



Anglican Parish of Kilmore

Parish Profile



WITH BROADFORD, TALLAROOK
& PYALONG

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Our Core Beliefs

We are a people made and loved by God. Through Jesus Christ we are made whole. In the power of the Holy Spirit we are called to live and share Christ's resurrected life both for his world and all people.

Vision and Mission

The Parish of Kilmore is a vibrant, welcoming, community of faith that is revitalised, sustainable, celebrating life in Jesus Christ in the wider community and where social justice is evident.

Our Purpose

We acknowledge we are part of the worldwide Anglican Church and we embrace this mission in our Parish life. As stated in the Five Marks of Mission, our purpose is to:

- Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people
- Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith
- Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy
- Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation
- Protect, care for and renew life on our planet

We celebrate and preach the incarnation. Jesus Christ is Emmanuel 'God with us'. It is this faith in Christ, God revealed in the person of Jesus who was crucified, rose from the dead and is alive today, that lies at the heart of our Parish life. We strive to live this faith in the power of the Spirit.

A living faith, an historic faith, yes, but one which is informed by a twenty first century world view. The Parish is firmly grounded in the Anglican catholic tradition. It is animated, nourished and sustained by the sacraments, the scriptures and the living traditions of the church, by prayer, liturgy and education.

It is our aim to be a welcoming and hospitable community of faith, to all comers, and to reach out into our wider communities, proclaiming Christ's gospel, of reconciliation, compassion and love.

Section 1 Location

The Anglican Parish of Kilmore with Broadford, Pyalong, and Tallarook is located in the heart of the State of Victoria, Australia. It is the most southerly parish in the Diocese of Wangaratta, which covers the north-east of Victoria, the Albury district in New South Wales and is in Southern Deanery. The Parish has four centres, Christ Church Kilmore, St Matthew's Broadford, The Church of the Transfiguration Pyalong and St Stephen's Tallarook.



Kilmore

The historic township of Kilmore is situated near a gap in the Great Dividing Range, 60km north of Melbourne, on the Hume Highway. Kilmore is believed to be Victoria's oldest inland town, the geographic heart of Victoria and affords all the luxuries of a small country town. It was originally a stop-over town for travellers and cattle driving teams, and later for prospective miners and families travelling to the gold fields after the long haul up Pretty Sally Hill. Today, Kilmore still offers the same respite to weary travellers and city dwellers looking for a country break. It has cosy Bed and Breakfasts, premier horse racing facilities, cafés, bakeries and classic country pubs with open fires.

Being largely settled by Irish tenant farmers the town has a distinctly Celtic feel, making it the ideal home for the annual Celtic Festival. The area encompasses the localities of Forbes, Kilmore, Kilmore East and Moranding of the Mitchell Shire and is part of the locality of Bylands. Kilmore - Kilmore East township is residential, commercial and industrial and is surrounded by rural areas. Rural land is used largely for farming and grazing. The main street of Kilmore is the Northern Highway, which leads to Bendigo and Echuca. This is a town of some 8,000 population that is expected to grow on average 2.6% over the next decade. The age distribution forecasts for Kilmore - Kilmore East for the next decade indicate a 30% increase in population under working age, a 60% increase in population of retirement age, and a 24% increase in population of working age.

Major features of the area include Old Kilmore Gaol, Melbourne Tramway Museum, Kilmore Leisure Centre, Kilmore Racecourse, Kilmore Golf Club, Whitburgh Cottage, Kilmore & District Hospital, Kilmore Apex Park, Hudson Park, JJ Clancy Reserve, Sam De Gabrielle Reserve, Monument Hill. The Kilmore International School, Assumption College and two other primary level schools.

Kilmore East is on the main Melbourne - Seymour railway link with regular trains accessing Melbourne. Melbourne is an hours by road or rail with all the attractions of a capital city. Kilmore is served by supermarkets, banks, petrol stations, hairdressers, restaurants, Doctors, Dentists and other allied medical facilities.

There is a strong Roman Catholic presence (38%) in the area, with Anglicans (17%) the next largest religious group (BoS2011). Assumption College is a Roman Catholic co-educational boarding/day school with over 1100 students.

The Presbyterian and Uniting Churches have closed.

