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Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HYMNS: 611, Pew Sheet, 454, 140

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

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3.1*

THE COLLECT

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Hosea 11.1-1

[Judgement is prophesied for Israel because of the people's idolatry and unfaithfulness, but God's compassion and love for God's people makes judgement difficult for God, and so restoration is also promised.]

A reading from the prophet Hosea

‘When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. But the more they were called, the more they went away from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images. It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realise it was I who healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them ‘Will they not return to Egypt and will not Assyria rule over them because they refuse to repent? A sword will flash in their cities; it will devour their false prophets and put an end to their plans. My people are determined to turn from me. Even though they call me God Most High, I will by no means exalt them. ‘How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboyim? My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused. I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I devastate Ephraim again. For I am God, and not a man – the Holy One among you. I will not come against their cities. They will follow the Lord; he will roar like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west. They will come from Egypt, trembling like sparrows, from Assyria, fluttering like doves. I will settle them in their homes,’ declares the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 107,1-9, 43

Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

Response Andrew Wrigh
cf. v. 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gra - cious.



O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say this,

those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
And gathered out of the lands from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south./R

Some went astray in desert wastes and found no path to a city to dwell in.
Hungry and thirsty, their soul was fainting within them.
So they cried to the Lord in their trouble
and he delivered them from their distress./R

He set their feet on the right way till they came to a city to dwell in.
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness
and the wonders he does for his children.
For he satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with good.
Whoever is wise will ponder these things
and consider the loving-kindness of the Lord./R

SECOND READING

Colossians 3.1-11

[Because of Christ's life in us, we are called to prioritise the values of heaven over the values of earth, and to avoid the greed and lust that of "earth-bound" existence. Rather, recognising that we are all the same in Christ, we are to find our life in Christ, and seek to become like our God.]

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

Paul writes, 'Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Blessed are the | poor in spirit,
for theirs is the king- | dom of heaven

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[In warning against greed, Jesus tells a parable of a wealthy man who feels secure because of his great riches, but whose wealth becomes meaningless when he dies. Then Christ challenges us to seek a rich relationship with God instead of material riches.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Generous God, in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical. Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth, and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom, so that what we are, and do, and say, may be our gifts to you and be shared with neighbour and stranger.

Holy One, source of all goodness and blessing; **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, inspire in us your people the will to ensure the survival and well-being of the environment, so all may share with justice the abundance of the world’s resources; pray for peace in our troubled world; for those countries devastated by war and violence; for all who suffer atrocities of conflict; be with the peoples of Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Turkey, France, Germany and United States as they grieve the slain; we pray for all who would inflict terror upon others.

Holy One, source of all goodness and blessing; **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, we pray for your Church; for wise stewardship of its resources and for all with the responsibility for finances; give power to our leaders to trust you to provide what is needed to meet the needs of your people; for our Diocese, for Bishop John and for a spirit of generosity in our parish so that we may continue the mission you have called us to undertake in your name.

Holy One, source of all goodness and blessing; **hear our prayer.**

Pray for our country and for those tasked with governing with compassion and justice; pray for the homeless, the poor and the needy and those who seek asylum; for those in prison and those held in detention.

Holy One, source of all goodness and blessing; **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, we commend to your continual care the community in which your people live; may we constantly see the face of your son in the people around us;

Holy One, source of all goodness and blessing; **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, we pray for those who suffer; fill our hearts with compassion for those in mental or physical pain, for the sick and the distressed, for the dying and those who wait with them, give us awareness of those in need and those who have requested prayer; help us find ways to support them; 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, Glenn Turnbull;

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

Holy One, source of all goodness and blessing; **hear our prayer**

Generous God, from whom neither life nor death can separate those who trust in your love, we pray for the recently departed, for those with no one to pray for them, and for those years mind occurring at this time:

31st Win Hix, Eric Cowley; Aug 1st Roy Parker, Nadine Smith; 2nd Ethel Winnell, Bernard Cheasley; 3rd Leslie Hungerford, Joyce Glanville, Donald Dawson; 4th Maureen Hoban, William Mooney; 5th Fred Ambler; 6th Roma Nichols.

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

Holy One, source of all goodness and blessing; **hear our prayer**

God of all grace, you urge us to love you with heart and soul and mind and strength and our neighbours as ourselves; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; help us balance our desire for riches of this world with your offer of life in abundance. We pray our prayer in the name of your son Jesus Christ who taught us to pray; **Our Father in heaven....** [Pg 124].

