

**15th January 2017**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**Hymns: 242, 658, Pewsheet, 584, 560(i)**



**Behold the Lamb of God**

*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.*

Dear people of God in this place, in the book of Ecclesiastes, the Preacher writes the following verses:

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to seek, and a time to lose...."

Our Honorary Assistant Priest, the Revd Maryann Leonard, is leaving us to take up another call in her life. Today, therefore, it is a time to mark the ending of her ministry here in the Parish of Kilmore with Broadford, Tallarook and Pyalong; a time to look back, and a time to look forward; a time for joy, and a time for sadness. It is also a time to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for what Revd Maryann has given us in our lives together.

come Blessed be God.

**And blessed be his holy name.**

The Lord makes everything beautiful in its time.

**Whatever God does endures forever.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**And forget not all his benefits.**

Bless the Lord, all you hosts:

**You ministers who do God's will.**

Bless the Lord, all you works, in all places of his dominion.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

For everything there is a season; a time to come, and a time to go. Yet the Spirit blows where it will; and for those who are led by the Spirit, they must follow. God has blessed this parish with 18 months of ministry by Revd Maryann. She was appointed by the Bishop as our Curate, our co-worker in Christ, our counsellor, our teacher, our friend, and our priest. With joy and sadness, we mark and celebrate the ending of her ministry with us.

*The Revd Maryann addresses the people.*

People of God, I was called and appointed to serve in this place, and now God has seen fit to lead me to another stage in my life and service. I praise God for the time which we have shared together. I have known your love and your patience. You have ministered to me as I have ministered to you. You have been my teacher as I have been yours. You have forgiven me as I have forgiven you. Hand-in-hand, we have walked in the light of Christ, and we have grown together in the Gospel; our lives have been intertwined by the Holy Spirit, and I thank you and shall not forget you.

In thanksgiving, let us pray for Revd Maryann.

Warden: Eternal God: We thank you for Revd Maryann, John and their family, and for our life together in this community. You have led her by the Holy Spirit to serve your people in this place, to build up your Church, and to glorify your name. Grant that she may continue to serve you in the new ministry to which she has been called and may she be richly blessed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn 658**

## SENTENCE

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *1 Corinthians 1.9*

## THE COLLECT

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 49. 1-7**

[Isaiah's second servant song seems to refer to both an individual and to the nation of Israel. Either way the message is clear – the work is hard and leads to mockery and rejection, but God will make God's servant a light to the nations and will ultimately bring the servant praise and recognition.]

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah*

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendour.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due to me is in the Lord's hand, and my reward is with my God.' And now the Lord says – he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honoured in the eyes of the and my God has been my strength – he says: 'It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.' This is what the Lord says – the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel – to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: 'Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 40. 1-14**

[Praise for God's grace and rescue, and a commitment to serve God and proclaim God's justice.]

**Response: Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.**

Alan Rees

### Response

*v. 17*

Let all who seek you re-joice in you and be glad.



I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay;  
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure./R

He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.  
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie./R

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.  
How great your designs for us!  
There is none that can be compared with you.  
If I were to proclaim them and tell of them  
they would be more than I am able to express./R

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire but my ears you have opened;  
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required;  
then said I: 'Lo, I come.  
'In the scroll of the book it is written of me  
that I should do your will, O my God;  
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'/R

I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know.  
Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth  
from the great congregation./R

Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;  
let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me,  
For innumerable troubles have come about me;  
my sins have overtaken me so that I cannot look up;  
they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.  
Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me./R

## **SECOND READING**

## **Corinthians 1. 1-9**

[God has gifted God's church with all they need to serve in partnership with God, and to remain strong until the return of Christ.]

*A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians*

Paul writes, 'I Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes: To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – God

thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! / Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! / Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

In the | Word was life,  
and the life was the light | of all people.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! / Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**John 1. 29-42**

[John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit, and two of John's disciples follow Jesus. One of them, Andrew, calls his brother Simon to meet Jesus, and Jesus names him Peter.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to John*

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

The next day John the Baptizer saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

*For the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

You command us, Heavenly Father, through your prophet Isaiah to listen and pay attention, for we often wander far from you. You sent your Son, Jesus our Lord as a light in a dark world who calls us to respond to your love; may our hearts be opened to his call that we may walk with you as readily as Andrew and Peter.