Broadford

Broadford is a township is situated on the Sunday Creek valley about 72 kms north of Melbourne and has character filled buildings including the local post office and shopping precinct. Broadford services residents, local farmers as well as visitors to the area. Gold was discovered in the Sunday Creek in the 1860's and in 1890 a huge paper mill was built that continues to contribute to the town's economy. Historical houses in the area are testament to early settlement. Pioneer Cottage and the Broadford Courier Buildings provide a glimpse of the past by showcasing the building methods and living quarters of pioneers of the area. The antique printing presses and other printing equipment display the technology once put to use to spread news in the small country town. With a population of around 4000 located on the old main Melbourne to Sydney road and is also on the Melbourne- Seymour rail link. It is the home of the State Motorcycling Complex, and on nearby Mt Piper can be found the habitat of the rare Ant Blue Butterfly. There are five churches in the town Anglican, Uniting Church, Presbyterian, Salvation Army and Roman Catholic Church.

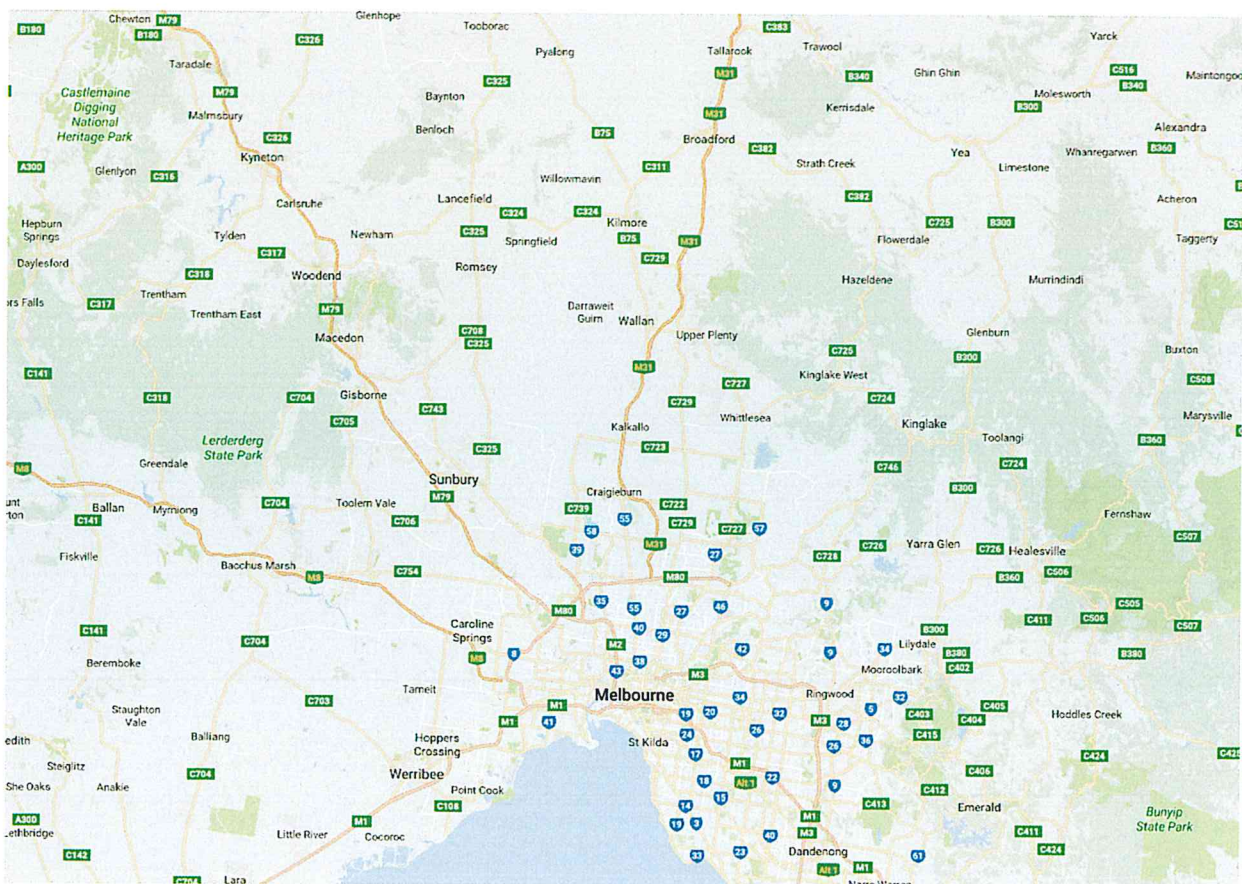
Broadford Secondary College is a public High School offering both VCE and VCAL programs with approximately 800 students enrolled from all over the parish and beyond. Broadford is also the home of Allen's Lollies. The Nestle factory has nearly 250 employees, most of them local.

