



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**10th July 2016**

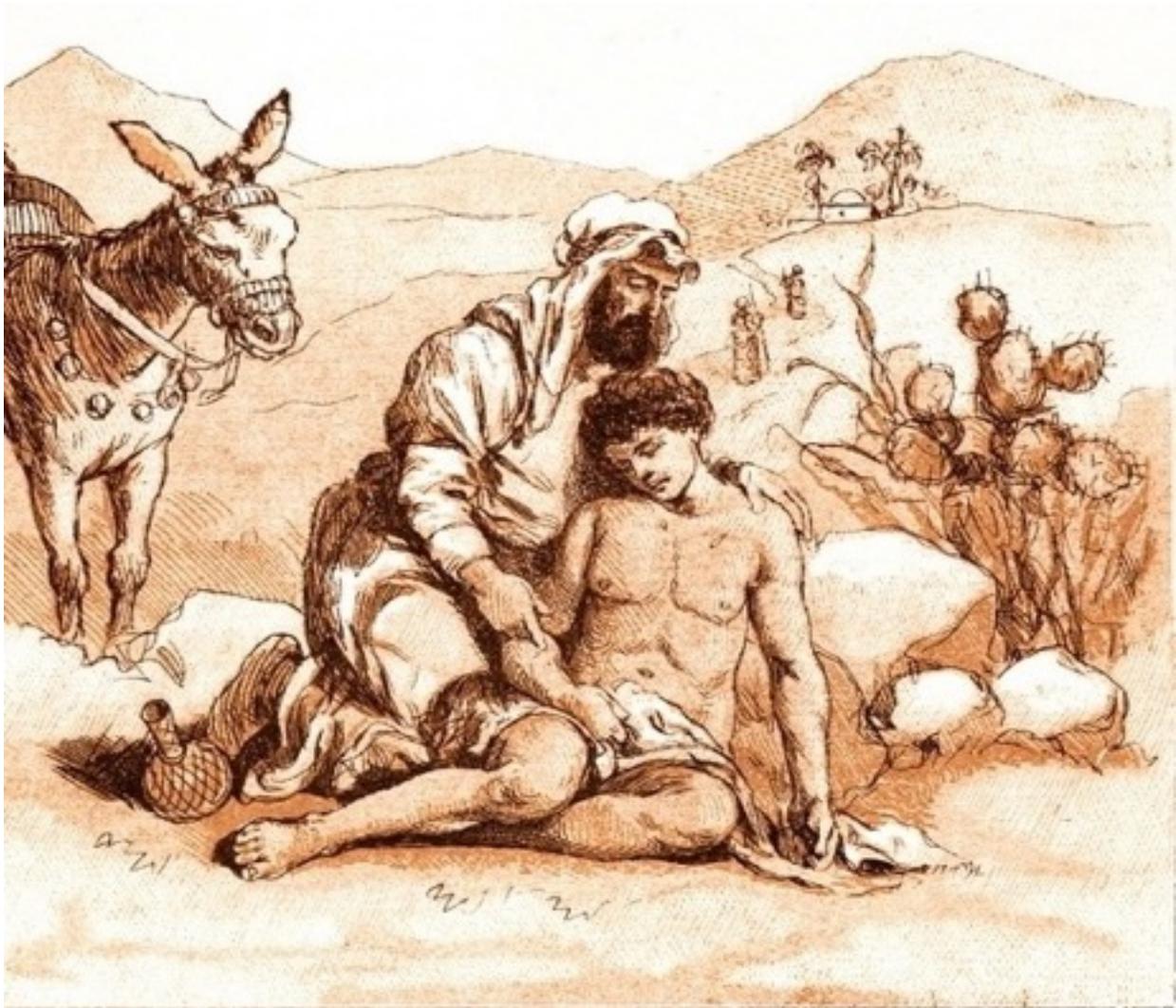


**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sea Sunday**

**HYMNS: 567, Pew Sheet, 650, 618**

*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

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. *Luke 6.31, 35*

## THE COLLECT

Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbours with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Amos 7.7-17**

[God gives Amos a vision of a plumb line, and prophesies that Israel is to be destroyed. When the high priest, Amaziah, tells Amos to go home and stop prophesying, Amos (the 'unprophet' – shepherd and farmer) speaks judgment on him as well.]

