



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

Sunday 12th September 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation:



*As we gather in prayer today, we acknowledge the Taungurung people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We pay respects to the past and present Elders of the Kulin nation and extend that respect to any Aboriginals present. Welcome to all, especially, to newcomers and visitors. **Please check in with the QR code provided. Please observe social distance and sanitise your hands on entering and when you leave the church. Please have your mask on during the service and remove only on receiving communion.** Our service starts on page 119 of *A Prayer Book for Australia**

Hymns: 111; 152; 137; 135

Sentence: Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it. *Mark 8.35*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

May none of your wonderful creations cease in their praise of you, God of beauty and wonder – neither at night nor in the morning. May the glimmering stars, the breath-taking mountains, the fathomless depths of the sea, the crashing waves, the singing streams all burst out in songs of praise to you, the Creator of all: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! We join the angels before the throne in singing “Amen! Amen! Amen!” Power and majesty, praise and honour are due to you, Granter of infinite mercy. Amen! Amen! Amen! *(A third-century prayer of praise from Egypt)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating God, you give light and life, and express delight in your creation. You gave the command to till and care for your garden, but we have abused the beauty of creation and keeping of your work.

We confess the plundering of finite resources. We confess to stealing our descendants' birthright to life. We confess the flagrant pollution of land, sea and air. We confess the churches' lack of concern for the well-being of creation. We confess the excesses within our own lifestyle. Creating God, we have desecrated your creation and darkened your light. In a moment of quiet we confess our profligate lifestyle and human greed.

Words of Renewal

God of life and God of light, as we seek a new relationship with your created order, may we sense the grace and peace of a new relationship with you. **Amen.**
(CTBI Eco-Congregations)

COLLECT

Jesus, redeemer of our common home and provider for all of creation; Teach us to value the habitats of all your creatures given into our care, so that we can preserve the world in all of its diversity Inspire us to value your precious gifts and never to take more than we can give, for you live and reign in the diversity of the Blessed Trinity, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. **Amen**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Proverbs Chapter 1.20 – 33

²⁰ Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. ²¹ At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: ²² ‘How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? ²³ Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. ²⁴ Because I have called

and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, ²⁵ and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, ²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, ²⁷ when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. ²⁸ Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. ²⁹ Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, ³⁰ would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, ³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. ³² For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; ³³ but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

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

Silence may follow each reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 19

Sung / Said: The heavens declare the glory of God

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork; ² One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge. ³ There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard; ⁴ Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God

⁵ There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course. ⁶ Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat. ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple. ⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one. **The heavens declare the glory of God**

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults. ¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence. ¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of James Chapter 2.18 – 26

¹⁸ But someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? ²¹ Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. ²³ Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness’, and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? ²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark chapter 8.27 – 38

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ ²⁸ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ ²⁹ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves

and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

Silence may follow each reading.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Affirmation of faith

God, the source of our being and the goal of all our longing, we believe and trust in you. The whole earth is alive with your glory, and all that has life is sustained by you. We commit ourselves to cherish your world, and to seek your face. O God, embodied in a human life we believe and trust in you. Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary, you confronted the proud and the powerful, and welcomed as your friends those of no account. Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation, you emptied yourself of power, and became foolishness for our sake. You laboured with us upon the cross, and have brought us forth to the hope of resurrection. We commit ourselves to struggle against evil, and to choose life. O God, life-giving Spirit, Spirit of healing and comfort, of integrity and truth, we believe and trust in you. Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation, rushing wind and Pentecostal fire, we commit ourselves to work with you and renew our world. *(All desires known, Janet Morley)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Creator God, the freedom and responsibilities we were gifted by you have been abused. We have used domination rather than being stewards of your sacred Creation. Walls are created to keep others out instead of inns where all are welcome. Help us to trust in our identity as your children. Accept our thanks for all people who show in action that indeed your Creation is sacred. In your merciful goodness, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, hear us as we cry out to you for peace and justice for the peoples and the land itself. Guide us to a place where sacred water, land and resources are respected and shared by all. As your Word became part of your living creation, teach us to trust in hope that one day soon all may dwell in peace and happiness.