Pyalong

Pyalong is a small town with a population around 2000, and is located on the Northern Highway about 25kms north of Kilmore. The township, services the many farms in the district. Sheep and cattle predominate in this very fertile part of the state.

Tallarook

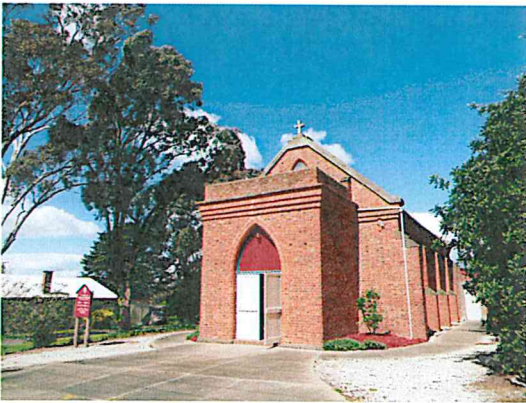
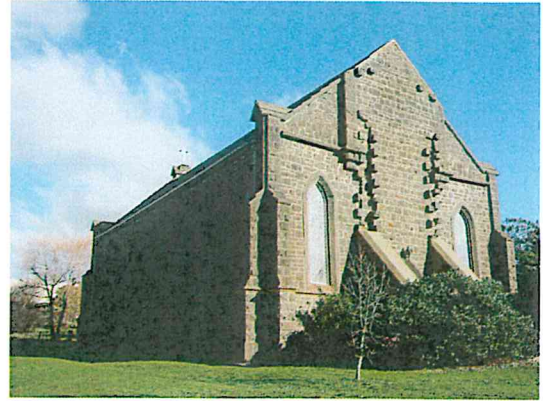
The hamlet of Tallarook nestles in the foothills of the Tallarook ranges, some 10kms south of Seymour and is on the Melbourne -Seymour rail link. A small community, population of 800 which enjoys the lifestyle this peaceful, rural setting offers whilst working in Seymour or Melbourne. On the northern slopes of the Great Dividing Range, the town is well protected. The land was once central to the territories of the Goulburn Aboriginal tribes, in whose language, Tallarook means 'call of the wattle birds'. Today Tallarook supports abundant wildlife and farming properties. The local vineyards are gaining an international reputation. Tallarook is also the starting point of the Great Victorian Rail Trail, a shared walking, cyclist and horse riding track.



Section 2 Churches in the Parish

Kilmore

Christ Church Anglican Church, Kilmore
The newly renovated bluestone Christ Church is situated on the western hill, on the corner of Union Street and Church Street, Kilmore (overlooking the town). Its address is: 9 Union Street, Kilmore, Victoria. PO Box 289, 3764.



Broadford

St Matthew's Anglican Church
The brick church is located in the centre of the township of Broadford. It's address is: High Street. Broadford, Victoria, 3658.

Pyalong Anglican Church of the Transfiguration
The wooden church is located in the middle of the quiet town of Pyalong nestled among the gum trees. Its address is: Bridge Street, Pyalong, Victoria, 3521. The church celebrated its Centenary in 2014.



Tallarook

Anglican Church of St Stephens
The wooden church is located in the main street at the southern entrance to the town. Its address is: Main Street, Tallarook, Victoria, 3659.

Section 3 Other buildings in the Parish

Christ Church Rectory

The Christ Church Rectory was built in early 1960's and is located alongside the Church. It has three bedrooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen and study.



Piva House

Piva House is the St Matthew's Rectory located on the northern side of the Church and is leased to tenants.

