



**Anglican Parish of
Christ Church Kilmore
with
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook**



**Sunday 3rd December 2017
First Sunday in Advent**

Welcome to all, especially new comers and visitors. Please introduce yourself to one of our welcomers, who will be able to offer you some help in feeling at home. All the material you will need is in this booklet, and the hymn-book. Please join us for coffee after the Eucharist. About Communion: All who are baptized in any Trinitarian Church are Welcome to receive communion with us today!!!

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

As the procession enters the following hymn is sung 273 "Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending"

The president greets the congregation ('+' where marked indicates that you may make the sign of the cross)

The President says:

President: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever**

President: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

People: and also with you.

*The following sentence is said by the **President**.*

Jesus says 'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.' [Mark 13.31]

The Lighting of The Advent Wreath

President: Our new Church year begins today. During Advent we hear again God's ancient prophetic promises to visit and redeem us, and we prepare to celebrate the fulfillment of these promises in Jesus. We are bidden to stay awake! Looking for the coming of God, whose presence is good news to the humble of heart.

Child: Why Do we light this candle?

President: We light this first candle as a sign that when so much seems wrong, hope must be nurtured to stay alive. As the days grow shorter, and night seems to be closing in, this candle stands for our hope in the light of Jesus who comes to heal our wounds, and bring to light what is hidden.

The first candle is lit;

People: Let the light shine. In thankfulness we celebrate your coming O Christ. In our common humanity we claim you; with grateful hearts we discover you among us like the light from our candles. Amen.

*The **Communion Minister** says: Let us pray*

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The following is sung.

**Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy**

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One:
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
+ Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

*The Collect (prayer) is said by the **President** Feast of Christ the King*

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit
you still bring light to illumine our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever.

People: Amen.

All sit for the First Reading: (Isaiah 64:1 - 9)

The Reader says: A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 63,
beginning at verse 15

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins for ever. Oh, look upon us we pray, for we are all your people.

The reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: 80:1 - 7

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and

we shall be saved.

Response: God of Hosts bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

O shepherd of Israel hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord come to our help.

Response: God of Hosts bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

Response: God of Hosts bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

May your hand be on the one you have chosen, the one you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.

Response: God of Hosts bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

The Reading from the Epistles. (1 Corinthians 1.1-9)

The Reader Says: A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 1 beginning at verse 1.

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.

The Reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

578 "How Firm A Foundation"

Gospel Alleluia All sing together



Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us O Lord see your mercy
And give us your saving help.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The President says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark Chapter 13, beginning at verse 24. (Mark 13:24 - 37)

People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

‘But in those days, following that distress, “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.” ‘At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. ‘Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you

know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. 'Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: "Watch!"'
The President says: For the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The People sing 'Alleluia' as for greeting the Gospel. (See above).

The Sermon (Sit)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD
[CREED AND INTERCESSION]

*The **Communion Minister** says: Let us affirm our faith in the Words of the Creed*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through whom all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
+ and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

The Communion Minister says:

Let us pray for the world and for the Church (the people sit or kneel)

Response to the intercession:

Intercessor: Come Jesus.....come, and in your mercy

People: save your people.

The intercessor says: Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers

**People: Grant that what we have asked in faith,
we may, by your grace receive
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR THE EUCHARIST

The Communion Minister says:

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

A time of Silence is kept for reflection and self examination.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**People: Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:**

**we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves;
We repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord**

*The **President** says:*

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to Him in faith
+ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The President Says: May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We are the body of Christ

People: His Spirit is with us

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: and also with you.

Let us greet one another with the sign of God's peace.

The members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: 497 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

The gifts of the people and bread and wine are brought to the altar.

*The President continues with prayers over the bread, wine and gifts of money. After
each prayer, the people respond with:*

People: Blessed be God forever

*[*Note: As God's Priestly people, remain standing throughout the whole of the
Thanksgiving Prayer]*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who was looked for by the prophets,

heralded by the Baptist

announced by an angel,

born of the Virgin Mary,

and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

By his death on the cross

and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin

and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

And now we thank you

for these gifts of bread and wine;

may we who receive them,

as Jesus said,

share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,

'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The President says

As this broken bread was many grains

which have been gathered together and made one bread

**People: so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom**

**Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our Sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The Spirit and the Bride say "Come!" Let all who hear come! Let all who thirst come! Take these gifts knowing that Christ died for you, and now, risen from the dead gives himself to you, and feed on him with all your heart. Come!

All who are baptized or have been able to receive communion in any Trinitarian Church are warmly invited to receive it with us today.

The minister gives the bread and says;

The body of Christ the bread of heaven.
The minister gives the cup and says
The blood of Christ the cup of salvation.
The communicant responds each time. **Amen.**

RESPONDING TO THE EUCHARIST

The following sentence is said.

Righteousness shall go before the Lord, and prepare a path for our God.

The President says the following prayer:

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Father,
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and Glory. Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn is Sung 282 "The Voice of God Goes Out "

The Announcements are made.

