



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**5th June 2016**



**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**HYMNS 596, Pew sheet, 647, 107**

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



*Raising the son of the widow of Nain, German Hitda Codex, c. 1020.*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

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

A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people! *Luke 7.16*

## THE COLLECT

Compassionate God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Deliver us from the death of sin, and raise us to new life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Luke 7:16) **AMEN.**

## FIRST READING

**1 Kings 17.8-24**

[The widow at Zarephath feeds Elijah and her oil and flour do not run out. When her son dies, Elijah raises him.]

*A reading from the first book of Kings*

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: ‘Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have instructed a widow there to supply you with food.’ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, ‘Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?’ As she was going to get it, he called, ‘And bring me, please, a piece of bread.’ ‘As surely as the Lord your God lives,’ she replied, ‘I don’t have any bread – only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it – and die.’ Elijah said to her, ‘Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: “The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.”’ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah. Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. She said to Elijah, ‘What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?’ ‘Give me your son,’ Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. Then he cried out to the Lord, ‘Lord my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?’ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the Lord, ‘Lord my God, let this boy’s life return to him!’ The Lord heard Elijah’s cry, and the boy’s life returned to him, and he lived. Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, ‘Look, your son is alive!’ Then the woman said to Elijah, ‘Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146

[Do not trust in powerful people, but in God who protects the weak and who gives justice.]

**Response: I will praise the Lord as long as I live.**

Simon Lesley



Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord;  
as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power,  
for there is no help in them.

When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth;  
on that day all their thoughts perish./R

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise for ever;/R

Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong  
and bread to those who hunger.

The Lord looses those that are bound;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;/R

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous;

The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;  
he upholds the orphan and widow;

but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

The Lord shall reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations./R

## SECOND READING

Galatians 1.11-24

[Paul tells the story of his conversion, and how he did not depend on people to give him God's revelation.]

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians*

Paul writes, 'I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. I did not go up to

Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles – only James, the Lord’s brother. I assure you before God that what I am writing to you is no lie. Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only heard the report: ‘The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.’ And they praised God because of me.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A great prophet has ris- | en among us!

God has looked favoura- | bly on us! Alleluia.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 7.11-17**

[Jesus raises the widow of Nain’s son.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke*

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

Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother’s only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’ Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, ‘Young man, I say to you, rise!’ The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, ‘A great prophet has risen among us!’ and ‘God has looked favourably on his people!’ This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Healing and compassionate God, your hands hold gently all creation, your touch brings life in the face of death, your love transforms destruction into grace; touch our lives with your Spirit, bringing new life and hope, and hear our prayer so that we may live and serve you with joy and praise.

God of life and love; **hear our prayer.**

Praise to you, faithful God, for you bring hope to the hungry, lift up the downtrodden, and bringing justice to the oppressed; for all nations and for peace in our world, especially in Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq; for resolution of ancient feuds and modern conflicts; for those impacted by natural disasters especially the 36

million people facing hunger across southern and eastern Africa grappling with the worst drought in decades at a time of record high temperatures.

God of life and love; **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we pray for your church, for visionary and inspiring leaders, for faithful disciples, and for all all who minister in your name; for the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia as it begins its Decade of Mission; for our Diocese, Bishop John, and our parish that by sacrament, word and deed your gospel be proclaimed.

God of life and love; **hear our prayer.**

Generous and loving God, we pray for our country and for integrity of all seeking election; for those in authority that all may share with justice the resources of the land; for migrants and asylum seekers and those held in detention; for our community may we care for the weak and the vulnerable, the hungry and the homeless; for the tender care for the young and respect for the elderly, that in all our dealings with one another we may show forth your love.

God of life and love; **hear our prayer.**

Praise to you, faithful God, for you breathe life into those left for dead; your touch restores wholeness and health; we pray for those in need, the sick and the suffering; those living with mental illnesses and addictions; for those on our hearts this day, and those who have requested our prayer.

*Chris Schafer, Karen Goodger, Jean Evans, Denise, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Barbara Kaye, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Valerie Wallis, Patrick Wallis, Eunice Downie, Merle Edwards, Susan, Leonie Upton, Fr Keith Shepherd; Joan Grimmwade, John Leonard.*

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

God of life and love; **hear our prayer.**

God of everlasting life, your Son overcame the sting of death to bring us into eternal life; we pray for the recently departed for *Reg Troth* and for those who years mind occurs at this time.

*5th Herbert Chapman, Ivy Sobey, Violet White; 6th Fiona Hill, Beverley Stack; 8th Wilfred Horwood, Phillip Downie; 9th Jack Pontin; 10th Alan Winnell, Greg Potts, Winifred Barber, Alan Busch; 11th Darren White, Joe Johnstone, Violet Ball.*

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

God of life and love; **hear our prayer.**

Redeeming and sustaining Lord, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us; hear as we pray for ourselves.....; may we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name.

