



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

22nd September 2013

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

A warm welcome to our visitors please stay for coffee after the service

Hymns: 231, 449, 469, 618



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.

The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book

SENTENCE

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

2 Corinthians 8.9

THE COLLECT

O God, you are rich in love for your people: show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 8.18-9.1

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You who are my Comforter in sorrow, my heart is faint within me. Listen to the cry of my people from a land far away: 'Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King no longer there?' 'Why have they aroused my anger with their images, with their worthless foreign idols?' 'The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved.' Since my people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people? Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears! I would weep day and night for the slain of my people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 139.1-5, 12-18

Response: Help us O God, for the glory of your name.

Geoff Nobes

Response
cf. v. 9 Help us, O God, for the glo - ry of your name.



O God, the heathen have come into your heritage;
your holy temple have they defiled
and made Jerusalem a heap of stones.
The dead bodies of your servants they have given
to be food for the birds of the air,
and the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the field.....R

Their blood have they shed like water on every side of Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.
We have become the taunt of our neighbours,
the scorn and derision of those that are round about us.
Lord, how long will you be angry, for ever?
How long will your jealous fury blaze like fire?.....R

Pour out your wrath upon the nations that have not known you,
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.
For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his dwelling place.....R

Remember not against us our former sins;
let your compassion make haste to meet us,
for we are brought very low.
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and wipe away our sins for your name's sake.....R

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2. 1-10

A reading from the first letter to Timothy

Paul writes, I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles. Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Live your life in a manner worthy of the gos- | pel of Christ;
strive side by side for the faith | of the gospel.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 16. 1-13

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people

may welcome me into their homes.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Masters, two and more, competing for our money, clamoring for our time, creating chaos in our lives. Divine Master, one God, quiet us and draw us near as we gather, this morning, seeking to be faithful, to know you in prayer and thanksgiving.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Master, with compassion and tears you call us to work for healing and justice; we pray for rulers, governments, and all in high office, that they may defend the poor and weak and enable all people to lead with dignity a quiet and peaceable life; may and those who create violence in the world be disarmed; pray for the peoples of Syria; bring to justice those who are corrupt, predatory or exploitative for financial gain; relieve all who are burdened by unreasonable debt; uphold any who are unemployed or threatened in their work, that all may find suitable and honest employment, and receive just payment for their labour.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you call the Church to be faithful in little and faithful in much, and appointed us as heralds and apostles, prophets and teachers in faith and truth; pray for our Bishop John, for our parish, and entrust to us the true riches of your grace, that we may fulfill your desire that everyone come to the knowledge of your truth and love.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving One, let your compassion be swift to meet us and our neighbors in this community, and heed the cry of those who are sick and suffering; for the poor and the needy, for prisoners and refugees, and the dying and those who wait with them; be our balm and our light to bring healing and peace and hear us as we pray for those who have requested prayer

Request for prayer from:

Heather Turnbull, Chris Schafer, David Flower, Glen Turnbull, Tom Scrivens, Darren Winfield, Norma Hedley, Justin Quigg, Kelly Quigg, Karen Goodger, Michael Farrell, David and Jenny Parsons, Matthew, Nicole, Darryl Allemand, Lyn Ryan, Linda.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

With grace and loving care you welcome into your eternal home those who have died, we pray for the recently departed, for Ron Smith, and those whose years mind occurs at this time.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy and justice, honor our prayers on behalf of your creation, so that the weak may be lifted up and those who are burdened relieved; be with each one of us as we seek to serve you and hear us as we pray for ourselves. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray; **Our Father ... [pg. 124]**

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: 22nd Geoffrey Stimson, Violette Downes, Donald Graham; 23rd Janette Mary Coram; 25th Albert Mooney, Beryl Sheppard; 27th Neal Streatfield.

Saint's Days and Holy Days: Wednesday 25th Sergius of Moscow, abbot & tracher (d.1392); Thursday 26th Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester (d. 1626); Friday 27th Vincent de Paul, priest & worker with the poor (d. 1660).

Reflections on the Readings

Two clear themes emerge from the readings this week. The first is the obvious one – the subtle and seductive power of money to lead us into corrupt and exploitative patterns of dealing with people. Jeremiah bemoans the people's devotion to idols (of which money is a significant one according to Jesus in Luke). Clearly, how we use our money is a spiritual concern. The second theme this week is that of forgiveness and undeserved honour. Jeremiah pleads with God for grace for God's people, as does Psalm 79; The author of the letter to Timothy reflects on God's grace in Christ, extended to all people, and embodied in the prayers of God's people. Then in Luke we have Jesus telling a story of a master who, about to be dishonoured because of his incompetent wheeler-dealer manager, decides to

fire him, but has to reconsider when, through radical, inappropriate, forgiveness, the manager wins honour both for the master and himself, and secures his future. The pericope from Luke is a wisdom story that recognises that we live in the world and the necessity of being streetwise and judicious in our dealings especially over resources. The focus entreats us to not to be seduced by making money for its own sake, personally or as a community of faith, rather that we are shrewd and canny in order to be able to garner resources and share with the poor and the needy, in the service of God. Putting these two themes together what emerges is the power of gracious, generous forgiveness offered to all that lifts us to places of honour and connectedness, reflected in our fiscal attitudes and practices.

