



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
17th July 2016



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HYMNS: 693, 448, 242, 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

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength. *Isaiah 30.16*

THE COLLECT

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Amos 8.1-12

[Amos sees a vision of a basket of ripe fruit, which God explains indicates that Israel is ripe for judgement. Amos then prophesies God's judgement against the corruption of God's people, and the famine of hearing God's word that is to come.]

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos

This is what the Sovereign Lord showed me: a basket of ripe fruit. 'What do you see, Amos?' he asked. 'A basket of ripe fruit,' I answered. Then the Lord said to me, 'The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. 'In that day,' declares the Sovereign Lord, 'the songs in the temple will turn to wailing. Many, many bodies – flung everywhere! Silence!' Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?' – skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. The Lord has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: 'I will never forget anything they have done. 'Will not the land tremble for this, and all who live in it mourn? The whole land will rise like the Nile; it will be stirred up and then sink like the river of Egypt. 'In that day,' declares the Sovereign Lord, 'I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your religious festivals into mourning and all your singing into weeping. I will make all of you wear sackcloth and shave your heads. I will make that time like mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. 'The days are coming,' declares the Sovereign Lord, 'when I will send a famine through the land – not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 52

[David speaks words of judgement against Doeg, proclaiming that he will be punished for his lies, while David will prosper under God's care.]

Response: I trust in the goodness of God for ever.

Andrew Wright

Response
v. 8b I trust in the good-ness of God for e - ver.

Why do you glory in evil, you tyrant,
while the goodness of God endures continually?
You plot destruction, you deceiver;
your tongue is like a sharpened razor.
You love evil rather than good,
falsehood rather than the word of truth.
You love all words that hurt, O you deceitful tongue./R

Therefore God shall utterly bring you down;
he shall take you and pluck you out of your tent
and root you out of the land of the living.
The righteous shall see this and tremble;
they shall laugh you to scorn, and say:
'This is the one who did not take God for a refuge,
but trusted in great riches and relied upon wickedness.'/R

But I am like a spreading olive tree in the house of God;
I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.
I will always give thanks to you for what you have done;
I will hope in your name, for your faithful ones delight in it./R

SECOND READING

Colossians 1. 15-29

[Paul celebrates Christ as the visible image of God, the Creator and reconciler of all, and describes his ministry of proclaiming the Good News that leads us into relationship with God.]

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

Paul writes, "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death

to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fulness – the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.’

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Blessed are those who hold the word fast in an honest | and good heart,
and bear fruit with pa- | tient endurance.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10. 38-42

[Jesus is welcomed into the home of Mary and Martha. While Martha serves, Mary sits at Jesus’ feet – and he refuses to chide Mary for this as Martha requests.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now as Jesus and his disciples were on their way, they came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, ‘Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!’ ‘Martha, Martha,’ the Lord answered, ‘you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Living God, we invite you into our minds and hearts in this hushed moment of your sacred space. We listen for your invitation to forget our daily stress and to unwind in your embrace. You enfold us in your peace, extending beyond needless worries and everyday troubles. As Martha offers hospitality to the stranger and as Mary dwells on your son’s every word, may we learn from our sisters to be likewise your hands and heart in the world.

God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, hear us as we pray for your church that it may model a way of welcome and peace, and we especially pray for those who minister in places of danger and persecution; for the Anglican Witness resourcing evangelism in the Anglican Communion; for our Diocese and for John our Bishop; for our parish that we may be a community of welcome and hospitality as we proclaim your good news of love and justice.

God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world, that peace and justice prevail; for those threatened by political unrest, conflict and corruption; for the people of South Sudan, Iraq, Syria, and for the peoples of United States trying to resolve racial tensions; for the people of France, particularly the residents of Nice recovering from terrorist attack; for refugees and asylum seekers and all fleeing devastation.

God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, we pray for our country and community; for all tasked with governing that all may share with justice the resources of the land; that we may be a people that welcomes and extends generous hospitality to friends and strangers; pray for our families and friends and those with whom we work and learn; for this town and all who work and live here.

God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, for those without work and those without rest; for the lonely and for those who mourn; for the sick and suffering, for those who will die this day; we thank you for all who bring to others your compassion, care and practical support; we pray for those of concern to us 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 grace; **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the saints and the faithful who have shown us the way of love and hospitality; we pray for the recently departed and for those whose years mind occur at this time.

