



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta

## **The Parish of Kilmore**

With Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

**2nd October 2016**

### **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**



**HYMNS: 414, 619, 154, 571**

*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

‘Who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? But I am among you,’ says the Lord, ‘as one who serves.’ *Luke 22.27*

## THE COLLECT

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervour we may love our neighbours and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reign with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

### Lamentations 1.1-6

[While Jerusalem has been devastated and the people of Judah have been conquered – their former glory and pride lost in their humiliation – God remains compassionate, God’s mercies are new every day, and those who remain can continue to wait for God’s salvation.]

*A reading from the book of Lamentations*

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations! She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave. Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are on her cheeks. Among all her lovers there is no one to comfort her. All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies. After affliction and harsh labour, Judah has gone into exile. She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place. All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed festivals. All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan, her young women grieve, and she is in bitter anguish. Her foes have become her masters; her enemies are at ease. The Lord has brought her grief because of her many sins. Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe. All the splendour has departed from Daughter Zion. Her princes are like deer that find no pasture; in weakness they have fled before the pursuer.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Psalm 137

[ A Psalm of grief for the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile of God’s people.]

**Response: How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?.**

### Response

Simon Lesley

v. 4 How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?



By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,  
when we remembered Zion.

As for our lyres, we hung them up  
on the willows that grow in that land./R

For there our captors asked for a song,  
our tormentors called for mirth:  
'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'/R

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land  
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand forget its skill./R

Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you,  
if I set not Jerusalem above my highest joy./R

## SECOND READING

## 2 Timothy 1.1-14

[Paul celebrates Timothy's ancestry in the faith, and encourages him to stay true to Paul's teachings about Christ and the way of Christ, even to the point of being prepared to suffer for the sake of the Gospel.]

*A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy*

Paul writes, 'I, Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The word of the Lord en- | dures forever.

That word is the good news that was an- | nounced to you.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Luke 17.5-10

[Jesus explains the immense impact that even small measures of faith can have, and encourages his followers not to expect reward for simply doing what should be considered their duty as they seek to serve God and follow Christ.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke*

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

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Holy God, this Kingdom of yours, is so often hidden in the ordinary stuff that makes up our everyday lives; like yeast in a loaf of bread, like a tiny seed that imperceptibly sprouts and grows in the secret, unseen place; and while we may miss it, or doubt it, or wonder why it appears weak in the face of evil, this Kingdom of yours exerts an inexorable influence on us; yet you call us to to love and serve and connect in ways that leave us and our world different, more alive, more real, more whole.

Lord, increase our faith: **and hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we pray for the peoples of the world, mindful of those who seek after peace and an end to senseless and cruel suffering, especially for the people of Aleppo in Syria, for the people of Iraq, Libya, Yemen. Afghanistan, Pakistan, Turkey and South Sudan; we pray for all refugees and asylum seekers and those held in detention.

Lord, increase our faith: **and hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we thank you for the peace we enjoy in Australia.; may our leaders be blessed with the wisdom to rule well so people do not fear one another, and people of different races can live in harmony with one another.

Lord, increase our faith: **and hear our prayer.**

Holy God, bless your church through your Holy Spirit; may your Spirit give us the courage to speak up for you and never be ashamed to call you our God; we pray for Bishop John and our parish so that following your blessed servant St Francis of Assisi, we have the courage to tell people about your love, and about the Good News of new life that flows to us from Jesus Christ.

Lord, increase our faith: **and hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we give thanks for the faith you have sown in us: small as a mustard seed, but powerful enough to bring us complete forgiveness, and eternal life with you. We thank you for the faith that enables us to serve you in the world, where we can minister to others, especially those who need a helping hand. Have mercy on those who are out of work, families who are struggling to survive, the sick and the disabled, and those who suffer evil at the hands of those closest to them; 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, Eunice Downie, Susan, Carey Bickoff, Lorraine Lipson;*  
We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

Lord, increase our faith: **and hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you are always ready to welcome the faithful into your eternal presence; we pray for this who have died in the faith; the recently departed and those years mind occurring at this time;

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

Lord, increase our faith: **and hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you have called us to be your servants in the world; hear us as we pray for ourselves .....; give us the faith we need for this task, and hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

---

### **Reflection on the readings**

The readings this week offer a fascinating juxtaposition of ideas. The Old Testament and Psalm readings all explore the pain and humiliation of God's people when they are defeated, conquered and exiled, and as they long for forgiveness restoration and salvation. Even Psalm 37 deals with similar issues, albeit in a more generalised way, speaking of the pain and confusion that arises when destructive or evil people prosper, and the difficult work of faith and patience in God's action on behalf of those who trust God's ways. The New Testament readings, on the other hand, explore the impact that a life of simple, ordinary faith can have, and the attitude of humble servanthood which expects no undue reward for simply living faithfully. In essence, both Testaments are saying the same thing this week. In a world where bad things happen to good people, and where it often appears that the lawless and 'godless' get the best, it can be tough to live in faith and faithfulness. Justice can take a long time to come, and it can be tempting to use any means – however undesirable – to achieve what we long for. This applies even when our goal is to manifest God's reign. However, as we live in faithfulness, and pass our faith on to others who come after us, the small, ordinary acts of goodness and justice that we do each day, the small faithful commitments to our convictions that we renew each day, really do 'move mountains' and change the world, little by little, into a place where God's salvation is visibly revealed.

*Adapted from John van de Laar (2016). © Sacredise - [www.sacredise.com](http://www.sacredise.com)*

---

# Notices

**Clergy Leave** - Fr Kim is on leave until 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.

**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 5th 7.30pm Property Committee @ Christ Church

Thursday 6th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews  
10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade  
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 7th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 8th 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 9th October 2016: Pentecost XXI [28]**

Jeremiah 29.1,4-7; Ps 66.1-11; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-10

<b>Christ Church</b>	9am	Holy Communion
<b>St Matthew's</b>	11am	Morning Prayer
<b>St Stephen's</b>	11am	Holy Eucharist
<b>Transfiguration</b>	4pm	No service this day

### Parish Clergy

**Rector** Revd Dr Kim Benton, 9 Union Street, Kilmore, 3764 Ph 5782 1155  
m 0407 569 343; rector@anglicankilmore.org.au - **ON LEAVE**

**Hon Associate Priest** Revd Maryann Leonard, Piva House, 78 High Street,  
Broadford, 3658; Ph 5784 3007; m 0439 066 553;  
associatepriest@anglicankilmore.org.au

**Priest (PTO)** Fr John Young, 9/40 Powlett St, Broadford, 3658 Ph 5784 2224

P O Box 289 Kilmore 3764

Visit our website [www.anglicankilmore.org.au](http://www.anglicankilmore.org.au)

Follow us on FaceBook



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.

E	D	R	A	S	T	U	M	O	S
D	E	T	O	O	R	P	U	Y	S
S	H	E	E	T	F	D	R	S	H
O	D	T	N	A	V	R	E	S	E
P	I	L	I	E	E	A	E	A	P
E	E	T	E	B	A	T	R	E	E
H	H	E	L	I	M	S	T	A	E
S	O	U	H	E	F	U	E	S	P
A	M	B	A	S	A	M	S	E	A
M	U	L	B	R	E	R	R	Y	D

FAITH	MUSTARD	SEED
MULBERRY	TREE	UPROOTED
EAT	SEA	SERVANT
SHEEP	FIELDS	MEAL

