



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
25th September 2016



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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



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

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. *James 5.16*

THE COLLECT

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15

[In spite of his prophecies of the destruction of Judah, Jeremiah buys his cousin's field and proclaims God's word that people will again buy property in the land of Judah.]

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was confined in the courtyard of the guard in the royal palace of Judah. Now Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him there, saying, 'Why do you prophesy as you do? You say, "This is what the Lord says: I am about to give this city into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it. Jeremiah said, 'The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it." 'Then, just as the Lord had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, "Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself." 'I knew that this was the word of the Lord; so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. I took the deed of purchase – the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy – and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard. 'In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: "This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so that they will last a long time. For this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16

[God promises refuge, protection and long life to those who trust in God.]

Response: You are my God in whom I trust.

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I put my trust.'/R

For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
He shall cover you with his wings
and you shall be safe under his feathers;
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler./R

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday./R

Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name./R

They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation./R

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6.6-19

[Followers of Christ are encouraged to be content with what they have, not to strive after wealth, and to share generously with others.]

A reading from Paul's letter to Timothy

Paul writes, 'Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable

light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen. Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.'

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he | became poor, so that by his poverty you might | become rich.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 9. 9-13

[Jesus tells a parable about a wealthy man who failed to share with the poor beggar outside of his gates, and who finds himself in torment after death, while Lazarus, the beggar, finds himself in comfort.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus told this parable to the disciples, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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Petitions

- Peoples of Syria, Pakistan, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Somalia
- For refugees and asylum seekers and those held in detention
- All those impact by the floods across the State
- For our Bishop John overseas at this time and for our parish
- All those congregations celebrating the St Matthew's Feast of Title
- we pray for those in need and those who have requested prayer;

Chris Schafer, Karen Goodger, Jean Evans, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Barbara Kaye, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Eunice Downie, Susan, Carey Bickoff, Lorraine Lipson;

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

For the faithful departed for *Gary Mooney* and for those years mind occurring at this time; *25th Albert Mooney, Beryl Sheppard; 26th Archie Haddock; 27th Neal Streatfeild; 28th Thelma Wassbrum, Nellie Stafford; 29th Russell Baker, Jim Bushell; 30th Jim Edwards, Bruce Mitchell; Oct 1st Keith Smith.*

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

God of Saints and sinners, you have promised to hear us when we ask in your name, hear us as we pray for ourselves; grant that what we have asked for we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray; **Our Father ...**

Reflection on the readings

In a continuation of last week's themes, the subject of money is revisited, but this time, it is connected with the ideas of compassion and generosity. In a generous act of optimism, Jeremiah buys his cousin's land, even though he knows that Judah will be conquered. The Psalm stresses the importance of trusting God rather than people or things, and letter to Timothy warns against seeking to accumulate wealth for its own sake. Finally, in a dramatic parable, Jesus contrasts the consequence of wealth that is not shared with the plight, and salvation of the poor. There is no question, in the light of this, that God is "on the side" of the poor, that God calls us to put our trust in God, and that wealth is to be shared and distributed equitably. For those of us who are among the wealthy, which pretty much includes anyone who reading this, God's word is direct and challenging – the poor need our faith, our generosity and our voice which challenges the wealthy to share. But, they also need our optimism, and the prophetic voice that trusts in God's purposes over human wisdom or systems. Systems of inequity and injustice are sustained because individuals don't know how to contribute to change. When it comes to addressing poverty, the quest is to offer those who suffer dignity, hope, and networks that can enable them to move out of their poverty and into sustainable livelihoods. For followers of Christ that may mean befriending someone who is poor, or partnering as a community with a less advantaged community. It may mean offering time and abilities to work in shelters, or projects that make a difference. It may mean being more careful about how we use our money, and investing in projects that uplift and support the poor. It may mean simply learning to resist the urge to buy more than we need, and it may mean working to change any laws or practices that disadvantage the poor, the weak and the marginalised. For sure the poor will always be with us but we are called to alleviate suffering wherever possible.

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Notices

PLEASE NOTE DAYLIGHT SAVING COMMENCES NEXT SUNDAY

Put clocks FORWARD one hour Saturday night.

Clergy Leave - Fr Kim will be on leave 1st October - 1st November- Revd Maryann Leonard is Locum Priest for the period.

Request for Prayer List please confirm the names on the prayer list by the end of September. New names can be added at any time - it is necessary to have the permission of the person being prayed for before they can be added - please inform the clergy of any names.

Parish Fete St Matthews Broadford, Saturday, 10th December - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE (due to the Kilmore Show);

Time now to pot up cuttings for the plant stall, make preserves, jams and start to fill bottles for the bottles stall. Enquires contact Edie Simpson, 57841246, or John Patterson, 57843284.



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.

Bunnings Craigieburn BBQ 15th October - volunteers required please contact Robyn 57811185 if you can assist.

Five Cent Coin and postage stamps collection for missions please invite family and friends to contribute their coins and stamps as well. Collecting receptacles 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

October	15	Bunnings BBQ (volunteer still needed)
	29	Men's Breakfast (TBC)
November	1	Melbourne Cup Mission Luncheon
	6	Bishop visits - organ recital Christ Church
	13	Parish AGM
December	10	Christmas Parish 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

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

Wednesday 28th 10.00am Eucharist Euroa

Thursday 29th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews
10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
11.30am Eucharist Caladenia
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 30th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 1st Oct 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 2nd October 2016: Pentecost XX [27]

Lamentations 1.1-6; Ps 137; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10

Christ Church	9am	Holy Communion
St Matthew's	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen's	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	Holy Eucharist

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