



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**3rd July 2016**



**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HYMNS: 207, 414, 640, 573**

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



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

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. *Luke 10.2*

## THE COLLECT

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**2 Kings 5:1-14**

[Elisha is visited by Naaman, the commander of the army of the king of Aram, who has a serious skin disease. He instructs him through a messenger to wash himself seven times in the Jordan, which, after some complaining, Naaman does, and he is healed.]

*A reading from the second book of Kings*

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy." As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!" When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed." But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage. Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## Psalm 30

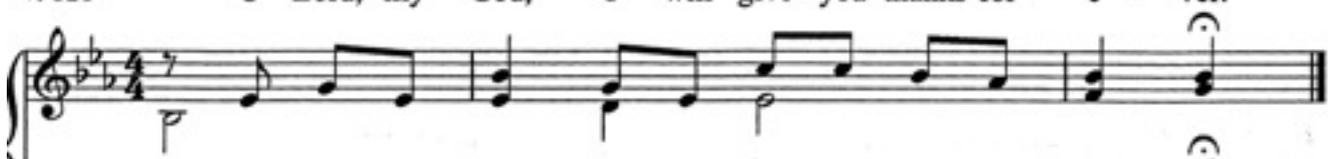
[David celebrates God's deliverance, healing and mercy, and that God has turned his mourning into dancing, as he commits to a life of praise.]

**Response: O Lord. my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.**

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O Lord, my God, I will give you thanks for e - ver.

Alan Rees



O Lord my God, I cried out to you and you have healed me.  
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit./R

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his holy name.  
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
his favour for a lifetime.  
Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning./R

In my prosperity I said, 'I shall never be moved.  
You, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong.'  
Then you hid your face from me and I was utterly dismayed./R

To you, O Lord, I cried; to the Lord I made my supplication:  
'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?  
'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.'/R

You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;  
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever./R

## SECOND READING

## Galatians 6.1-18

[Paul instructs the Galatians to give themselves in bringing goodness into the world – correcting one another, working faithfully, providing for their teachers, and doing good (justice) at every opportunity.]

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

Paul writes, 'Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their

flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule “to the Israel of God.” From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Let the peace of Christ rule | in your hearts,  
and let the word of Christ dwell | in you richly.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 10.1-12, 17-24**

[Jesus sends the seventy two disciples out to preach the Kingdom, instructing them to bless the homes where they stay and to accept the hospitality they are offered. On their return he celebrates with them, but stresses that the best thing is to have “names written in heaven”.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke*

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know

this: the kingdom of God has come near.” I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’ At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## **THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

God of justice and love, to live your way opens us to your grace; we can do nothing apart from the blessings you bestow; equip us to use our gifts in fulfilling the mission of discipleship you entrust to us; help us to be bold for you in the face of iniquity and injustice; and, in the daily rhythm of our lives, may our small acts of love show forth your healing power in those places willing to receive your peace.

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

Lord Jesus you sent your followers to proclaim the Good News of God’s kingdom; we pray for your church and for its mission; for the Episcopal Church in the United States; for our Diocese, John our Bishop and our parish; bless us as we share the good news of your love - that we may indeed be a blessing to others.

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

Gracious God, we pray for leaders of the nations, for the people of Great Britain and the EU as they seek a way forward; for the people of the United States of America as they celebrate their Independence Day; for those killed and injured in Istanbul Airport attack; for refugees and asylum seekers and for those who live in fear and deprivation.

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

Heavenly Father, we pray for our nation and community and for all now tasked with government; we pray for justice and equity in the implementation of policies; for the unemployed and the homeless, the marginalised and those held in detention.