*The **President** pronounces the blessing.*

The People stand.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

*The **Communion Minister** says:*

As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

INFORMATION FOR WORSHIP LEADERS AND INTERCESSORS:

Those in detention on Naru and Manus Island and those facing deportation or loss of support in Australia. The Rohingya people of Myanmar. We pray for those making energy policy in Australia. Those involved in conflict, especially in the Middle East and those mediating in the tensions on the Korean peninsula. We pray for us all as the government follows up on the results of the same sex marriage postal ballot. We remember those who are dying, and will be affected by the result of the dying with dignity legislation. We remember those working in palliative care. We pray for the future of this parish, Fr. André as he prepares to take up his ministry here.

Prayer Requests for those in Need: Karen Goodger, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennets, Fay Muddyman, Rob Muddyman, Elaine Haddock, Joy Rowe, Francis Piva, Sharron de Battista, Iris Haywood, Tania Morgan (Norman & Ann's Daughter), Barry Watts (thanks to God for his degree of recovery.)

Faithful Departed:

Years Mind: Esma Woods, Albert Boyd, Hilda Maher, Nell Pearce, Angus Cooper [Priest], George Poulter, Joan McLean, Edward Kennard, Edith Wittingslow, Ray Jackson, Eric Beaumont, Michelle Potts, Tara Alexander, Marjorie McDougall.

Communion of Saints: 4th Dec. Nicholas Ferrar [Deacon and Man of Prayer], 6th Dec. Nicholas of Myra [Bishop and Philanthropist], 7th Dec. The patriarchs, Prophets and

Wise ones of the Common Testament, 8th Dec. Conception of Mary [Mother of the Lord]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement of a new Priest for the Parish.

The Bishop of Wangaratta is pleased to announce that The Rev'd André Du Plooy of the Parish of Shepparton has been appointed the next Priest-In-Charge of the Parish of Kilmore with effect Sunday 28 January 2018. We are very grateful for the ministry of Fr Paul Dalzell over the past few months which he so kindly offered to extend until Christmas Day. Further Locum arrangements for after Christmas is in the process of being organised. Fr André's Induction will be held at Christ Church on Wednesday 24th January at 6.30pm. More details to follow.

Kids Church: Next Occasion: **Saturday 23rd December @ 5.00 pm. This will take the form of a Nativity Play with carols.** Please take a flier from the church and advertise it among your friends. We need people to prepare some food for the people who come. Thanks to Rob for his work. We need someone to organise the food for this afternoon.

Opportunity Shop Workers Needed: In order to support our opportunity shop properly, we need more people to help with sorting of incoming goods. Please put your name down on the timetable provided. We are asking for one or two hours per week per person. This is vital for our future as a ministering congregation via the Op Shop, and to our future as a continuing Church.

Parish BBQ: The Next BBQ date is 17th December. Hamburgers will be provided! [Left over from the Fete] Bring salads and bread. Location: The Rectory. Fr. Paul & Robyn are inviting you to the rectory as a 'Thankyou' for your support since we have been 'locuming' here.

Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Wednesday 20th December, Kilmore [Dinner at Caroline Burge's place]. If you have items for the agenda, please send them to John Patterson johndpatterson@yahoo.com.au

Christmas Carols: If anyone wants to be part of carol singing in Hudson Park on 15th December, please contact Fr. Paul, or Jennie Peggie of the Kilmore Town Team on 0424 205 932.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings - 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 use these bank details when making offerings.

Christmas Services: There are some events still to be finalized but the following services are confirmed:

Sunday 17th December: 7. 00 pm. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christ Church Kilmore
 Sunday 24th Dec. [Advent 4]: 9.00 am Kilmore
 11.00 am Tallarook
 Saturday 23rd Dec. 5.00 pm. Kids Church with Nativity Play and
 Carols
 Sunday 24th Dec.[Christmas Eve]: 6.00 pm Pyalong
 11.30 pm Broadford
 Monday 25th Dec. Christmas Day: 9.00 am Kilmore

PARISH DIARY [Regular Meetings and Events]

2nd Sun of the month: Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details
3rd Tues of the month: St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm
 contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.
3rd Wed of the month: Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm. 20th December
 venue: Kilmore.
Tuesdays 10 am: Knitting Group. Christ Church.

Parish life this week

Thursday 7th December 10.00am No Eucharist this week - St Matthew's
 Broadford
 11.30 am No Eucharist at Caladenia this week.
 4.00 pm No Eucharist at Dianella this week
 10.00am Eucharist Blue Cross
 Friday 8th Dec. 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
 Saturday 9th Dec. 10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday 10 th Dec. Second Sunday in Advent Readings: Isaiah 40:1 - 11; Ps 85; 2 Peter 3:8 - 14; Mark 1:1 - 8		
Christ Church	9am	Eucharist
St Matthew's BROADFORD	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen's TALLAROOK	11am	Eucharist
PYALONG	4 pm	

Parish Clergy:

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