Gavan Hall

The Church hall at Broadford is the Gavan Hall which has been restored to its Victorian glory and is well used by the community.



Church House

Behind Christ Church is the Parish Op Shop located in the old Church House which operates two days per week.

Section 4 Who are we?

Worship

Our liturgy reflects the ancient traditions of Anglican worship centred on the Eucharist made contemporary through music, prayers, and homilies following the seasons of the Church. Our services are also opportunities to enhance and develop the community through sharing hospitality and participating in the life of the parish in different ways.

The usual pattern of Sunday worship is a celebration of the Eucharist at Christ Church, hymns, sermon and Holy Communion; followed by Holy Eucharist at St Matthew's Broadford or St Stephen's Tallarook on each alternate Sunday. Morning Prayer is offered on the alternate Sunday.

Holy Eucharist is celebrated twice a month at Church of the Transfiguration at Pyalong.



On the fifth Sunday All Age Family Services are conducted at 11am in one of the three regional centres.

Our congregations are small 20-30 at Christ Church, 10-20 at St Matthews, 6-10 at Transguration and St Stephens, and constitute older age parishioners. We have some families and whenever possible we will tailor services to the younger age group.

Midweek services

Thursday

10.00am Eucharist - St Matthew's, Broadford

10.00am Eucharist at Willowmeade Aged Care, Kilmore

11.30am Eucharist at Caladenia Nursing Home (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

4.00pm Eucharist at Dianella Aged Care, Kilmore

Baptisms are conducted in the context of the Sunday Eucharist with the occasional baptism at other times on request. We have on average 12-15 baptisms per year.

Although all the churches in the Parish are very attractive weddings are seldom requested.

The Parish has a good relationship with the three funeral directors in the district and the priest is called upon to conduct funerals on a regular basis. Across the parish there could be 15 funerals per year.

Music

All the churches have electronic organs and whenever possible music is utilised during the service. We have two organists who are available on a regular basis. Christ Church has a piano. When there is no organist, recorded backing tracks are used to accompany hymn singing and other incidental music.

A singing group forms for festivals and celebrations and is greatly appreciated by the congregations.

Pastoral Outreach

Ministry is offered to the aged care facilities in Kilmore as part of the Age Care Spiritual Guidelines. Pastoral visiting for sickness and funerals is largely undertaken by the priest on request. Prayers for those in need are offered each Sunday worship. A monthly meditation early evening service is held on the fourth Sunday at Christ Church followed by supper at the Rectory.

Parish Life

Education - Bible study is conducted every second week after the weekday mass at St Matthew's with a small group.

Advent and Lenten study groups provide educational opportunities.

A twice monthly Faith Enhancement Group has been running for four years conducted by the clergy hosted by parishioners.

Festivals - Patronal Festivals for each centre are celebrated whenever possible with a lunch to follow. Harvest Festival in March is followed with a Parish BBQ. Commitment Sunday and AGM are usually followed by luncheon.



Social Life

A monthly BBQ on the second Sunday of the month usually hosted by different parishioners and these are great occasions.

Concerts and musical events are held throughout the year as opportunities present.

Gavan Hall Dinners - started as fundraising for renovation of Gavan Hall continued to be held on regular basis always with surprise entertainers. Greatly enjoyed and always well attended.

Parish Fete - once a year fete provide opportunity for the community to engage with the Parish.

Bunnings BBQ is a great fundraiser for the parish and volunteers always enjoy the day.

Christ Church hosts the Celtic Service each year and is a venue for concerts.

St Matthews Gavan Hall Dinners are great occasions for the local community.

Section 5 Church and Community

Op Shop

The opportunity shop located in Church House Kilmore has been operational for over 30 years, staffed by a dedicated band of volunteers. This provides an interface with the local community and prices are kept very low to help those in need.

Hospital and Aged Care Facilities

Kilmore and District Hospital is a public hospital with 30 acute beds, theatre and radiology and provides comprehensive acute and aged care services to the catchment population that extends to Broadford and Pyalong in the Mitchell Shire.



Caladenia Nursing Home is a 30 bed facility offering care for elderly patients.

Dianella Aged Care Hostel is a 30 bed facility providing residential care for the elderly.