Let us walk: **in the light of the Lord.**

Sovereign God, we continue our prayer for peace in your world, especially for those involved in the process of reconciliation and bridge building between peoples, cultures and nations; for the cessation of hostilities in Syria, Afghanistan and South Sudan and for all innocent victims of violence in war-torn parts of the world; for all refugees; those held in camps and all who seek asylum, that they may be safe once more.

Let us walk: **in the light of the Lord.**

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have called us to be saints together; we pray for all who minister in your name; for John our Bishop; for our parish as we give thanks and praise for the ministry of Revd Maryann and John; grant us all the wisdom, courage and strength, that we may be blessed and led by your Spirit.

Let us walk: **in the light of the Lord.**

Sovereign Lord, we pray for those communities across the country; for the homeless and unemployed and all impacted by the heat wave; we give thanks and pray for all workers and volunteers involved in providing assistance and care in our community.

Let us walk: **in the light of the Lord.**

God our healer and strength, we pray healing, comfort and hope for the sick and suffering especially the elderly and those in hospital; for the dying and those who care for them; we pray for all in need; 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, Faye Muddyman, Rob Muddyman, Sharon De Battista, Eunice Downie, Carey Bickoff, Lorraine Lipson, John Leonard, Elaine Haddock, Joy Rowe, Rosalia Bendastinto.*

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

Let us walk: **in the light of the Lord.**

Eternal God, you welcome into your kingdom all who put their hope and trust in you; we pray for the recently departed; for *Ged Muston (bishop), June Lillian Winnell, Alma Edith Smith* and for those whose years mind occur at this time;

*15th Laurel Kennard; William Begley; Bruce Insley; 16th Theodore McCall (bishop), Olive Pont; 17th Yen Schneider, Ian Myers; 19th William Clifton, Sybil Hutchinson, Agnes Halpin, Allan Pate; 20th Hazel Myers, 21st Lyall Christensen, Peter Salmon.*

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

Let us walk: **in the light of the Lord.**

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again and hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; enable us to proclaim your joyful promises to all nations and to sing of your glorious hope to

all peoples, so that we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. **Amen.**

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## **WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME (The Summons)**

John Bell (1949- ) and Graham Maule (1958- ) Tune: Kelvingrove

1. Will you come and follow me,  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave your self behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

3. Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

4. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

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## **Notices**

**After the 11am service at St Matthews we move to Gavan Hall for a shared lunch to farewell the Leonard and the Farrell families.**

**The January Parish Council meeting is cancelled** - next meeting will be 7.30pm Wednesday 15th February at Gavan Hall.

**On Sunday 29th January being 5th Sunday there will be a combined service 11am at St Stephens Tallarook.** No service at St Matthews.

**Parish Australia Day ABM Fundraiser** - There will be a 'bring and share' chicken and champagne event at Caroline's house (20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore) Thursday 26th January from 12.30pm. All very welcome! A fundraiser for ABM.

**Parish Monthly BBQ** will recommence in March on the 2nd Sunday. Hosts are needed. Please let Fr Kim or the Wardens know if you would like to host a BBQ this year.

**Direct Debit /EFT Offerings - Account details have changed** - Account details: BENDIGO BANK - Account Name 'Anglican Parish of Kilmore'; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Parishioners using direct debit or electronic funds transfer please change your bank details when making offerings.

## Parish life this week

Third week of January

Tuesday 17th	1.00pm	SPOT Meeting Wangaratta
	5.00pm	Bishop in Council Meeting Wangaratta
Wednesday 18th	11.00am	Funeral St Stephens, Tallarook (June Winnell)
Thursday 19th	10.00am	Eucharist St Matthews
	10.00am	Eucharist Willowmeade
	11.30am	Eucharist Caladenia
	4.00pm	Eucharist Dianella
Friday 20th	10am - 4pm	Op Shop Church House
Saturday 21st	10am - 12.00pm	Op Shop Church House

### Next Sunday: 22nd January 2017 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49.1-7; Ps 40.1-14; I Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

Christ Church at Senior Citizens Club	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Sung Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day

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