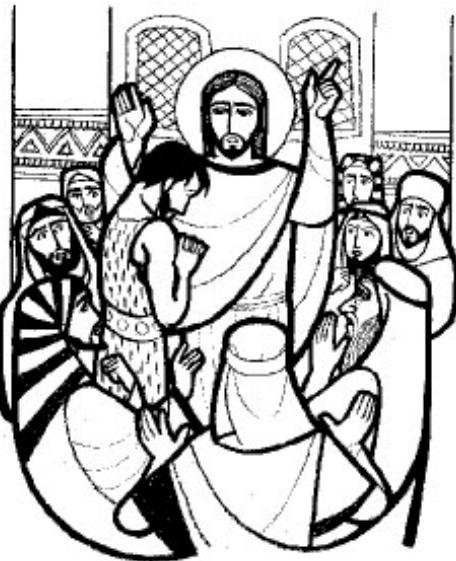


**Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook**

Sunday 28th January 2018



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to all, especially newcomers and visitors. Please introduce yourself to one of our welcomers, who will be able to offer you some help in feeling at home. Please join us for Morning Tea after the Eucharist.

HYMNS: 626, 560, 526, 209

SENTENCE

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.
Matthew 9.35

THE COLLECT

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending: enable us both to love you with all our heart and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 18: verses 15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire any more, or we will die.’ The Lord said to me: ‘What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.’

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 111

Response: The fear of the Lord, the fear of the Lord is beginning of wisdom.

O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart:
in the company of the upright and among the congregation.
The works of the Lord are great:
and studied by all who take delight in them. **Response**

His deeds are majestic and glorious: and his righteousness stands for ever.
His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered:
the Lord is gracious and merciful. **Response**

He gives food to those that fear him: he remembers his covenant for ever.
He showed his people the power of his acts:
in giving them the heritage of the heathen. **Response**

The works of his hands are faithful and just:
and all his commandments are sure;
They stand firm for ever and ever:
they are done in faithfulness and in truth. **Response**

He sent redemption to his people, he ordained his covenant for ever:
holy is his name and worthy to be feared.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and of good understanding are
those that keep his commandments: his praise shall endure for ever. **Response**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 8: verses 1-13

Paul writes, Now about food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘We all possess knowledge.’ But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. But whoever loves God is known by God. So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘An idol is nothing at all in the world’ and that ‘There is no God but one.’ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many ‘gods’ and many ‘lords’), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled.

But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol’s temple, won’t that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in through out the world.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark, Chapter 1: verses 21-28

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Merciful God, we pray for a just and peaceable society; we pray for all who suffer from economic exploitation; for all who are victims of tyranny and oppression; when we close our eyes to the injustices of the world, call us to account and disturb us again with your challenging words; Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for responsible stewardship of your creation; for peoples whose lands are polluted and livelihoods ruined; for creatures whose habitats are destroyed; when we are greedy and careless in our use of the world's resources, call us to account and disturb us again with your challenging words; Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ministry and mission of your worldwide church; we pray for your church in Australia, its clergy and people, especially for John our Bishop, for Fr André as he begins his ministry amongst us, and for our parish; when we fail to live out your gospel, call us to account and disturb us again with your challenging words; Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the well-being of those with whom we live and work and for all in our community; for our families and those we love and for all we share our daily lives; when our behaviour causes pain to others call us to account and disturb us again with your challenging words; Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray relief and comfort of those in need; for those whose bodies hurt, whose minds are confused, for those whose hearts are lonely and sad, and we pray for those who have requested our prayer: Lorraine Lipsom, Karen Goodger, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Joy Rowe, Fay Muddyman, Rob Muddyman, Elaine Haddock, Francis Piva, Sharron de Battista, Iris Haywood, Tania Morgan (Norman & Ann's Daughter), Barry Watts (giving thanks to God for his degree of recovery.) Chris (friend of Edie in Broadford), Fr John Young preparing for surgery. We give thanks for where healing blessings have been received. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have died in the faith of Christ for all who have heard and heeded your words; we pray for the recently departed, particularly for Mark Bennetts who died this week, and for those whose years mind occurs at this time: Walter Kirby, Pam Rhue (29th); Harold Napper (30th); Olive Hutchinson (31st); John Kirkpatrick, Diane Robins (1st); Douglas Schofield - Priest (2nd); Jennifer Hedley (3rd).

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day..... Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers: **Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may, by your grace receive. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Induction: It was truly a wonderful occasion last Wednesday evening for the Induction of Fr André. Thank you to all who came and supported Fr André and Patty, and for all who helped on the evening.

Monthly Parish BBQ: We are needing someone to host the next parish BBQ on the usual second Sunday of the month - February 11th. If you would like to help or want more information, please contact Caroline.

Ash Wednesday is coming up on Wednesday 14th February. Please check next weeks Pew Sheet for service times in the Parish.

Farewell Elliott family: In the coming couple of weeks we will be saying farewell to Rob, Sarah, Sam, Jacob and Jocelyn Elliott as they move back to Melbourne. They will certainly be sadly missed by all at Christ Church, and we thank them for being part of our lives, and for their wonderful work with our children's ministry. God bless.

Thursday Eucharists: Please note that the Thursday morning Eucharist at Broadford and the 4.00pm Eucharist at Dianella will resume this week.

Name Badges: With Fr André and Patty new to the Parish, now is the time to resurrect your name badges. If you have lost yours, or if you never had one in the first place, please let Caroline know (preferably written down!)

Kids Church: More information coming shortly.

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.

Next Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Wednesday 21st February, Broadford. Please note that there will not be a meeting in January.

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.

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. 21st February 2018
Tuesdays 10 am: Knitting Group. Christ Church.

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

- Thursday 1st February Blue Cross Nursing Home - cancelled this week
4.00pm - Eucharist @ Dianella
- Friday 2nd February 10.00am - 4.00pm Op-Shop
- Saturday 3rd February 10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday 4th February - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. Readings: Isaiah 40: 21-31; Ps 147: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23; Mark 1: 29-39

Christ Church, Kilmore	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	Eucharist
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Eucharist
Transfiguration, Pyalong	4.00pm	Eucharist

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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.



Today the Psalmist says of God: ‘His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and merciful’. What are the times that you have seen the Lord’s grace and mercy in action in your life? Where have you shown that same grace and mercy to others?

- Pray that you might show God’s grace and mercy to those around you.
- Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, giving thanks for the work they do to further God’s mission in the world.

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