



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**7th August 2016**



**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HYMNS: 454, 409, Pew sheet, 565**

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



*Introit Hymn*

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

I wait for the Lord; in his word is my hope. *Psalm 130.4*

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 1. 1,10-20**

[Isaiah prophesies against God's people, expressing God's displeasure at their worship and sacrifices while injustice remains among them. God invites the people to repent and confess, and if they do, God promises to cleanse and restore them.]

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah*

The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah! 'The multitude of your sacrifices – what are they to me?' says the Lord. 'I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations – I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. 'Come now, let us settle the matter,' says the Lord. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.' For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24

[God comes in judgement on God's people, inviting them to offer genuine sacrifices of thanksgiving, and promising God's salvation if they will do this]

**Response: Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

Gerry Fitzpatrick

Response

v. 6 Let the hea-vens de-clare his right-eous-ness, for God him-self is judge.



The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken  
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;  
our God comes and will not keep silence./R

Consuming fire goes out before him and a mighty tempest stirs about him.  
He calls the heaven above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:  
'Gather to me my faithful, who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'  
Let the heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge./R

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
'I will testify against you, O Israel; for I am God, your God.  
'I will not reprove you for your sacrifices,  
for your burnt offerings are always before me./R  
'You that forget God, consider this well,  
lest I tear you apart and there is none to deliver you.  
'Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me  
and to those who keep my way will I show the salvation of God./R

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

[Abraham is an example of faith, giving up his homeland and living as a foreigner in a strange land for the sake of a God-given inheritance.]

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were

heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

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**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Keep awake | and be ready,

for you do not know on what day your | Lord is coming.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL**

**Luke 12. 32-40**

[Jesus promises God's kingdom to those who follow Christ, inviting them to give up temporary, material security and wealth for heavenly security and riches. He encourages them to stay awake and be aware of God's coming.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke*

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Gracious and loving God, we come into your sacred presence knowing your generosity is extravagant, and we give thanks for the treasures gifted to us; teach us to be children of Abram, sharers of the blessings we enjoy.

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

God all nations we pray for the peoples of the world and safety for all involved in the Rio Olympics, and for all affected by this international event; for all impacted by terror and violence; for all who flee devastation and all who seek asylum; for all refugees held in detention and for the missing children in Europe; we pray to turn the hearts of all who would inflict terror and those who would traffic children.

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

God of the pilgrim people, we pray for your church; for our Bishop John and our parish clergy; for those who are young in the faith, those whose faith is strong, and those whose faith is faltering; God of faith we pray for our parish; help us to believe in your promises, follow your promptings, open our hearts and selves to your purpose and be ready to meet you in unexpected ways and places.

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

God of compassion, we pray for our community and give thanks for those who volunteer their time and gifts for other's benefit; for the unemployed, those struggling with financial issues, the homeless and those seeking sanctuary; we commend to you the sick, the elderly, those nearing death, for their carers and families; for all who grieve; for those who have requested prayer, may they all know your Spirit to bring healing and wholeness; we pray for;

*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, Carey Bickoff, Lorraine Lipson, Peter Dukes, Glenn Turnbull;*

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

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

Almighty God, we remember those who have died in the faith; for the recently departed and those who have no one to pray for them; and for those years mind occurring this week;

*7th Percival Ryan, Val Wilson, Ronald Brown, Vilma Payne; 8th Stanley Cooper, Erling Larsen, John Inness; 9th Thomas Chapman, Robyn Papworth; 10th Jonathan Schafer, Garry Nesbitt, Gregory Stewart, Colin Buck; 12th Barrie King; 13th Rita Elson, Glen Flanagan, Ken Izod, Violet Smith, Norman Wilkie.*

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

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

Lord Jesus, holy son of God, hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; may your coming find our doors open, our tables set, and all your people ready to greet you and help us to bring your promises into being in our world.

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

Accept the prayer we offer through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray;  
**Our Father .... [pg 124].**

## Hymn - The Times we Live in [Tune TiS 473]

1. These can be favoured times when  
life has dignity,  
When rule of law and human rights  
breed liberty;  
If justice is pursued,  
If truth is not subdued,  
If we decide to live in peace and har-  
mony.

2. These can be troubled times when  
God's reign is denied,  
If war and conflict are propelled by  
greed and pride;  
When grossly rich want more  
And thus deprive the poor,  
When evil bombs kill innocent  
through suicide.

