



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
11th September 2016



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**HYMNS: 693, 136, Pew Sheet, 613**

*A warm welcome to everyone, please stay and enjoy hospitality after the service.*



*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

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. *Luke 15.10*

## THE COLLECT

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found: touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love; grant us delight in the mercy that has found us; and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28**

[God proclaims judgement on God's foolish people, who are skilled at evil, but have no knowledge of doing good, and the land is destroyed in the wake of God's anger.]

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

At that time this people and Jerusalem will be told, 'A scorching wind from the barren heights in the desert blows towards my people, but not to winnow or cleanse; a wind too strong for that comes from me. Now I pronounce my judgments against them.' 'My people are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good.' I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone. I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying. I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away. I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert; all its towns lay in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. This is what the Lord says: 'The whole land will be ruined, though I will not destroy it completely. Therefore the earth will mourn and the heavens above grow dark, because I have spoken and will not relent, I have decided and will not turn back.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 14**

[Foolish people say there is no God and live in destructive ways, but God's people hope in God's salvation and the joy it will bring.]

**Response: The Lord is the refuge of the poor.**

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*cf. v. 6* The Lord is the re - fuge of the poor.



The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'

Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness;  
there is no one that does good.

The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the children of earth,  
to see if there is anyone who is wise and seeks after God./R

**The Lord is the refuge of the poor.**

But every one has turned back; all alike have become corrupt:  
there is none that does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, those evildoers,  
who eat up my people as if they ate bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?/R

There shall they be in great fear;  
for God is in the company of the righteous.  
Though they would confound the counsel of the poor,  
yet the Lord shall be their refuge./R

O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion!  
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad./R

## **SECOND READING**

## **1 Timothy 1. 1-2, 12-19a**

[Paul celebrates God's mercy in that God forgave him and empowered him for ministry, in spite of his sinfulness and ignorance.]

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy*

Paul writes, 'I Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

There is joy in the presence of the an- | gels of God  
over one sinner | who repents.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**Luke 15. 1-10**

[Jesus explains his friendship with 'sinners' using the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin – where celebration is inspired by the lost thing being found again.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

God of power and justice, like Jeremiah you weep over those who wander from you, to turn aside to other gods, and enter into chaos and destruction; in your love you search us out; by your tears you call us back, and through your mercy you teach us your ways and write them on our hearts so that we may follow faithfully the path you show us.

God of mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world and continue our prayer for peace and reconciliation amongst the nations; for the people of Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan, South Sudan; for all who are victims of cruel political regimes and unjust social systems; we pray for all refugees and asylum seekers and those fleeing devastation; we pray for all still impacted by the ravages of the attack on the USA, this day in 2001.

God of mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we pray for your church as it seeks to welcome all who seek your ways of justice, peace and love; we pray for all who lead us the people of God; for this Diocese, for John our Bishop, and for our parish; we give you thanks that you have shown us your ways of love and acceptance, guide us as we seek to further the work of your kingdom in this place.

God of mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Loving God we pray for our country and our community and for all we work with and share our lives; for the lost and the rejected and those who feel excluded and marginalised; for the homeless and the unemployed; those living with the demons of addiction and for all stripped of dignity and hope by situation or circumstance.

God of mercy; **hear our prayer**

Loving God, look with mercy on those who suffer or in need; for those in places of fear, lowliness, grief or pain; for the sick and the dying and those whose minds are troubled, bodies hurt and spirits sad; may they know your tenderness and comfort in their affliction; in particular we pray for those who have requested prayer.

*Chris Schafer, Karen Goodger, Jean Evans, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Barbara Kaye, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Valerie Wallis, Patrick Wallis, Eunice Downie, Susan, Carey Bickoff, Lorraine Lipson, Peter Dukes, Glenn Turnbull;*

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

God of mercy; **hear our prayer**

Loving God you are always ready to welcome your children into your heavenly embrace; we pray for the recently departed and those years mind occurring at this time.

*11th May Taylor, Ronald Smith; 12th Ronald Ritchie, Dulcie Busch; 13th Leslie Boak; 14th Desdemona Carter, George Anderson; 15th Dulcie Smith, Francis Treanor, David Damon; 16th Edward Chomley; 17th Kelly Oehm, Leslie Reynolds, Zella Gentsch.*

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

God of mercy; **hear our prayer**

Loving Lord, we give you thanks that when we stray from your presence you seek us out and bring us home, hear our prayer as we pray for ourselves....., help us to search for you as you seek to find us.

God of mercy; **hear our prayer**

Thanksgiving, blessing and praise be yours, God of the incarnation; because you care for us and are always willing to hear our prayer, which we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray; **Our Father ...[pg. 124]**

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### Reflections on the Readings

Much of the destruction and evil in our world is the result of ignorance and the failure to recognise God's presence and purpose – so say the Lectionary readings this week. The suffering and injustice that this causes is offensive to God and that arouses God's anger as in the reading from Jeremiah, but God is gracious, seeking out what is lost – as in Jesus' parables in Luke's Gospel – and healing, restoring and

forgiving those who have done wrong (as in David's Psalm and Paul's letter to Timothy). More than this, God so changes those on whom God pours God's grace that they become agents of God's grace and healing to others – as Paul testified about himself. The other theme in the readings is the word 'lost', which has come to mean those who are not part of the church, or who don't believe in Christ as we do, but in the biblical sense, there are still many lost people in the Church. If we're honest, we all have parts of us that are lost, and we all need to be found more and more. In the light of this, our calling in Christ is to confront the foolishness, ignorance and evil within ourselves, and allow Christ to find, save and transform us. It's a tough and challenging thing to acknowledge the places where we are unjust or destructive, and to do the work of repentance in order to be changed, which is integral to our calling as people of the way. The tough questions, then, this week are these: Where do we still need to confront injustice and "lostness" in ourselves? and In what ways can we offer ourselves to be agents of healing, grace and change in our communities?