*A reading from the prophet Amos*

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord asked me, 'What do you see, Amos?' 'A plumb-line, I replied. Then the Lord said, 'Look, I am setting a plumb-line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. 'The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam. Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: 'Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. For this is what Amos is saying: 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.' Then Amaziah said to Amos, 'Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. Don't prophesy any more at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom. Amos answered Amaziah, 'I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' Now then, hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and stop preaching against the descendants of Isaac.' 'Therefore this is what the Lord says: 'Your wife will become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword. Your land will be measured and divided up, and you yourself will die in a pagan country. And Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

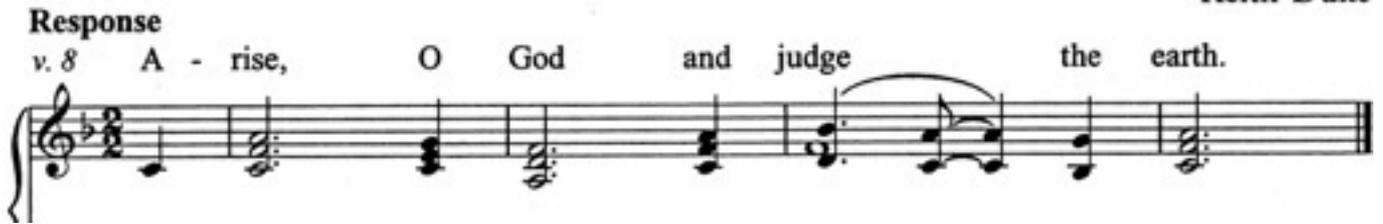
# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 82

[A prayer for God to judge oppressive rulers, because all nations belong to God.]

**Response: Arise, O God and judge the earth.**

Keith Duke



God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;  
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:

'How long will you judge unjustly  
and show such favour to the wicked?

'You were to judge the weak and the orphan;  
defend the right of the humble and needy;/R

'Rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

'They have no knowledge or wisdom;  
they walk on still in darkness:  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken./R

'Therefore I say that though you are gods  
and all of you children of the Most High,  
'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals  
and fall like one of their princes.'

Arise, O God and judge the earth,  
for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession./R

## SECOND READING

**Colossians 1.1-14**

[Paul's prayer for the Colossians to continue to grow in wisdom, strength and joy, and to enjoy the inheritance of freedom that God has made available through Christ.]

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians*

Paul writes, 'I, Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge

of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

You shall love the Lord your God with | all your heart,  
and your neighbour | as yourself.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 10. 25-37**

[In response to the question of how eternal life can be inherited, Jesus offers the Great Commandment, and then explains the practical outworking of this through the story of the Samaritan who helped the man beaten by robbers on the road to Jericho.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke*

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

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ~Teacher, he said, ~what must I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus said to him, ~What is written in the law? What do you read there? He answered, ~You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself. And he said to him, ~You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live. But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ~And who is my neighbour? Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

God of all love, deepen our love, so that we can see the world as you see it, feel the compassion you feel, and be a people whose lives mediate your love to others; give us the insight and compassion of the Good Samaritan to see the need in others, the wisdom to know what to do, and the will to do it.

God of all mercy, fill us with your love; **and hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens and the earth, we pray for our fragile planet and for all who create policies to protect the environment; for all who work to sustain its providence; for all seafarers who traverse the oceans, lakes and rivers; for those on the land; that their work, husbandry and wisdom may ensure the world's bounty.

God of all mercy, fill us with your love; **and hear our prayer.**

God of all truth and life, we pray for your church and its ministry of mercy and love; for those who chaplain seafarers and their families; for pastors and priests, bishops and deacons, as they seek to walk the Samaritan road; bless the ministry of our Bishop John, and for our parish that we may be ever mindful of your call to love justice for all.

God of all mercy, fill us with your love; **and hear our prayer.**

God of all justice, we pray for your world, your creation, your people; for those beaten and broken, for those stripped of dignity and left to die; for those vandalised by corruption and exploitation; we continue our prayer for those countries torn by violence, political instability, and sectarian conflict, especially Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and all who suffer devastation of homes and cities.

God of all mercy, fill us with your love; **and hear our prayer.**

God of all love; we pray for our nation and the first peoples of Australia; for our new government that it have the courage of its convictions and develop humane policies; for our community, our families and friends; for those we might cross the road to avoid; for those excluded socially because of their race, their financial status, or their history; we pray for refugees and asylum seekers and all held in detention.

God of all mercy, fill us with your love; **and hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion, open our eyes that we might see human need; guide our actions as we pray for all who suffer; for those in trouble, grief or strife; for the sick; for those whose bodies hurt and minds are disturbed; for the dying and those who care for them; for those on our hearts this day, and those who have requested prayer;

*Chris Schafer, Karen Goodger, Jean Evans, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Barbara Kaye, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Valerie Wallis, Patrick Wallis, Eunice Downie, Susan, Leonie Upton, Carey Bikoff, Lorraine Lipson, Cheryl Kenyon, Glenn Turnbull;*

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

God of all mercy, fill us with your love; **and hear our prayer**

God of all hope, we remember those who have died in your love, for those who died too soon and those who had no one to pray for them; for the recently departed for *Maxwell Arthur Brown*, and those whose years mind occur at this time. *10th Carrie Izod, Priscila Mulenga-Langhamu; 11th Thomas Rowe, Francis Chapman; 12th Harry Wilkie, Margaret Luckie; 13th Jim Still; 14th Rebecca Chapman, Phillis Climas; 15th Sydney Bradshan, Benjamin Baines, Olive Shaw, Keith Jenkins; 16th Joseph Heintz.* Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

God of all mercy, fill us with your love; **and hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, you urge us to love you with heart and soul and mind and strength; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; when we forget you, when we ignore those in need, fill us with your love so that we might 'go and do likewise' and stir us to hear anew the prayer your son Jesus Christ taught; **Our Father in heaven....** [Pg 124].