Hymn Bigger Barns [Tune TiS 211(i)]

"Bigger barns are what I need!" So a rich man said one day.

"From my worries I'll be free when my wealth is stored away."

"Fool!" God said, "Today you'll die! Will your wealth mean anything?"

All life's blessings really lie in my life that wealth can't bring."

"Bigger barns are what we need for our money, gadgets, more!"

Lord, we're tempted to believe having wealth, we'll be secure!

Somewhere children cry for food or to have a doctor's care.

Can our bigger barns be good when poor neighbours know despair?

God of love, we long to know what will make us truly blest.

Jesus taught us long ago wealth won't give us peace or rest.

You are our security! Safe in you, we serve, O Lord.

May we find we're rich indeed when we're sharing with the poor.

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Reflections on the Readings

The theme of this week's readings is not hard to discern – all of the readings contrast a life of dependence on wealth with the life of dependence on God. The Apostle in Colossians and Jesus warn against greed and speak about the danger of making wealth our goal and our security. In Hosea and in Psalm 107, God's salvation and care is promised, even when God's people have needed to be disciplined and corrected. When it comes to making our way in the world, the quest for money too easily becomes an end in itself, and will ultimately lead us into destruction, and to bringing suffering on ourselves and others. However, when life is found in our relationship with God, and in basing our lives on the values of God's reign, we bring life and joy to ourselves and others, and our lives have eternal value. Ultimately, we all need to choose the priorities by which we will live. So much of the suffering and injustice in our world can be traced to the quest for money and to the greed of certain individuals or groups. The ongoing pain from the global economic crisis, the ecological challenges posed by our dependence on fossil fuels, the war and violence which arises between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots' (so often justified as a "protection of interests"), the debates around health care, immigration and climate change – all have strong, albeit often hidden, financial agendas intertwined within the other issues. We have recently endured an election campaign that brought these issues to the surface of our political debate. The challenge is to recognise the powerful, and often destructive, role that money plays in global affairs, and to challenge our world leaders, our business leaders and ourselves to embrace a financial ethic of sharing and giving, over accumulating and 'protecting'. Ultimately, in a world where economic performance is measured quarterly, it will be difficult to begin to embrace an eternal view of wealth, but if the voices of Christ-followers remain silent on this difficult, prophetic, Gospel call, all hope of a more just and equitable world is lost. For the way we view, earn and use money in our churches, families and individual lives, is a window into how we understand and live the Gospel. Too often there is little difference between the economic values of the "world" and those of the "Church". Too often we spend (or hoard) money selfishly, and measure success by the accumulation of wealth – somehow falling into the trap of seeing wealth as a sign of God's blessing – while ministry to the poor, the marginalised and the vulnerable is left undone or poorly resourced. Apart from sexuality, perhaps, money is the issue that we deal with least helpfully and honestly in the church, and yet it is a primary issue in the Scriptures. Dependence on God sounds like a quaint, outdated and unrealistic way of living in today's wealth-focussed world. Simplicity is all too often equated with stupidity and a "sour-grapes" attitude. The imbalance between the rich and the poor, and the unequal way that the world's resources are shared and used, are all justified – often with biblical support. We often pray for the equitable sharing of the earth's resources, but leave it to others to bring this about. But, if we will allow the Gospel to challenge us and change us, we will find our hands opening, our trust moving from wealth to God, and our lives shifting from accumulation and protection, to sharing and giving.

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Notices

Monthly Parish BBQ - thanks to Ian Staring for hosting the last BBQ a great time had by many. Hosts are needed for next BBQ Sunday 14th August - this would be a soup and casserole lunch in keeping with the weather. Please let wardens or clergy know if you would like to host.

Knitters! Thank you to all parishioners who have been making squares for the Assumption College/St Vincent de Paul winter appeal. Beanies for East Timor are also needed. These can be a simple pattern and preferably bright colours. These will be needed by the end of August. Please contact Caroline if you need any further information. Squares are also still required, so keep knitting!

Stamps for Mission - parishioners continue to leave stamps used and unused in the boxes in the Churches. The stamps provide funds to support the Diocese's giving to ABM. Please continue to give stamps especially as posted items are not as frequent as previous years.



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

First week of August

Wednesday 3rd Aug 7.30pm Property Committee meeting @ Christ Church

Thursday 4th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

11.30am Eucharist Caladenia

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 5th 11.00am Deanery Meeting

10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 6th 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 7th August 2016: Pentecost XII [19]

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

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

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