



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**15th May 2016**  
**LAST SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**DAY OF PENTECOST**



**HYMNS 474, 418, 416, 420**

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



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

God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. *Romans 5.5*

## THE COLLECT

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and strength now and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 11.1-9**

[Humanity seeks to build a tower that reaches the heavens, but God confuses their language and they scatter over the earth.]

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, 'Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly.' They used brick instead of stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.' But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The Lord said, 'If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.' So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel – because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalms 104.24-34,35b**

[The world and all its creatures depend on God for provision and breath – which leads the Psalmist to commit to praise God.]

**Response: Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

Response Geoff Nobes  
v. 1a Bless the Lord, O my soul.



O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great./R

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan  
which you have made to play in the deep.  
All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season./R

When you give it them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled with good.  
When you hide your face they are troubled;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust./R

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.  
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;  
He looks on the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke./R

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have my being.  
So shall my song please him  
while I rejoice in the Lord.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul./R

## **SECOND READING**

**Acts 2.1-21**

[The believers are filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and they start to praise God in various languages.]

*A reading from the book of Acts*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’ Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’ Some, however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had too much wine.’ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: “In

the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts | of your faithful,  
and kindle in us the fire | of your love.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**John 14.8-17, 25-27**

[Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to be an advocate for his followers, and to lead them into truth.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to John*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Philip said to Jesus, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Gracious God, Holy Spirit of life and hope, we sense your presence in this place, surging freely, loving generously, seeking endlessly. Awaken us again to the mysteries that humble us, the realities that orient us, the fellowship that sustains us, that we may give ourselves in honesty and openness to the larger life before us. Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us and in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we thank you for your nurture and your care - for the invocation of the Holy Spirit that pours your gifts out upon the earth blessing your people with bread and wine, with talents and abilities, with dreams and visions, and with all that goes to make all humanity one body of light; we pray for your world where love, care, healing and protection are sorely needed; for all who flee war and violence and those who seek asylum in the world.

Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us and in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

God of new life in the Spirit, we pray for the Church universal as it struggles to respond with new life to your ever-changing, broken, beautiful world; help us to be constant in our loving, welcoming and caring of all, sharing your good news of peace, forgiveness and love; pray for all ministers of your word and sacraments, for missionaries, educators, healers and teachers; for John our Bishop and for our parish, enliven and empower us and the ministry of your Church with your Spirit so that we may all be one in you.

Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us and in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord life, breathe on our nation and inspire us with new ideas and new possibilities, enable us to see the comfortable and familiar in a new light; guide us in our relationships with each other, give integrity to all who seek to govern that all may share in your bountiful resources; for those seeking to be included, asylum seekers and refugees, and those held in detention.

Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us and in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for those suffering in mind, body or spirit; for the fearful and the grieving; for those whose pain is unremitting and for those whose inner light seems about to be extinguished; comfort them with the promise of your healing presence; we pray for all in need, those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

*Chris Schafer, Karen Goodger, Jean Evans, Denise, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Barbara Kaye, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Susan, Leonie Upton, Fr Keith Shepherd; Joan Grimmwade, John Leonard.*

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us and in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for those who now rejoice in the perfect knowledge and unclouded vision of your nearer presence; may we who now know and worship you imperfectly in this world come at last into that same eternal light; we commend to your gracious keeping the recently departed; we remember *Valerie Wallis, Patrick Wallis, Eunice Downie & Merle Edwards* whose ashes will be interred this day, and for those years mind occurring at this time.

*15th Bill Goulthorpe, Olgly Zechovsky; 16th Joan Wright; 17th Geoffrey Levett, Edward Skane; 18th Jack Baker; 19th Ethel Bullen; 21st George Badcock, Joan Glithro, Ernest Castles, Keith Smith.*

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

Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us and in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Living God, your Spirit overshadowed a young Jewish girl, and Mary bore your love to the world; may your Spirit infuse all that we do and are, and hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; breath of God come, breathe on us, that we may be filled with your love and power of the Spirit to proclaim with one voice your reconciling love for all.

Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us and in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit of God, you come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden; like the dawn you illuminate the world around us; you grant us a new beginning every day; you warm and comfort us; you give us courage and fire and strength beyond our very day resources;

**be with us Holy Spirit in all we say or think, in all we do this and every day for Christ's sake. Amen.**

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### **Prayer after Communion**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### **Reflections on the Readings**

In today's readings we have the traditional Acts 2 reading as well as the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11. Both readings help to convey the fact that the author of Luke & Acts had in mind that one of the most important roles of the Holy Spirit was ushering the time when Babel would be reversed and true communication be re-established. Babel was symbolic for the differentiation of peoples and tribes best exemplified by different languages. Pentecost is often seen as proof that speaking in tongues happened when the Spirit of God was poured on all present. This is a misunderstanding of the impact of the power of the Holy Spirit leading to the misconception that some use to justify "speaking in tongues" as a foundational teaching of the Christian church. Paul does indeed mention glossolalia (speaking in tongues), but there is absolutely no way to associate that phenomenon with the events surrounding Pentecost. True communication, interaction, is the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost. The Greek word *dialekto*, means language not *glossa*, (tongue) and is the term used as the people in Acts marvel that they can all understand the message in their own language. The quotation from Joel included in the Acts passage, introduces another element of Pentecost that is essential to our faith, the democratising influence of God. "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh... male and female servants will prophesy!!" This point is reinforced by the astonishment of the people that the ones who are speaking in

languages are “country hicks” Galileans. This element of the story is often misused as an excuse to dismiss rather than to discern the message of the Scriptures. The point is that all people who receive the Spirit should be empowered to cultivate the gift that is poured on all. The Epistle and Gospel passages strengthen the basic message of communication and democratisation. Paul reminds us that the Spirit is a unifying force, not a fear inducing element. It is the Spirit that reinforces the Lord’s prayer. It is the Spirit that nails down the fact that we have only one *Abba* (Father) and that we are all sisters and brothers who practice love of one another as Christ requires in the Gospel text. Pentecost must be a joyful celebration! And Pentecost it is the one feast of the Church’s year that has not been commercialised. No special Pentecost sales, cards or gadgets. The Spirit is truly free - let’s celebrate!

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## Notices

**Holy Baptism 9am next Sunday at Christ Church;** five members of the Wynd family are to be baptised followed by morning tea. All are welcome to participate and to stay for the morning tea.

**Meditation Service - 5pm next Sunday at Christ Church,** please dress for weather, bring cushion & rug. Soup supper to follow in Rectory. All welcome.

**Confirmation 2016** - Please contact Fr Kim for more information on confirmation later in the year. Classes to start soon.

**Parish Directory:** At the back of each centre there is a copy of the current Parish Directory. Please check the names, and if you aren’t listed, and wish to be included in the 2016 edition, provide your name, address (residential, postal and email), and phone number/s. If your details have changed, please amend. All names on the current list will automatically go into the new edition unless you choose to delete your details.

### **Lay Ministry Licensing**

The process of Lay Ministry Licensing will commence this weekend. This is of concern to those who assist in the life of the Parish: wardens, servers, eucharist assistants, worship leaders, musicians, readers, intercessors, welcomers, morning tea hosts, money counters, church cleaners, flower arrangers, op shop volunteers, gardeners. Parish clergy will circulate the forms and set up the procedures for obtaining these checks. Although some parishioners have already completed forms these need to be reviewed to ensure that everyone complies. If you have any questions or concerns contact Fr Kim or one of the wardens.

**Direct Debit/EFT Offerings:** Parish Account details: CBA Account Name ‘Kilmore Anglican Parish’. BSB 063-698. Account Number 1018 464.

# Parish Diary

**2nd Sunday of month:** Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details

**2nd & 4th Tuesday:** Faith Enhancement Group meets 13 The Parade Broadford.

**3rd Tuesday:** St Matthew's Friendship Group; Gavan Hall 1.30pm fellowship & afternoon tea; contact Edie Simpson ph.5784 1246 for details.

**1st Wednesday:** Property Committee Meeting 7.30pm see notices for venue

**3rd Wednesday:** Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm see Notices for venue.

## Parish life this week

Third week of May

Tuesday 17th 10.00am Biggest Morning Tea - Gavan Hall

5.00pm Bishop in Council Wangaratta

Wednesday 18th 7.30pm Parish Council Gavan Hall

Thursday 19th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 20th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 21st 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 22nd May 2016: TRINITY SUNDAY**

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31; Ps 8; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15

<b>Christ Church</b>	9am 5pm	Sung Eucharist & Holy Baptism Meditation service
<b>St Matthews</b>	11am	Holy Eucharist
<b>St Stephens</b>	11am	Holy Eucharist
<b>Transfiguration</b>	4pm	No service this day

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