



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**21st August 2016**



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**HYMNS: 569, 679, 638, 665**

*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 forever.**

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

You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust from my youth. Upon you have I leaned since my birth. *Psalm 71.5-6*

## THE COLLECT

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 1. 4-10**

[Jeremiah is called by God to be a prophet, but protests that he is too young. God promises to put God's words into Jeremiah's mouth.]

*A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah*

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.' 'Alas, Sovereign Lord,' I said, 'I do not know how to speak; I am too young.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am too young." You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,' declares the Lord. Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, 'I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 71.1-6**

[A prayer for God's protection and care.]

**Response: You, O Lord, are my confidence and hope.**

Geoff Nobes

**Response**  
*cf. v. 5* You, O Lord, are my con - fi - dence and hope.

In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me./R

Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort;  
send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor./R

For you are my hope, O Lord God,  
my confidence, even from my youth.  
Upon you have I leaned from my birth,  
when you drew me from my mother's womb;  
my praise shall be always of you./R

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 12.18-29

[Unlike the people of Israel who were afraid of God's appearing at the mountain, followers of Christ have been invited into God's grace and the joyous community of worship in Christ. We have received an unshakeable kingdom, and must be careful to listen to Christ's words, and worship God in thankfulness.]

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.' The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, 'I am trembling with fear.' But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, 'Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.' The words 'once more' indicate the removing of what can be shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire.'

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The crowd | was rejoicing  
at the wonderful things that Je- | sus was doing.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

[Jesus heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath, incurring the criticism of the synagogue leader. Jesus points out that everyone 'works' on the Sabbath, and that it is right and good that she should be freed.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke*

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

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Living, liberating God, we give you thanks that you come to free us from all that binds and restricts us; we pray for the peoples of the world especially those weighed down by disaster, oppression, violence and war; we pray for the peoples of Iraq, Syria, South Sudan, Yemen, Turkey and Afghanistan; those in California threatened by wild fires and in Louisiana dealing with extreme flooding.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living, liberating God, we pray for your Church that it may be freed from the bondage of loveless legalism; for the Anglican Church in Kenya and the ABM programs for food security, leadership and education; for our Bishop John; for our parish, that our hearts and minds be open to your grace so that we become bearers of your love.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living, liberating God, we pray for those we love and those we meet in our daily lives; for those exhausted by responsibilities and demands beyond their strength; for those shamed by circumstances beyond their control; for those burdened with sickness and pain of body and spirit; those crippled with grief and despair; and those who have no one to share their trials; may our prayer bring relief and peace to those in need; we pray for those known 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, Carey Bickoff, Lorraine Lipson, Peter Dukes, Glenn Turnbull;*

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living, liberating God, you came to give us life in your death and rising; we remember all those killed in the Vietnam War and pray for the recently departed and for those years mind occurring this week.

*21st Margaret Williams; 23rd Jack Woods, Amelia Moore; 24th Ronald Matthews; 25th Charles Smith; 26th Stephen Smith; 27th Kathleen Craker.*

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

Living, liberating God, you promise freedom to those who put their trust in your love and mercy; we pray for ourselves and those love; we pray with expectant hearts in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray; **Our Father ... [pg 124]**

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### Reflections on the Readings

God is near, the words of Jeremiah proclaim. But, is God's providence abstract and timeless, decided before the beginning of time, or does it emerge in concrete situations where there is a dance of divine call and human response, and human call and divine response? At first glance, Jeremiah's call suggests a timeless or prenatal call, but a deeper look sees the birth and life of Jeremiah as part of the concrete history of a people. God's providence is in the process, and our openness to God's grace occurs in real time, not in some predetermined future. Still, we can imagine an arc of providence that begins before we were born and into which we are drawn. Providence is gentle, and increases rather than decreases our freedom and vision of options. When Jeremiah says "yes" to God, a whole world of possibilities emerges. His "yes" opens him to new and greater divine energies. His "yes" is echoed in those who have said "yes" through the ages, the great prophets, priests and kings, the "yeses" of Mary, of John the Baptist, of Jesus and the disciples and of all the holy men and women of all generations - to those of us today who say "yes" to the providence of the Holy One. Jesus says "YES" to a woman and cures her on the Sabbath. The religious leaders assume that only certain days are providential. Others are off limits to hospitality and healing. Jesus' healing acts invite us to see every place as a healing place and every moment as the right moment for creative transformation. Providence is broadcast everywhere without limits or exclusion. This is the day that God has made; this is the day of healing and transformation; and this day is every day. Providence, the scriptures suggest, is always concrete, and this moment in the synagogue, on a Sabbath, might have been the only time divine call and human response would be aligned in such a way that his woman would find a healing. The "now" of healing is always concrete. God's vision of Shalom, Wholeness, Love, and Justice, define God's eternal providence; but the working out of providence is always temporal, fresh, many-faceted, to be realised in this day and every day as it emerges from the interplay of God's vision and our need.

