



Diocese of Wangaratta

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

Sunday 7th January 2018



Baptism of Our Lord

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 coffee after the Eucharist.

HYMNS: 270, 250, 223, 188

SENTENCE

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Isaiah 60.1

THE COLLECT

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as

Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (please sit)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah, Chapter 60 verses 1-6

‘Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ‘Lift up your eyes and look about you: all assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14

***Response:* May all nations be blest in him.**

Give the king your judgements, O God,
and your righteousness to the son of a king.
Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice.
May the mountains bring forth peace,
and the little hills righteousness for the people./R

May he defend the poor among the people,
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another./R

May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,
like the showers that water the earth.
In his time shall righteousness flourish,
and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more./R

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him;
all nations shall do him service./R

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
the needy and those who have no helper.
He shall have pity on the weak and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight./R

SECOND READING Ephesians 3. 1-12

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 3 verses 1-12

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
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Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations, and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 2. 1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ‘In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied, ‘for this is what the prophet has written: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.’ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery, visit our rest with disturbing dreams, and our journeys with strange companions. Grace us with the hospitality to open our hearts and homes to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom bearing profound and unusual gifts. Like the magi of long ago, may we be drawn to you and offer you such gifts as we are able.

*God of signs and wonders; **hear our prayer.***

God of wonder and delight you reveal yourself to the world, and kings bow in adoration; open our eyes to find you today in the weak and vulnerable people of the world and in all who choose to set aside pomp and privilege for the sake of others.

*God of signs and wonders; **hear our prayer.***

God of wonder and delight you reveal yourself to the world, and a tyrant is filled with fear; open our eyes to find you in those who suffer at the hands of tyrants and

in all who challenge harsh and corrupt regimes; We pray for those in detention on Nauru and Manus Island and those facing deportation or loss of support in Australia. We continue to pray for the Rohingya people of Myanmar. We pray for those persecuted for their religion especially Christians in the Middle East; and for those places where people are threatened with violence and war.

*God of signs and wonders; **hear our prayer.***

God of wonder and delight you reveal yourself to the world, and the Gentiles become heirs to your mystery; we pray for your church and all who break down barriers that exclude people from your grace; we pray for our Bishop John, Fr André and the future of our parish. We pray for our Op Shop in their ministry and mission in our parish as we seek to show your love to the world.

*God of signs and wonders; **hear our prayer.***

God of wonder and delight you reveal yourself to the world and the sick are healed, the sad are comforted; we pray for those in need; for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, for the dying and those who care for them; especially we pray for those who have requested prayer: Karen Goodger, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Fay Muddyman, Rob Muddyman, Elaine Haddock, Joy Rowe, 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).

*God of signs and wonders; **hear our prayer.***

God of wonder and delight you reveal yourself to the world, and we share in the promise of your glory; we pray for the recently departed and those whose years mind occurs at this time: Rex Collette, Edie Hannam, Vera Robinette, Lewis Nyman (Priest), Leonard Lang, Kathleen Smith, Elva Montgomery, Arthur Dean, Andrew Lawson, Kathleen Chapman.

*God of signs and wonders; **hear our prayer.***

God of wonder and delight, your light has come, and the birth of Jesus has overwhelmed us with joy, hear us as we pray for ourselves and those we love may all be safe in this holiday time;

*God of signs and wonders; **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

Thank you to Fr John Young who will be taking the services in the Parish today. Over the coming weeks we will be having a Sunday locum only. If you know of anyone who is in need of a priest urgently, please contact one of the Wardens.

The Rev'd André Du Plooy has been appointed the next Priest-In-Charge of the Parish of Kilmore with effect Sunday 28 January 2018. Fr André's Induction will be held at Christ Church on Wednesday 24th January at 6.30pm. Please put this date in your diary. Could everyone bring finger-food for refreshments after the induction.

Christmas Tree Gifts: As has been our tradition, parishioners this year were given the opportunity to place a gift under our empty Christmas trees during Advent. Your generosity was greatly appreciated by the "Love in Action" local organisation who distributed these gifts to those in need prior to Christmas.

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.

Kids Church: January cancelled. Please wait for further information after Fr. André arrives.

Monthly Parish BBQ: In January, the parish monthly BBQ (usually held on the second Sunday of the month) will be an Australia Day BBQ instead at Caroline's house. This will be just two days after the Induction and will be a great opportunity to come and get to know Fr André and Patty.

Thursday morning Eucharist: Please note that the Thursday morning Eucharist at Broadford will be in recess in January.

Pew Sheet: If anyone would like to prepare, photocopy and distribute the Pew Sheet each week, please contact Caroline. In the meantime, if you would like anything to go in the Pew Sheet please let Caroline know.

Rectory Working Bee: In preparation for the arrival of Fr André and Patty it would be great to either have a Working Bee or helpers to just turn up and manage an hour or three in the garden, or clean the windows. This can be done any time up to the 15th January. Thank you.

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 4th January 10.00 am Blue Cross Nursing Home Eucharist
 Friday 5th January 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
 Saturday 6th January 10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop Church House
NB: Op Shop hours as normal, except Friday 26th January.

Next Sunday 7th January - Baptism of Our Lord. Locum Fr Barry Johns Readings: Genesis 1.1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19. 1-7, Mark 1 4-11		
Christ Church, Kilmore	9am	Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	Eucharist
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	4.00 pm	Eucharist

Parish Clergy:

Locum Priest (Sundays only):

7th January Fr. Barry Johns
 14th January Fr. Geoff Polines
 21st January Fr. Morning Prayer [Induction Eucharist on Wednesday]

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## *Anglican Board of Mission Pew Reflection*

### **The Epiphany of our Lord**

The Psalmist tells us ‘The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts’. The Magi bring their gifts to the Christ Child. What gifts shall we offer to God? How shall we repay the Lord for all his benefits to us?

- Pray that the Spirit will move you to offer something that is precious in God’s sight.
- Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, giving thanks for the work they do to further God’s mission in the world.

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