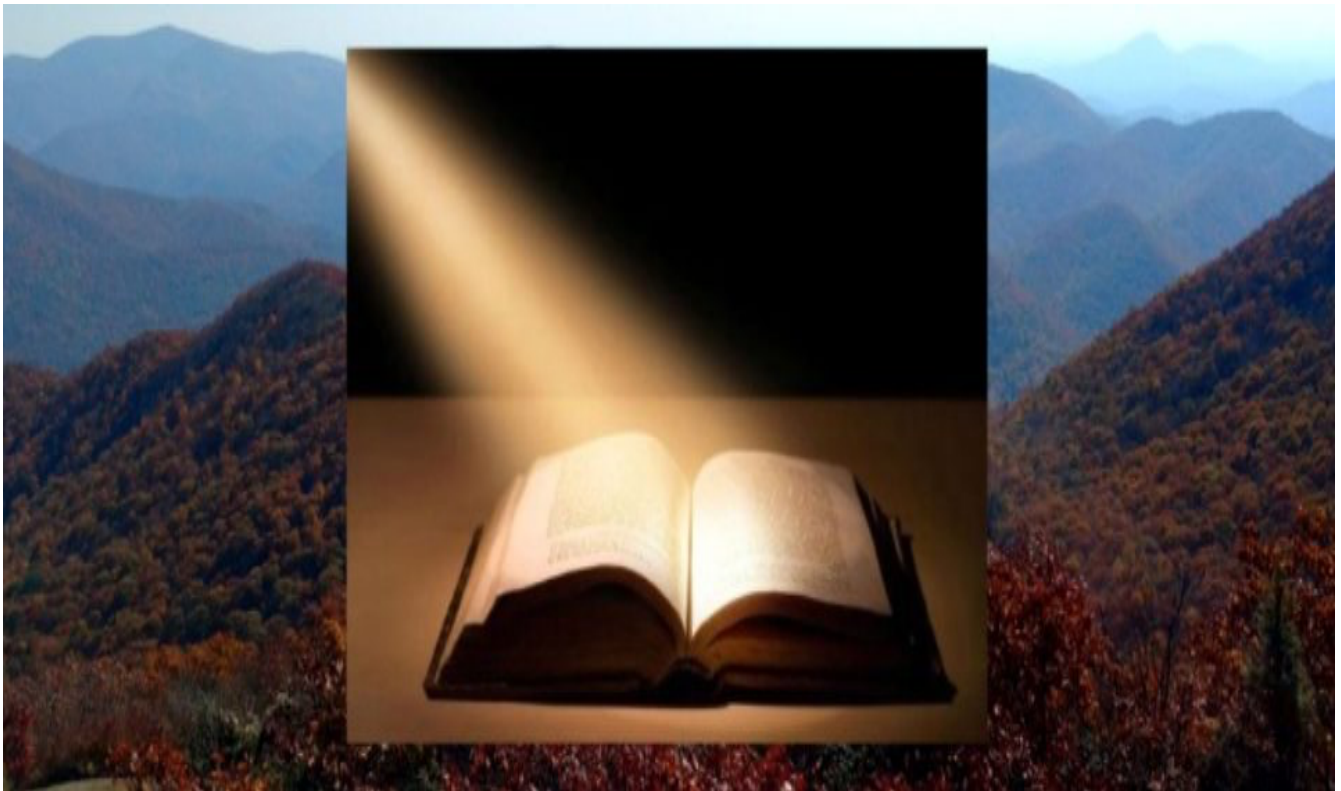




**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook
17th Sunday after Pentecost**

27th September 2020

...let me be your servant, let me be like Christ ...



Sentence: Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

Hosea 6.1a, 2b

THE COLLECT

Grant, O merciful God, that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant, and in humility became obedient even to death. For you have highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus Chapter 17.1 – 7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, ‘Give us water to drink.’ Moses said to them, ‘Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?’ ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?’ ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

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

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 78.1 – 4, 11 – 16

Said: Lord, do not deal with us as our sins deserve.