Notices

Clergy Retreat Monday - Wednesday this week - The Rector will be attending and away from the Parish - please contact the Wardens for assistance.

Christ Church Friendship Group 7.30 pm this Thursday @ Caroline Burge's home, 20 Chrystobel Way - with a guest speaker

Bunnings BBQ fundraiser this coming Saturday 28th September 8am-4pm. Volunteers welcome 2 hr slots please contact Sharner Mitchell 5782 2583.

St Matthew's Broadford Feast of Title - next Sunday 10am 29th September followed by a bring and share luncheon. Broadford parishioners to offer the main meal, other centers (Kilmore, Tallarook and Pyalong) offer desserts. **Please note one Service in the parish this day at St Matthews.**

Memorial Table at Christ Church - The Memorial Table at Christ Church (the round table near the altar) provides a space to remember those loved ones who have died. Everyone is welcome to place a photo or a significant item on an anniversary of death, birthday remembrance or a special time. The invitation is for anyone to offer a prayer for those named and those who have place an item.

Spring Working Bee at Christ Church in preparation for the Fete, on Saturday 5th October from 9.30am. Please see one of the Wardens (Sharner, Eric or Caroline) if you can assist. We will be mowing, edging, pruning the grounds, and giving a good spring clean inside the church.

WANTED - Singers And/Or Musicians to form the Christ Church Music Group. Looking to support the "Nine Lessons and Carols" in December - need to start practicing early. We would also like the ensemble to sing at Christ Church Feast of Title at the end of November. Please see Caroline Burge.

Direct Debit Offerings - Parish Account details: CBA Account Name 'Kilmore Anglican Parish'. BSB 063-698. Account Number 1018 4649.

Afternoon with King Kong - plan to organise a bus to see this new musical on Saturday 9th or 23rd November, please let Fr Kim or wardens know if interested.

Parish Fête Update

Saturday 19th October - With the Fête coming up next month, planning is well underway, and to be a great success your help is needed.

Meetings - are open to anyone. Watch the Pew Sheet for the next meeting at Caroline Burge's (20 Chrystobel Way). Come bring and share food and drink as you are able.



Volunteers - We desperately need volunteers. If you can help on the day, please offer NOW (rather than on the day). Stalls need to be planned in advance, and without enough volunteers we will have to cut back on stalls.

Parish T-Shirts - We have two Size L/18 t-shirts available for \$30. If anyone wants to order a different size, please see Caroline. If we have 10 or more orders this will keep the cost to a minimum.

Raffle Tickets - Helpers are needed for selling outside the Kilmore Newsagency on Fridays 11th and 18th October and outside the Broadford Newsagency on 5th October. This is a big opportunity to sell our raffle tickets to the greater community but we do need volunteers to go on the roster. Kilmore please contact Sharner Mitchell, and for Broadford or Tallarook contact Lucy Staring.

Spinning Wheel Prizes - needed; donations of any suitable items welcome - brand new goods will be gratefully received.

Auction - Auction is at the end of the Fete. Please contact Bob Humm for more information or if you have anything we could sell.

Bottle Stall - There will be an 'adult' bottle stall. Donations of any kind of bottle: sauces, salad dressings, shampoo, softdrinks etc welcome. Contact Lucy Staring 5793 8466

Setting up - We now have portable awnings to be erected on Friday 18th - we need helpers. Eric Javor is coordinating this effort; please let him or one of the Committee know if you can help.

Please contact Caroline, Nerrida, Lucy, Beris, Sharner, Bob, Helen B, if you can help with any of the above.

Parish life this week

Fourth week of September

Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th Rector at Clergy Retreat, Harrietville

Thursday 26th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

3.00pm Eucharist Caladenia

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

7.30pm Christ Church Friendship Group @ 20 Chrystobel Way

Friday 27th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 28th 8.00am - 4.00pm Bunnings BBQ fundraiser Craigieburn

10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 29th September: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Feast of Title St Matthew's Broadford /Baptism		
Proverbs 3 1-6; Ps 19.1-6; Colossians 2. 12-17; Matthew 9. 9-13		
Christ Church	9am	No service this day
St Matthews	10am	Parish Eucharist
St Stephens	11am	No service this day
Transfiguration	3pm	No service this day

Parish Diary

1st Wed of the month: Building and Maintenance Committee Meeting
7.30pm Christ Church (unless otherwise notified)

3rd Tues of the month: St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm for fellowship & afternoon tea; contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.

3rd Wed of the month: Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm venue TBA

4th Thurs of month: Christ Church Friendship Group 7.30pm contact Beris Hannam ph. 5723 9737 for program details

3rd Friday of month: Parish BBQ - 6.30pm. See Notices for details

4th Sunday of month: Church 4 Kids 5-6.30pm @ Christ Church

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