3. These can be thrilling times when  
progress can give hope,  
If answers found excite and give us  
strength to cope;  
When knowledge can be free,  
When science helps us see,  
Yes. Ridding life of sickness is within  
our scope.

4. God is within our times and  
prompts us to undo  
The tragedies of yester-year and then  
pursue  
The peaceful and the fair  
By action and by prayer;  
God's reign continues in our times  
through what we do.

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### Reflections on the Readings

Today theme continues from last week. What is our treasure? Is it God's vision or our own self-interest? Do we labour for what is unimportant and turn our backs on love? Our treasure opens or closes us to deeper realities of grace and energy. In turning from our highest good, we close the door to the blessings God imagines and seeks for us. Much is made of the promises of God in some circles, but little is said about the 'cost' of receiving God's promises. Essentially this cost arises because God's promises are always offered to the community, not just to the individual. And so, Abram is promised innumerable descendants, but must give up his homeland to live among foreigners (as the Hebrews reading explains). In Isaiah's prophecy, God's people can be cleansed and restored, but they must embrace justice and mercy. In the Psalm, God's salvation is offered to those who, like Abram, will trust in God's mercy. Finally, Jesus promises the Kingdom to his followers, but they have to release their faith in human or material resources, and commit to remaining always awake and aware to God's coming – which is strongly linked with how we view and treat others. A great 'hook' for this week is the phrase "descendants of Abram"; and Abram's story is the model for the faith we are called to – a commitment to trust in God and a willingness to discover and share God's promises of grace and mercy in and with the "other", the foreigner, the marginalised, the ones who seek justice, the ones we are called to serve. When we embrace the view that God's blessings are primarily for individuals, and that wealth, power and beauty are signs of God's blessing, we will inevitably begin to strive for these "manifestations of blessing" for ourselves. The result is that all too often we grow selfish, self-centred, uncommitted to justice, and may even view poverty or suffering as signs of God's judgement. When we realise that God's blessings are always given to communities - to be shared with the least –

that in reality we have never really known God's blessing unless it brings justice, mercy and provision to all, especially the poor and weak – then our striving becomes sacrificial and generous. This idea of “communal blessing” speaks to the distribution of resources and rights in our world, and this then should guide us as we reflect on how we participate in civil processes.

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## Notices

**Monthly Parish BBQ** - Host needed for the BBQ next Sunday 14th August - this would be a soup and casserole lunch in keeping with the weather. Please let wardens or clergy know if you could host.

**Diocese of Wangaratta “2016 Spirit of Christmas” Artwork and Image Competition** - aspiring artists and photographers of all ages in the Diocese are invited to submit entries in the following categories Junior (4-12 years); Senior (13-18 years); Adult (19 years and over) on the theme of “**Spirit of Christmas**”. The competition opens on 8th August 2016. Entries will be accepted until 8th October 2016. See Clergy for entry forms and details.

**Caladenia Nursing Home 25th Anniversary Celebrations** 2pm Thursday 11th August - afternoon tea with residents, families and friends. All welcome.

**New Parish Initiatives** - following expressions of interest from parishioners the following initiatives are being launched.

**Prayer Group** 2.30pm 3rd Saturday of the month at St Matthew's Broadford to be led by Kathleen Taylor. First meet to be 20th August contact Kathleen 0433 902 190 or the parish clergy for more information. All welcome.

**‘Women's Business’** Sounds intriguing! A time of fellowship for the women of the Parish. A planning meeting 2pm Saturday 13th August Gavan Hall, with a delicious and over catered afternoon tea. Please contact Revd Maryann or Rebecca Jones 5784 4057 for more information and to RSVP for catering.

**Parish Playgroup** is being planned. If you have youngsters that would enjoy participating please contact Revd Maryann or Catherine Farrell 5787 1818 for more details.

**Christ Church Front Door** - a temporary door has now been fitted - thanks to Ian Staring and John Leonard for undertaking the work.



**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.

**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 August

Tuesday 9th 7.30pm Faith Enhancement Group 13 The Parade Broadford

Thursday 11th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

2.00pm 25th Anniversary Caladenia Nursing Home

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 12th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 13th 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 14th August 2016: Pentecost XIII [20]**

Isaiah 5.1-7; Ps 80.1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-59

<b>Christ Church</b>	9am	Sung Eucharist
<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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