¹ Give heed to my teaching, O my people: incline your ears to the words of my mouth; ² For I will open my mouth in a parable: and expound the mysteries of former times. ³ What we have heard and known: what our forebears have told us, ⁴ We will not hide from their children, but declare to a generation yet to come: the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works...**R**

¹¹ For he did marvellous things in the sight of their ancestors: in the land of Egypt, in the country of Zoan. ¹² He divided the sea and let them pass through: he made the waters stand up in a heap. ¹³ In the daytime he led them with a cloud: and all night long with the light of fire...**R**

¹⁴ He cleft rocks in the wilderness: and gave them drink in abundance as from springs of water. ¹⁵ He brought streams out of the rock: and caused the waters to flow down like rivers. ¹⁶ But for all this they sinned yet more against him: and rebelled against the Most High in the desert...**R**

Silence may follow each reading

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians Chapter 2.1 – 13

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Silence may follow each reading

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 21.23 – 32

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say

to us, “Why then did you not believe him?”²⁶ But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’²⁷ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.’²⁸ ‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.”²⁹ He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went.’³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go.’³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.’³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

God of grace, you took the form of a servant and came and dwell among the poor and the oppressed: hear our prayers for your world and your church.

We pray for the peoples of the world: for all whose lives are filled with misery and degradation; for all living with the affect and effect of the pandemic; for those in places of oppression, war and civil unrest. When we are greedy and wasteful in our use of resources, when we allow others to be exploited for our gain, work your will in us that we may grow into your likeness. God of grace, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the worldwide Church: for church leaders and all who commit their lives to your service, for Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence our bishop; for those in this parish who minister here in your name. When we are slow to believe or trust in you, when we do not honour our promises or do your will, work your will in us that we may grow into your likeness. God of grace, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those with whom our lives are bound: for our neighbours and those with whom we work or play; for our families and all whose love and care sustains our lives. When we are rude and arrogant in our dealings with others, when we are indifferent to the welfare of the poor and disadvantaged, work your will in us that we may grow into your likeness. God of grace, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in trouble or distress: for the lonely and unwanted, the sad and the sorrowing; for the frightened and despairing, the sick and the dying. We pray especially for Kathy Slade, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Shirley Perkins, Beris Hannam, Joyce Bennet, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, and Candice Pearce ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*]. When we are too selfish to open our hearts to others who are in need, when we are too proud to accept the help that others offer to us, work your will in us that we may grow into your likeness. God of grace, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died in your love: for those of every age and place who have loved you and served you; for those dear to us and for those of this parish who have gone before us. This week we remember: Neal Streatfeild, Florence Freestone (27th); Thelma Wassbrum, Nellie Stafford (28th); Russell Baker, Jim Bushell (29th); Jim Edwards, Bruce Mitchell (30th); Keith Smith (1st October); Gus Ablitt, Barnie Brown, Robert Crute, Ned Carter (2nd); Arthur Foster, Peter Marshall, Liam Jarrett (3rd). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Work your will in us that we may grow into your likeness, and when our earthly days are done, bring us to a joyful resurrection that we, with all your saints, may live for ever in your presence. God of grace, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause) God of grace, in your mercy, **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.**

NOTICES:

Parish Council meeting will continue online, our next meeting date is 21st October 2020. Please let us have your reports by Tuesday 20th October.

Self-isolating Parishioners: If we have any parishioners who are “self-isolating” due to the Coronavirus, but who need essentials from the shops or support in some way, please do not hesitate to contact the Wardens or Fr André.