*Adapted from John van de Laar (2016) <http://sacredise.com>*

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### **Hymn The Lost Sheep - Aurelia TiS 457**

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| 1. The stories told by Jesus<br>Were told to simple folk.<br>He told them for their comfort,<br>As well as to provoke.<br>The leaders of the temple,<br>The ones who taught the Law,<br>They did not give approval<br>To what they heard and saw.                 | 3. "And when you find the drifter,<br>The one alone and cold,<br>You take it to your shoulder;<br>Return it to the fold.<br>Your joy is overwhelming;<br>For what was lost is found.<br>You celebrate with neighbours.<br>Your happiness, profound." |
| 2. For Jesus 'strays' were welcome.<br>They were the ones he sought;<br>And so he told this story<br>To give them more support.<br>"Take sheep – You have a hundred;<br>You lose one. You will leave<br>The ninety nine in pasture,<br>The lost one to retrieve." | 4. Just so. This is the message<br>Of hope and grace and peace<br>To those who feel 'gone missing',<br>For those who need release.<br>There's joy in restoration<br>For when we feel alone,<br>In God we are accepted;<br>In God is peace unknown.   |

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## **Notices**

**TODAY 12.30pm Parish BBQ;** hosts Len & Robyn Whitehouse, 4 Kurkurac Court, High Camp - BYO meat, salad, dessert & refreshments to share. If you require transport please see a warden or clergy. All welcome - please come there is always plenty.

**Clergy Retreat - The parish clergy will out of the parish Monday - Thursday this week.** There will be no mid-week service at St Matthews or at Dianella.

## **St Matthew's Day Feast of Title, 10.30am Sunday 25 September.**

Our guest preacher for the day is the Rev'd Dr. Cecilia Francis who is the Emily Gavan Lecturer in Practical Theology at Trinity College, University of Melbourne. Following the 10.30am Eucharist, lunch will be served in the Gavan Hall. Main course will be provided by St Matthew's congregation - the other centres to please provide desserts.

**Parish Fete St Matthews Broadford, Saturday, 10th December - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE (due to the Kilmore Show);** for queries, contact Edie Simpson, 57841246, or John Patterson, 57843284.

**Chris Schafer Appreciation Appeal** - Parish Council resolved to launch an appeal to raise funds to have struck a plaque to recognise the contribution to music made by Chris as organist over many years. Envelopes are at the back of the Church.

**Diocese of Wangaratta "2016 Spirit of Christmas" Artwork and Image Competition** - aspiring artists and photographers of all ages in the Diocese are invited to submit entries until 8th October 2016. See Clergy for entry forms and details.

**Bunnings Craigieburn BBQ 15th October** - volunteers required please contact Robyn 57811185 to assist with any of the two hour slots 8.00a.m. - 4.00p.m. 4 people per slot needed.

**From Assumption College** - A huge thank you to the team of "beanies for East Timor" knitters. The beanies will be in East Timor this weekend. Thank you also to the "squares knitters" for the "Winter Appeal"; now made into blankets and distributed to the homeless and the needy. This ends these appeals for 2016, but please continue knitting towards the 2017 projects. Please contact Caroline if anyone has spare wool.

**Five Cent Coin and postage stamps collection for missions** please invite family and friends to contribute their coins and stamps as well. Collecting receptacles at the back of the Church.

**Direct Debit/EFT Offerings:** Parish Account details: CBA Account Name 'Kilmore Anglican Parish'. BSB 063-698. Account Number 1018 464.

## **Parish Diary**

**2nd Sunday of the month:** Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details

**4th Sunday:** 5pm Meditation Service Christ Church

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

**1st Wednesday:** Property Committee Meeting 7.30pm see notices for venue

**3rd Wednesday:** Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm see notices for venue.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September	25	St Matthew's Feast of Title
October	15	Bunnings BBQ (volunteers needed)
	29	Men's Breakfast (TBC)
November	1	Melbourne Cup Mission Luncheon
	6	Bishop visits - organ recital Christ Church
	13	Parish AGM
December	10	Christmas Parish Fete St Matthews
	11	Festival of Carols Christ Church
	18	Community Carols St Stephens

## Parish life this week

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th Clergy Retreat

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

Friday 14th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 15th 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

## SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 18th September 2016: Pentecost XVIII [25]**

Jeremiah 8.18-9.1; Ps 79.1-9; 1 Timothy 2.1-10; Luke 16.1-13

<b>Christ Church</b>	9am	Sung Eucharist
<b>St Matthew's</b>	11am	Holy Eucharist
<b>St Stephen's</b>	11am	Holy Eucharist
<b>Transfiguration</b>	4pm	No service this day

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