

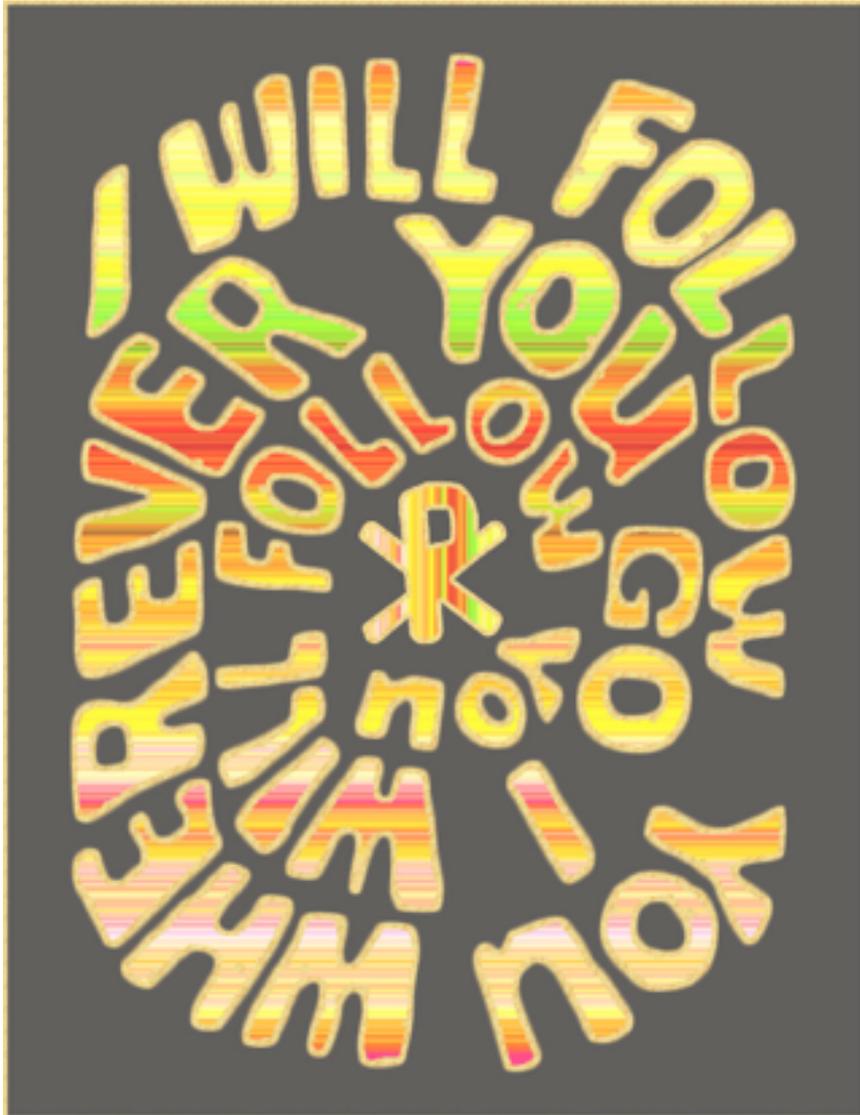


The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
26th June 2016



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HYMNS 105, 587 [Tune 617], 235, 595

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

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it. *Matthew 10.39*

THE COLLECT

O God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, the strength of the thoughts that seek you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14

[Elijah is taken up to heaven and Elisha receives his cloak and his spirit.]

A reading from the second book of Kings

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' And he replied, 'As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them walked on. Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?' 'Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,' Elisha replied. 'You have asked a difficult thing,' Elijah said, 'yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours – otherwise, it will not.' As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, 'My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!' And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two. Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. 'Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 77.1-2, 11-20

[The Psalmist cries out to God, remembering God's miraculous work in saving Israel through Moses and Aaron.]

Response: I will remember the works of the Lord.

Response Alan Rees
v. 11a I will re-mem-ber the works of the Lord.



I cry aloud to God; I cry aloud to God and he will hear me.
In the day of my trouble I have sought the Lord;
by night my hand is stretched out and does not tire;
my soul refuses comfort./R

I will remember the works of the Lord
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
I will meditate on all your works and ponder your mighty deeds.
Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God?/R

You are the God who worked wonders
and declared your power among the peoples.
With a mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and were afraid;
the depths also were troubled./R

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;
your arrows flashed on every side;
The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the ground; the earth trembled and shook./R

Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,
but your footsteps were not known.
You led your people like sheep by the hand of Moses and Aaron./R

SECOND READING

Galatians 5.1, 13-25

[Christ gives us freedom, but not as an excuse to engage in destructive behaviour. Rather, through Christ we receive the life-giving fruit of God's Spirit.]

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians

Paul writes, 'It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is

contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.!

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord, to whom | shall we go?

You have the words of e- | ternal life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 9.51-62

[Jesus calls many people, who all have reasons to delay or decline. Jesus proclaims that God's Reign calls us to choose now – to live it and proclaim it.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

God of the sacred presence, you call us into discipleship, urging us to journey to places unknown, where the road is hard and the going tough to bring about your kingdom. When we seek excuses, touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love, to give us courage to persevere. May you work in us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, restraint and self-control.

God of joy and peace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for the well-being of this fragile planet; for the preservation of its natural treasures; release us from the tyranny of greed and we pray for the wise and just sharing of its resources; for the people of Great Britain and the Eurozone as they seek to forge a new future; for those suffering drought in West Africa and those recovering from floods in West Virginia USA.