God of life and love; **hear our prayer.**

Thanksgiving, blessing and praise be yours, God of the incarnation; because you care for us and for our prayer; may our love for you and our likeness to you be strengthened every time we pray, and hear us as we pray as our Lord has taught us; **Our Father in heaven....** [Pg 124].

## Hymn: O Christ, You Are Life [Tune TiS 188 Hanover]

1. O Christ, you are life! You heal and restore!  
You bring God's good news to those lost and poor.  
Through all of your ministry here on the earth,  
you looked in the crowds and saw each person's worth.

2. You entered a town; a widow was there.  
She grieved for her son and cried in despair.  
On seeing her sorrow, you raised up her son;  
the neighbours all shouted,  
"A prophet has come!"

3. You went to a house and sat down to eat;  
a woman in tears anointed your feet.  
Your host muttered, "Sinner!" but you turned to say,  
"She's joyful because she's forgiven today!"

4. O God, give us life and show us anew:  
each person is loved and valued by you.  
May we see all people as children of yours,  
and work for your kingdom that heals and restores.

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### Reflections on the Readings

God's care for those who are weak, poor, threatened and dying shouts from the passages this week. And God's offer of God's resources to address the challenges of these 'least' is equally clear. It is too easy to turn the work of justice and compassion into a kind of 'slightly sanctified social work'. But even 'social justice Christians' need to recognise the Presence and availability of God and God's Spirit to guide and empower both our work and the lives of those we seek to serve. So, a significant part of our serving and healing the world is to call leaders, influencers, and carers back to vibrant spirituality and to ensuring that as they serve, they also enable others to find a faith that is authentic and alive for them. Simultaneously, though, we are also called to challenge those who are "too heavenly minded to be any earthly good" to engage with the real, social issues of our day, ensuring that our faith is practical, connected and life-giving – effectively a channel for God's grace and provision to reach others through us. When spirituality, social justice, politics, economics, and community development all work together, the result is a powerful, life-giving, healing and uplifting presence in the world – which is no less than a manifestation of God's presence and Reign. Frequently in churches and communities worship and missions are often divided. It is easy to fall into a functional atheism which leaves us doing good work in our world but lacking the spirituality which gives it life, lasting impact, and truly transforming power. If we are to be more than just another social service organisation, our missions must be flooded in worship, and our worship must overflow into a vibrant, God-inspired mission that ultimately protects the weak, leads to justice and heals the world.

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# Notices

**Lay Ministry Licensing - Revd Maryann is available after the 9am service at Christ Church to help process the Lay Ministry Licensing paperwork.** All parishioners undertaking any activity in the parish are required to complete Safe Ministry Checks which requires obtaining a Working with Children Check and a Police Check. 100 ID points are necessary; information is available to assist with this. Clergy are also available Fridays and Saturday mornings at Church House or by appointment.

**Parish BBQ Next Sunday 12 June** Hosts Len and Robyn Whitehouse, 4 Kurkurac Court, High Camp; BYO meat, salad and dessert to share and refreshments. Please see a Warden or Clergy if you need transport.

**Parish Directory:** This week is the final week for names to be added to the Parish Directory. If you are not in the current directory or if any amendments need to be made, please fill in the form at the back of each church.

**Wanted - Knitters!** If we have any knitters in the parish, your help would be very much appreciated for the Assumption College Winter Appeal. Squares approximately 26 cm wide (55 stitches) will be made into blankets for the homeless and needy this winter. If you require knitting needles or wool, please contact Caroline Burge.



**Five Cent Coin collection for missions** please collect your five cent coins and invite family and friends to contribute as well. Collecting receptacle 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.

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## Parish Diary

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

**2nd & 4th Tuesday:** Faith Enhancement Group meets 13 The Parade Broadford.

**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.

## Parish life this week

First week of June

Thursday 9th	10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's
	10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
	11.00am Funeral Reg Troeth, Yan Yean Cemetery, Whittlesea
	11.30am Eucharist Caledonia
	4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 20th	10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
Saturday 21st	10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

## SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 12th June 2016: Pentecost IV**

I Kings 21.1-21a; Ps 5.1-7; Galatians 2.15-21; Luke 7.36-8.3

<b>Christ Church</b>	9am	Sung Eucharist
<b>St Matthews</b>	11am	Morning Prayer
<b>St Stephens</b>	11am	Holy Eucharist
<b>Transfiguration</b>	4pm	No service this day

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