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

We pray for those who are in pain, sorrow, confusion, or despair; for those who mourn lost loved ones; for hospital chaplains and pastoral care workers; for

doctors and nurses; for those who sit with the sick and watch with the dying; for those on our hearts and 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, Leonie Upton, John Leonard, Lorraine Lipson, Glenn Turnbull;*

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

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

Everlasting God, in every generation you have called saints and sinners and sent them to proclaim your reign; we remember and give thanks for your faithful people in every age; for the recently departed and those whose years mind we recall at this time;

*3rd John Williamson, Charles Hutchinson; 4th Thomas Pearce, Jean Creusot; 5th Sydney Bennett, Jack Dess, Ron Margeson, Claudine Tuttle; 6th Philip Strong (bishop), Roy Cam, Mary Dean; 7th Kerry-Lee Lozanovski, Lucy Carroll; 8th Royden Cooper, Mary Xuereb, 9th Edmund Randall (priest).*

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

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

Gracious God, we offer our prayer through your son Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray; **Our Father in heaven....** [Pg 124]

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### **Reflections on the Readings**

The central message this week is simple but significant – do not despise the saving power of small things. God’s commitment to justice, restoration and healing is proclaimed strongly through Psalm 30 which recounts an ordinary journey from joy to pain and back again, relying on God’s mercy and grace – a common human experience. Naaman complains because Elisha speaks to him through a servant and asks him to do an ordinary thing like wash in an ordinary river in Israel – yet he can only be healed by changing his attitude, and embracing this extraordinary way to healing. Paul writes to the Galatians about the work of following Christ in the every day terms of our relationships with one another (correcting each other and sharing burdens), taking responsibility and doing good for all. And Jesus sends his disciples out to share the message of God’s reign, while accepting hospitality along the way – a very ordinary practice for travellers. Even when they celebrate overcoming demons, Jesus downplays it. In the end God’s justice is the result of millions of small acts by millions of ordinary people. The power of Jesus’ message was not in his riveting preaching or his miraculous acts, it was in the ordinary lives that were changed. So, too, the impact of the disciples’ ministry would have been felt through the changed lives of the people they left behind when they had moved on. The power of the church to bring wholeness to society is in the grace, kindness and mutual encouragement that comes from living as the letter to the Galatians instructs. It is often tempting as we seek to share Christ’s message in the Church and into our communities to think about making big changes and attempting big, attention grabbing projects. But so often it is in the quiet work of nurturing care and service within our community, and in doing the

slow, transformative work of growing into caring, serving Christ-followers in our homes, workplaces and sports clubs that ultimately determines how effective is our ministry. When, instead of pointing fingers at “the world” we are willing to accept its “hospitality” speaking blessing, and offering grace and mercy and justice in every situation and with every person (as the disciples were called to do), then people begin coming to us to learn more about our faith and the One we follow. In the end, what is important is not the dramatic confrontations, but the people whose names are “written in heaven” – who have discovered life in the dream of God.

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## Notices

**Parish BBQ 12.30pm Sunday 10th July** - Host Ian Staring, Dockerys Road Tallarook: bring and share BBQ, salads and desserts - transport can be arranged - please contact warden or clergy.

**Lay Ministry Licensing** - Any person who has yet to complete the Licensing procedure please contact Revd Maryann to make an appointment.

**Memorial Garden at Christ Church** - thanks to past parishioner Eric Javor for continuing to care for the garden replacing trees and mulch over the past couple of months.

**Stamps for Mission** - parishioners continue to leave stamps used and unused in the boxes in the Churches. The stamps provide funds to support the Diocese's giving to ABM. Please continue to give stamps especially as posted items are not as frequent as previous years.



**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.

**Giving Envelopes** - If you use these envelopes, please take a box from the desk near the door, and begin to use them on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

**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 the month:** Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details

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

**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 July

Wednesday 6th 7.30pm Property Committee meeting @ Gavan Hall  
Thursday 7th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's  
10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade  
11.30am Eucharist Caledonia  
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella  
Friday 8th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House  
Saturday 9th 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

## SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 10th July 2016: Pentecost VIII**  
Amos 7.7-17; Ps 92; Galatians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37

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

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