God of joy and peace, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for the peoples of the world suffering under tyrannical rule, for those threatened by war and terrorism; for the people of Syria and Fallujah in Iraq and for all refugees and asylum seekers fleeing intolerable conditions.

God of joy and peace, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, we pray for your worldwide church: for all who commit their lives to your service; for all who bring your love to others giving thanks for the work undertaken by the Mission Agencies in Australia; we pray for our Diocese; for John our Bishop; for our parish that through our hospitality and welcome others will find a home in your kingdom.

God of joy and peace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for Australia and for integrity for all seeking election; for those threatened and damaged by domestic violence; those in trouble or distress, for the lonely; those fearful of change and anxious for the future; may they know the freedom of trusting you, which brings liberation and opens up new possibilities; we pray for those held in detention, and for those organisations that seek to assist.

God of joy and peace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion, we pray for all those with whom we share our lives; for our family, friends and neighbours; for the needy of our community and those in financial hardship; for the sick and the suffering and those who mourn especially the Stevens family; we pray for those on our hearts this day 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, Valerie Wallis, Patrick Wallis, Eunice Downie, Susan, Leonie Upton, John Leonard, Lorraine Lipson, Glenn Turnbull.

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

God of joy and peace, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, we give you thanks for your faithful servants of every age; for those in whose lives we have seen the fruits of your spirit; we pray for the recently departed; for *Kenneth Morrison Stevens* and for those whose years mind occurs at this time;

26th Arthur Winnell; 27th Sadie Winnell, Steward Radford; 28th Rita Foster, Herbert Cook, Margaret Muston; 29th Joseph Milburn, Belle Minney; 30th Billie Hill; July 1st Nancy Diamond; 2nd Jack Byrne, Hilda Kirby, Ian Robertson, Margaret Burns, Robert Lang

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

God of joy and peace, **hear our prayer.**

God of sacred stillness, you know us through and through, our fears and our triumphs, and hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; be with each one of us and embrace us with your grace and love.

God of joy and peace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God we offer our prayers in faith and hope and love, hear us as we pray as our Lord has taught us; **Our Father in heaven....** [Pg 124]

Reflections on the Readings

The journey into living the values of God's Reign continues. In the last few weeks the emphasis has been on our need for forgiveness and God's resources, and we have confronted the ways that evil works in our world. This week the focus shifts to God's call for us to embrace the positive power of God's reign, and the difference it makes in the world. Elisha is called to be a prophet and follow Elijah's ministry. The Psalmist recognises God's saving work, and the way God leads God's people into the ways of life and life-bringing. In Galatians, Paul contrasts the destructive ways of evil and sin with the life-giving fruit of God's Spirit. And in Luke's Gospel, Jesus urgently calls all people to follow him and to live and proclaim God's reign immediately – not as some after-death hope, but as a world changing reality that we can experience and share now, right where we are. The work of justice, of standing against evil (the *via negativa*) can sometimes leave us feeling cynical and can cause us to embrace expediency as we work for goodness – believing that in the face of evil, we sometimes need to use evil means to achieve good ends. This week, the call is to a higher standard, to the *via positiva* of affirming God's goodness, grace, salvation and reign in our world, even in the midst of evil and suffering. This means that on a global scale, there is a need for voices that will call all to an appreciation and protection of goodness. In the corridors of power, good people need to stand for what is good – not partisan, expedient or “not bad”. In every community and every situation good people need to work to protect and proclaim what is good – natural wonders, our environment, places of hard work and great contribution to the world, places of healing and of caring for the marginalised. It is not just money that these people and organisations need. It is affirmation, support and recognition. It a celebration of the good that is being done. And it is in partnerships with others who will stand together to raise up goodness and demonstrate God's life-giving power. Christians are more often known for what we stand against, for the way we label

all sorts of things as sin, just because we're afraid or we don't understand. Too often we rage against the darkness, instead of responding to God's call to simply shine a light where we can. We therefore need to begin to be those who search out goodness wherever you may find it, whoever may be doing it, and celebrate it, acknowledge it, support and partner with it, so that we begin to be known for the goodness we stand for, rather than the badness we stand against. God is calling us to be the light in the darkness, to live and proclaim God's life-giving reign (the paths of life), and to raise up the power of goodness in our community and nation.

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Notices

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

Lay Ministry Licensing - Any person who has yet to complete the Licensing procedure please contact Revd Maryann to make an appointment.

Stamps for Mission - parishioners continue to leave stamps used and unused in the boxes in the Churches. The stamps provide considerable income for the Diocese's giving to ABM and last year over \$10,000 was raised. Please continue to give stamps especially as posted items are not as frequent as previous years. There is high demand for current Australian stamps.



Five Cent Coin collection for missions please collect your five cent coins and invite family and friends to contribute as well. Collecting receptacle at the back of the Church.

Giving Envelopes - If you use these envelopes, please take a box from the desk near the door, and begin to use them on the 3rd July.

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 the month: Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details

4th Sunday: 5pm Meditation Service Christ Church

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

Fourth week of June

Tuesday 28th 7.30pm Faith Enhancement Group, 13 The Parade, Broadford

Thursday 30th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday July 1st 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

1.00pm Fr David Valentin Induction Service Corryong

Saturday 2nd 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 3rd July 2016: Pentecost VII

2 Kings 5.1-14; Ps 30; Galatians 6.7-18; Luke 10.1-24

Christ Church	9am	Sung Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	Holy Eucharist

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