*Adapted from Bruce G. Epperly (2013) <http://patheos.com>*

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# Notices

**Monthly Parish BBQ** - Thanks to Beris Hannam, who hosted the soup and casserole lunch last Sunday for a happy crowd of 14 parishioners.

**Clergy absence** - Revd Maryann Leonard will be out of the Parish Thursday 18 - Monday 22nd August.

**NEXT Sunday** 5pm Meditation Service Christ Church

**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 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.

**Parish Playgroup** planning meeting 2.00pm this Saturday contact Revd Maryann for details.

**Christ Church Rosters** - new rosters can be collected from the narthex

**Chris Schafer Appreciation Appeal** - Parish Council resolved to launch an appeal to raise funds to have struck a plaque to recognise the contribution to music made by Chris as organist over many years. Envelopes are at the back of the Church.

**Parish Directory Correction-** please correct the phone number for Len and Robyn Whitehouse should read 5781 1185.



**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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September	4	Mission Sunday
	25	St Matthew's Feast of Title
October	15	Bunnings BBQ (volunteers needed)
	29	Men's Breakfast (TBC)
November	1	Melbourne Cup Mission Luncheon
	6	Bishop visits - organ recital Christ Church
	20	Parish AGM
December	3	Christmas Fete St Matthews
	11	Festival of Carols Christ Church
	18	Community Carols St Stephens

# 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.

**3rd Saturday:** 2.30pm Prayer Group, St Matthew's Broadford

## Parish life this week

Fourth week of August

Thursday 25th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's Broadford

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 26th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 27th 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

2.00pm Play group meeting

## SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 28th August 2016: Pentecost XV [22]**

Jeremiah 2.4-13; Ps 81.1, 10-16; Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1, 7-14

<b>Christ Church</b>	9am 5pm	Sung Eucharist Meditation Service
<b>St Matthew's</b>	11am	Holy Eucharist
<b>St Stephen's</b>	11am	Holy Eucharist
<b>Transfiguration</b>	4pm	No service this day

## Parish Clergy

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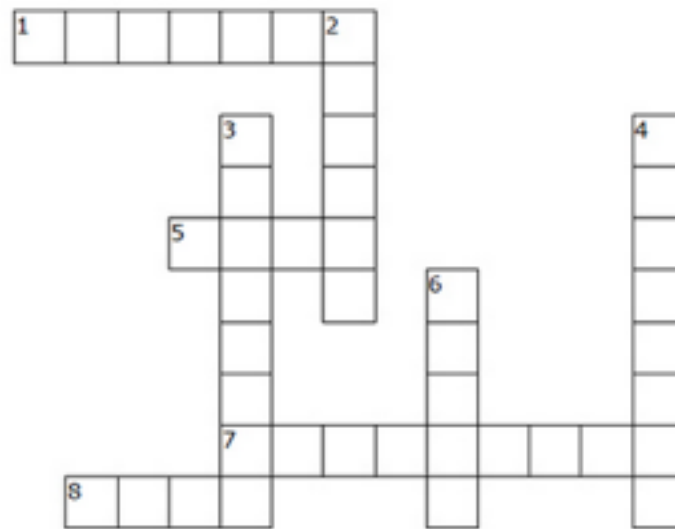


Parishioners and visitors are advised that photographs may be taken of activities in the Parish from time to time for use on Parish website, Facebook and for publication in the Advocate. If you do not wish to be included in a photo please stand clear of the group at the time. Photos are never taken without a warning.

# Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Luke 13:12-13

Based on Luke 13:10-17



## ACROSS

1. The day set aside for rest and worship
5. Not limited or controlled by anything
7. A person who pretends to be what he is not
8. To be changed from an originally straight position

## DOWN

2. To be cured from illness or injury
3. Not bent or curved
4. To be disabled, especially in the feet, legs, or back
6. To instruct or give knowledge to another person

FREE BENT	TEACH HYPOCRITE	HEALED SABBATH	STRAIGHT CRIPPLED
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Let's praise Jesus!