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### **The Good Samaritan [Tune Stuttgart TiS 349]**

1. Jesus told compelling stories;  
told to challenge, and refute  
many common-held opinions.  
What he said could cause dispute.

2. Once a Jew, attacked by robbers,  
lay with injuries severe;  
temple leaders pause a little.  
"Do not touch. Our law is clear."

3. So they pass, show no  
compassion;  
keep the Law's strict formula;  
then a stranger shows some pity;  
he was from Samaria.

4. Oil and wine for wounds, then  
dressings;  
taken to an inn for care.  
"Do not sell him into slavery.  
I will pay. On this I swear."

5. People list'ning to the story  
told by Jesus, would complain;  
"Foreign outcasts are not worthy  
of such praise.  
They should be slain!"

6. Everyone is deemed a neighbour;  
they need never know my name.  
Jesus' message, clear and simple;  
'I must go and do the same.'

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### **Reflections on the Readings**

It is a challenging exercise to hold the prophecy of Amos alongside the parable of the Good Samaritan, but this is what the readings do this week. On the one hand we find God's judgment expressed against God's unfaithful people who, as we know from biblical history and from other parts of Amos' prophecy, had neglected justice and mercy. The Psalm echoes these words in contrasting songs as well – judgment on oppressive and unjust rulers; blessing on the one who prays for God's guidance and the strength to follow God's commands. On the other hand, we have the way to life explained clearly and powerfully through the association of the Great Commandment with the parable of the Good Samaritan. The message is strong and clear – God asks one thing from God's people: to be people of love, mercy and justice. And, when we embrace this call, we will,

inevitably, know better relationships, and more peaceful and prosperous societies – not so much as a reward, but as a simple consequence of the work of love and justice that we have done in God’s strength. Essentially, in his prayer, Paul celebrates the way this has already happened for people who have responded to the Gospel, and prays for ongoing strength for the Colossian Church to continue to live this way and enjoy the fruit that such a life brings. If the plumb line is the sign of God’s measurement of God’s people, the Good Samaritan is the picture of what the plumb line is actually measuring. The power of the Gospel is revealed in Paul’s prayer – that those who embrace it find joy, strength and vibrant life in love for, and service of, others, in the fruit they bear for God’s Kingdom, and in the benefit people experience through this loving, serving community. What a pity that the Church is so often seen by those outside as hypocritical, judgmental and self-serving. What a pity that we have fallen into the trap of measuring spirituality and godliness by the same standards that society uses to measure worldly success – wealth and power. How different might our impact on the world be if we learned to assess ourselves not against the latest ‘technique’ or formula, but against God’s standard of love, compassion, justice and service? How different might our communities feel about us as Church if we were more other-centred, more willing to sacrifice not just money, but time and energy in making our communities more peaceful, equitable and whole? How attractive might communities of faith be if we actually lived what we proclaimed and sang and how would we measure up as a local church if we honestly and ruthlessly measured ourselves against God’s plumb line of justice and mercy?.

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## Notices

**Parish BBQ 12.30pm TODAY** - Host Ian Staring, Dockerys Road Tallarook: bring and share BBQ, salads and desserts - transport can be arranged -please contact warden or clergy.

**Revd Maryann will be on leave from Tuesday 12th - Wednesday 20th July**

**Front Door at Christ Church-** for reasons of public safety the front door will no longer be used to egress the church except in an emergency. Until further notice please use the side door on Church Street to access the church building.

**Lay Ministry Licensing** - Any person who has yet to complete the Licensing procedure please contact Revd Maryann or Fr Kim.



**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.

**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

Second week of July

Tuesday 12th 7.30pm Faith Enhancement Group 13 The Parade Broadford

Thursday 14th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 15th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 16th 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 17th July 2016: Pentecost IX**

Amos 7.7-17; Ps 92; Galatians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37

<b>Christ Church</b>	9am	Sung Eucharist
<b>St Matthews</b>	11am	Holy Eucharist
<b>St Stephens</b>	11am	Morning Prayer
<b>Transfiguration</b>	4pm	Holy Eucharist

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