BlueCross Willowmeade provides 80 low, high and dementia specific care beds in Kilmore.

In addition to the regular services conducted, other services are conducted for ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day and Memorial Services in conjunction with the Aged Care Homes.

St Matthew's Friendship Group

This group meets at Gavan Hall once a month and provides friendship and support to women in the area mostly from Broadford. Activities such as outings and events provide opportunity for socialising especially for those living alone.

Gian Bian

This is a support group for young mothers which is being established in Broadford with the expectation of opening a play group.

Schools

In Kilmore there has been an ongoing relationship with the schools in providing opportunity for students to undertake community service and we have had students from the International School worshipping with us.

Section 6 Parish Operations

Staff - Parish priest, and one retired priest living in the parish with permission to officiate in the Diocese.

There are five licensed lay assistants; three of whom conduct Morning Prayer at St Matthews and St Stephens on a regular basis.

Governance

Rector's Warden, four Church Wardens, Parish Council Minute Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and two Parish Councillors constitute the governing body of the Parish. The Parish Council meets monthly and Warden meetings are held as necessary. The Property Committee is a committee of the Parish Council and attends to the maintenance and development of the buildings and grounds.

There are 75 parishioners listed on the Parish Roll.

Administration

As there is no parish office the Rector's study fulfils this function. A photocopy machine and printer provide the means to produce the weekly bulletin/pewsheets. There is no paid secretarial assistance and volunteers assist the clergy with administration.

Strategic Plan

The Parish Strategic Plan (2015-2020) guides the planning and operations of the Parish.

Safe Church Protocols are in place with current required clearances for those involved in the life of the Parish.

Communications & Publicity

Parish Website anglicankilmore.org.au

Facebook [facebook.com/AnglicanKilmore](https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanKilmore)

Telephone and internet connectivity to the Christ Church Rectory

The Publicity Officer reports to Parish Council and has responsibility for upkeep of the Parish website, Facebook and stories and photos for the Diocesan newspaper The Advocate. The Publicity Officer also coordinates advertising and publicity for Parish events.

Finances

Parish Annual Budget is \$175,000.

Accumulated Trust Funds held with the Diocese of approximately \$200,000.

Offerings through Electronic Funds Transfer, pledged envelope giving and open plate accounts for 40% of income; Op Shop 50%; Fundraising activities 10%

The Parish primarily supports Anglican Board of Missions, Christmas Bowl and other agencies through appeals and fundraising activities and distributes approximately \$7,000 per year.

Diocesan Engagement

The current incumbent serves on a number of Diocesan Committees and is a member of Bishop in Council.

Strengths

Although small in number the Parish is strong in its identity as a community of faith living out the Gospel. We strive to be welcoming and hospitable. Situated in the rural area of Victoria there is an awareness of the risks that entails especially in relation to bushfire. Over the past few years we have continued to maintain a presence in the local communities and have planned strategically for the increase in population especially in Kilmore, Broadford and to a lesser extent Pyalong. Our plant and buildings are old but in good order thanks to the dedication of parishioners. We have managed to increase the budget year on year fully aware of the income derived from the Op Shop.

Potential

The potential for community engagement is high and now that Christ Church has been renovated we can turn our attention to establishing amenities such as Parish Hall and counselling space to respond to the needs of the local community, in association with agencies such as Anglicare. With the forecasted increase in population in the area and the excellent leadership in the Parish facilitated by skilled priest, the Parish is capable of responding to the changing demographic.

Risks

The congregations are ageing as reflected across all denominations, and in many families both spouses need to work hence recruiting and maintaining volunteers to meet the demands presented is a constant issue. We are very aware of caring for our current volunteers to avoid burnout.

Expectations of our Parish Priest

- Has a good understanding of the role of priest in rural settings
- Is comfortable with the Catholic tradition yet flexible in offering other styles of worship
- Is willing to take the challenge to grow our faith community
- Is able to nurture us in the faith through teaching and study groups
- Is competent in pastoral care and counselling
- Is willing to work with us to implement our strategic plan and equip us for ministry
- Is understanding and supportive of welcome and hospitality
- Is competent in leading us through the tangle of administrative demands