17th Cassie Scanlan, Pauline Javor; 18th Cecil Lane; 19th Jock Duncanson, Richard Sherwood; 20th Gladys Habgood; 21st Samuel Fullard, Sue Charles-Jones, Elizabeth Parry, Doris Allen; 22nd Leslie Neill, Alan Finlay, Robert Masters, Jessie Grace, Kerren Cookson, Maliki Kioko; 23rd Charles Russell, Byron Saunders, Keith Torrens.

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

God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

In every generation you have spoken through your prophets and you call us to be a people of hospitality and love, hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; grant us to know your grace and peace in all that we do and are.

God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

God our hope, may your blessing empower our thanksgiving and our prayer, for we put our trust in you the living God, risking disappointment, risking failure, working and waiting expectantly; and so with confidence we pray the prayer your son Jesus Christ taught; **Our Father in heaven....** [Pg 124].

Reflections on the Readings

Truth and lies; prophecies and the silencing of prophecy; sitting at Jesus' feet or serving; Christ as the image of God, and the Gospel as the saving message that reconciles us with God. This week it's all about God speaking, and the question of whether or not we want to listen. From the Gospel reading it is tempting, to create a dichotomy between listening and serving, hearing and doing, but the other readings don't allow this. Words, used as propaganda, mere rhetoric or to inspire, are a massive feature of today's media-driven world. So many messages label certain individuals or groups in certain ways. So many speakers claim to have the final word on certain situations or problems. So many speeches give little more than double-speak, finger-pointing or denial of responsibility. And, in spite of all of the words, little actually changes. Lives are not saved. Injustice is not exposed and removed. Peace is not created, and solutions are not found to our big crises. One could be forgiven for thinking that we are living in the times Amos spoke about where selfishness and corruption abound. But, God's is not absent. God's message has not changed since Jesus lived it and preached it. The essential message of the Gospel – integrity, compassion and justice – has not changed or been silenced. All that is required is for those of us who follow the message of Christ to speak up, in words that are supported by accompanying actions, to challenge the empty words of our time, and call our leaders and our peers to account. But so often because it is all too easy, we decide that we know what is needed, and what is to be done, without taking the time to listen. It is all too easy to speak, without taking the time to hear carefully and prayerfully, what God's message for us really is, or what the stories of those we seek to serve really are. To be a people who bring Christ's grace and justice into our communities, requires listening carefully, praying with the heart, and then acting justly, compassionately and with integrity. It means avoiding the temptation to assume that we know what people need and to resist the urge to fix things because we think we know best what is needed. Rather we will need to adopt the humility of Mary, the hospitality of Abraham and Martha, the commitment of Paul, the integrity of Amos, and the faithfulness of David, as we come alongside the people within and 'outside' of our churches, and speak, in listening and word and action, the Gospel message of Christ.

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Notices

Revd Maryann is on leave till Wednesday 20th July.

St Matthew's Friendship Group - *Christmas in July Luncheon*; 12pm Tuesday 19th July Bradford Top Pub; \$20 bring a gift for Anglicare. Enquires and bookings to Edie Simpson ph.5784 1246.

Next Sunday 5pm Mediation Service at Christ Church followed by Soup Supper at Rectory all welcome.

5th Sunday Service for Broadford and Tallarook will be an **11am Family Service at St Stephens**, combined with St Matthews.

Parish Directory with a blue cover is now available - directories with a yellow cover need to be discarded.

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.

Tip Tickets The Op Shop and Church waste management frequently utilises the Council tip. The tip (transfer station) charges have risen from \$15.50 to \$20. Mitchell Shire ratepayers will receive 3 complimentary tip tickets with their Rate Notices. If you do have no need of these tip tickets or any left from this current year please donate them to the Church - please inform to the Wardens.



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 7.30pm see notices for venue.

Parish life this week

Third week of July

Tuesday 19th	12.00pm St Matthew's Friendship Group luncheon - see notices 2.00pm Strategic Planning Wangaratta 5.00pm Bishop in Council Wangaratta
Wednesday 20th	7.30pm Parish Council @ Gavan Hall
Thursday 21st	10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade 11.30am Eucharist Caladenia 12.30pm Staff Meeting 4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 22nd	10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
Saturday 23rd	10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 24th July 2016: Pentecost X [17]

Hosea 1.2-10; Ps 85; Colossians 2.6-15; Luke 11.1-13

Christ Church	9am 5pm	Sung Eucharist Meditation Service
St Matthews	11am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day

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