May your justice truly course through our lands like an unstoppable flood. In your merciful goodness, **hear our prayer.**

Creator, we give thanks for Mother Earth and all her abundant life. She protects us and nourishes us. Help us to conserve nature and serve all Creation. Continue to reveal yourself through your sacred creation. Help us to shape ourselves within the warmth of each day and every time we allow new wisdom to guide us and help us grow. In your merciful goodness, **hear our prayer.**

God our Creator, not long ago, we took for granted that food was produced and shared in local community. Today we live within the consequences of the choices we have made and now the nourishment of Mother Earth is not available to all. In your merciful goodness, **hear our prayer.**

Great Creator, heal and redeem the wounds of your Creation. We know the food which grows from your Creation is meant for all. Help us find ways to bring nourishment to the people and places that seek it. We pray especially for Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl Kirby, Tom Scrivens, Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Robert Whalley, Candice Pearce, Gail Piechowiak, Russel Taylor, Shirley Wigg, Kate Jessup and Vince Fazio ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer.*] Teach us and show us the way. In your merciful goodness, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God of earth, sea, and sky, ignite the sacred fire of your Spirit within us that we may rise up to heal and defend Mother Earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the caring of all your Creation. We pray for those with whom we shared our lives and now have passed beyond our vision. Marlyn Gordon (5th); Anne Stanmore (6th); Elizabeth Walsh (7th). Robert Horwood (10th); May Taylor, Ronald Smith (11th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** God our lover and our Beloved, we give you thanks that in death, as in life, you long to draw us to yourself; open our hearts to respond to your insistent call. In your merciful goodness, **hear our prayer.**

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: The beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us. The summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the lakes speaks to us. The faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars for you speak to us in your Son, Jesus Christ in whose name we offer these prayers. **Amen.** (*Kelly Sherman Conroy, Evangelical Lutheran Church*)

It is the custom of our church to invite all baptised communicant members of other Christian traditions to share the bread of the Lord's Supper with us. Non-Communicants are invited to come and receive a blessing.

Notices:

Monday 20th September OP Shop committee Meeting at Church-house at 12.30 pm.

Parish Council meeting Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 7.30pm at Kilmore.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings – Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name ‘Anglican Parish of Kilmore’; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Reference: Offertory

PARISH DIARY [Regular Meetings and Events]

3rd Tues of the month: St Matthew’s Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm
contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.

3rd Wednesday of the month: Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm 18th August at Kilmore.

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Monday 13th September 10.00am – 2.00pm Op Shop: Trading, Drop off

Thursday 16th September 10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew’s Broadford
10.00am – 12.00 Op Shop: Trading, Drop off, sorting

Friday 17th September 10.00am – 04.00pm Op Shop

Saturday 18th September 10.00am – 12.00 noon Op Shop

Next Sunday 19th September: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:		
Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Morning Prayer
St Matthew’s, Broadford	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen’s, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	until	Further Notice

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
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Monday	Ps 35.1 – 17	Ps 35.18 – 29; 36
6 th September	1Kings 10.1 – 13	Job 16.1 – 17
	Matthew 4.12 – 22	Ephesians 1.1 – 14
Tuesday	Ps 34	Ps 119.17 – 40
7 th September	1Kings 10.14 – 29	Job 16.18 – 17.8
	Matthew 4.23 – 5.12	Ephesians 2.1 – 10
Wednesday	Ps 37.1 – 17	Ps 37.18 – 41
8 th September	1Kings 11.1 – 14, 23 – 25	Job 18
	Matthew 5.13 – 26	Ephesians 2.11 – 22
Thursday	Ps 38	Ps 39
9 th September	1 Kings 11.26 – 43	Job 19.1 – 22
	Matthew 5.27 – 42	Ephesians 3.1 – 13
Friday	Ps 40	Ps 42; 43
10 th September	1 Kings 12.1 – 17	Job 19.23 – 20.11
	Matthew 5.43 – 6.4	Ephesians 3.14 – 21
Saturday	Ps 41; 44.1 – 9	Ps 44.10 – 27
11 th September	1 Kings 12.18 – 33	Job 20.12 – 20
	Matthew 6.5 – 15	Ephesians 4.1 – 16

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**SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS REFRESHER COURSE
 TO BE HELD AT SHEPPARTON 18TH SEPTEMBER 2021. PLEASE MAKE
 ARRANGEMENT TO DO THE REFRESHER AS OUR CERTICATES
 NEED TO BE RENEWED EVERY THREE (3) YEARS.**