Finances: Ministry is continuing throughout the Parish with weekly services published on the internet, funerals being conducted, hospital and aged care visitation and general contact with Parishioners. There is also a great deal of help

being provided to the community in general. Our website lists large numbers of people accessing and appreciating the efforts we are making at this difficult time. Our Parish is not able to rely on Funds being raised either by the OP Shop or many other fundraisers at this time please consider your weekly offertory giving by giving through Direct Debit or just paying into our account at any Bendigo Bank. As most bills require payment within one month it would be great if donors could consider monthly giving so that we can plan any withdrawals we may need from Trust accounts. Our costs have been cut to the very minimum and are being adjusted downwards as far as we can possibly take them.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings –

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

Emergency Relief: We are in NEED of groceries for those who are doing it tough in Kilmore. Please deliver it to the Rectory, it will be distributed every Friday morning.

ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

NO SERVICE IN OUR CHURCH BUILDING UNTILL FUTHER NOTICE.

Op Shop closed till further notice.

Weekly Zoom Meetings: Please join us for our **Parish Chat on Zoom every Friday at 2.00pm.** Please note we have changed the time. Let Fr Andrè know if you wish to be invited.

Next Sunday 4th October – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Exodus 20.1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 – 20; Ps 19; Philippians 3.4b – 14; Matthew 21.33 – 46

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 71	Ps 119.65 – 88
28 th September	Joel 2.25 – 3.8	1 Maccabees 3.27 – 41
	Matthew 9.1 – 13	Colossians 1.1 – 8
Tuesday	Ps 69.1 – 16	Ps 69.17 – 23, 31 – 38
29 th September	Joel 3.9 – 21	1 Maccabees 3.42 – 60
	Matthew 9.14 – 26	Colossians 1.9 – 20
Wednesday	Ps 72	Ps 73
30 th September	Ezra 1	1 Maccabees 4.1 – 36

	Matthew 9.27 – 38	Colossians 1.21 – 29
Thursday	Ps 74	Ps 75; 76
1 st October	Ezra 2.64 – 3.8	1 Maccabees 4.37 – 61
	Matthew 10.1 – 15	Colossians 2.1 – 7
Friday	Ps 77	Ps 78.1 – 15
2 nd October	Ezra 3.9 – 4.6	1 Maccabees 6.1 – 17
	Matthew 10.16 – 27	Colossians 2.8 – 15
Saturday	Ps 78.16 – 38	Ps 78.39 – 70
3 rd October	Ezra 4.11 – 5.2	1 Maccabees 6.18 – 47
	Matthew 10.28 – 42	Colossians 2.16 – 23

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Our services are available from about 09.00am on Sundays on our Facebook page link: <https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanKilmore/> or you can type in Anglican Parish of Kilmore Facebook into the search bar and it should come up. Its also on the link Services Online on the website.

Gospel Reading photos: For those of you who are able to access the internet, you will have seen that the online Gospel reading each week usually has photos adjoining it. For the past weeks we have shown photos of all four of our own churches in the parish; that of St John's Hervey Bay; St Mary's, South Ruislip; Our Cathedral; Mansfield Parish; Benalla Parish; Cobram Parish and St Peter's Lutheran Parish in Greenock in the Barossa Valley. If any parishioner has come from another parish and would like us to show photos of their old parish (and they are able to get some photos), please let Caroline know. Each week we pray particularly for that parish and for their Priest or Pastor. It has been lovely to involve those in the community and beyond.

Barbara Radford and the Love in Action team wish to THANK ALL for the generous and regular donation of groceries to the needy. Please keep on GIVING its tough out there. Blessing and Prayers.

Daylight saving time: Please remember that Day light saving start next Sunday 4th October. Please move your clock / watch forward by one hour at 2am on Sunday morning.

Synod reps please join the pre-synod Zoom meeting on Saturday 17th October time still to be announced.

On Thursday 24th September it was “South African Heritage Day”. As a parish, we are proud and privileged to share the South African heritage of Fr André and Patty, as well as Bishop Clarence and Michelle Bester, and all other South African clergy in our Diocese. We pray particularly for Fr André this week as he celebrated his 16th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Our love and prayers to you from all in the Parish.