Javor the Bott Family, Bruce Scott.*

We give thanks for healing and blessing wherever received.

Loving Lord, you hear our prayers: **for you live among us.**

Lord God, eternal promise of the faithful, we pray for the recently departed and for those years mind we remember today;

*15th Lyle McMahon, Marjorie Shannon, Doreen Hickman; 17th Eugene Tomlinson, Hoham Sleep; 19th James Patton, Aaron Ray, Sammy Marshall, Ronald Brown; 20th Elsie Bardella; 21st Salvatore Xuereb.*

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
Loving Lord, you hear our prayers: **for you live among us.**

Lord God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, hear us as we pray for ourselves .....; when we come to the place where the road divides, keep us true to the way of Christ, alive to present opportunities, and confident of eternal life; we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### **Reflections on the readings**

Violence, destruction, war, dishonesty and ridicule are common troubles that we all face in the world – perhaps even more so as we seek to follow Christ. The temptation is to respond in kind, offering violence for violence and using force to overcome force. However, the way of Christ, revealed through the Scriptures, is the way of peace, forgiveness, and faith in God’s ultimate justice. This way is demonstrated by Hannah’s prayers and song in the face of Peninnah’s taunts, and ultimately in Jesus’ self-giving on the cross. It is interesting that, in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ warnings are associated with the disciples’ awe at the temple building, which represented wealth and power (both of a spiritual and political nature, although Jesus revealed in his life and death that the latter seemed to have become more prominent). It is when we get absorbed in the trappings of power and wealth that we become violent and oppressive. In a time when children were wealth, Peninnah’s mockery of Hannah was as much about power as it was about womanhood. So in a world in which war and violence are a constant reality, humanity desperately needs to learn two things. First, we need to relinquish our addiction to wealth and power, which inevitably creates both competition and oppression – winners and losers. Second, we need to embrace the Jesus way of “powerless peace”, in which we trust in God’s justice and love, even when the world seems to be descending into chaos and anarchy. The way of peace is not a “quick-fix” alternative to injustice. Nor is it an apathetic, inactive resignation which accepts reality without trying to change it. It is a painful, sacrificial journey that takes a long view of human history. When peacemakers rise up against violence and injustice, things often get worse, and oppressors and tyrants use greater violence and threats to try and silence the peace and justice making. But, when we remain steadfast in our faith that God is at work in our world, and that God’s purposes of justice and peace will continue to overcome violence and oppression, we can absorb the pain, refuse to respond in kind, carry the cross, and ultimately wait until, as inevitably must happen, God’s Commonwealth prevails. As hard as this is, this is the Kingdom view to which we are all called.

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

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## NOTICES

**Annual Reports:** Parish Annual General Meeting to be held 29th November. The Annual Report will be distribution around the parish next Sunday. If you not have already done so, please email reports to [carolineburge@carolineburge.com](mailto:carolineburge@carolineburge.com), - typed/handwritten copies are acceptable.

**Parish Fete Next Saturday Church House, Kilmore.**



**Pony Rides:** If anyone knows of a pony for the children's pony rides, please let Caroline know.

**Produce Stall:** Preserves and jams, fruit and veggies are needed for the Produce Stall. We are hoping to put together a hamper of preserves for a raffle for this stall. Please see Caroline or Robyn if you can help.

**Bottle Stall:** needs filled jars or bottles of any kind - sauces, shampoo, wine, soft drink, lollies etc. Please give any donations to Lucy.

**Bigger and better Cake Stall:** 'cake bakers', and donors needed. If you can help with cash, flour, eggs, sugar, butter, rather than bake or if you are able to bake more than one or two items, please let Robyn know... **If anyone requires eggs for baking, please contact Rebecca Jones as her chooks are laying abundantly!** Some donations have come in to assist those who are able to do extra baking. Please contact Caroline if this will assist you.

**Raffle Tickets:** We are still hoping that more raffle tickets will be sold. Please take a book or two to sell to family and friends. If you are able to help sell outside the Kilmore Newsagency next Friday please contact Robyn Whitehouse. Those who have already sold tickets, please return these to Len as soon as possible.

**Setting Up:** Len Whitehouse is co-ordinating the setting up of trestle tables and awnings on Friday 9am. Please contact Len if you are able to help out.

**Outdoor Garden Settings:** If you have any small outdoor settings that we can borrow for the outdoor morning teas, please contact Caroline. Please also contact Caroline if there is anyone has a ute or trailer to pick these up during the week.

**Strategic Plan:** Please provide any feedback on the draft Strategic Plan to the Wardens or Parish Councillors during this week.

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

## Parish life this week

Monday 16th [*Margaret of Scotland, queen, helper of the poor (d. 1093)*]

Tuesday 17th [*Hilda of Whitby, abbess (d. 680)*]

1.30pm Saint Matthew's Friendship Group, Gavan Hall

5.00pm Bishop in Council, Wangaratta

Thursday 19th [*Elizabeth of Hungary, princess & philanthropist (d. 1231)*]

10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews

10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade

4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella

Friday 20th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

7.00pm Faith Enhancement @ 13 The Parade Broadford

Saturday 21st 9.00am - 1.00 pm Parish Fete, Church House

10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 22nd November 2015 – ADVENT 1**

Jeremiah 33.14-16; Ps 25. 1-10; I Thessalonians 3.1-13; Luke 21. 25-38

<b>Christ Church</b>	9.00am 5.00pm	Holy Eucharist Church4Kids
<b>St Matthews</b>	11.00am	Morning Prayer
<b>St Stephens</b>	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
<b>Transfiguration</b>	4.00pm	No Service this day

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