



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

Sunday 26th September 2021

Eighteenth 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: 457; 703; 598; 580

Sentence: Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be seasoned? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another. *Mark 9.50*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Call to worship

Creator God, we come before You today with open minds and loving hearts. We thank You for the gift of Your creation and all You have given us. We are called to be your disciples, teach us how to build a world of love, justice and peace and to be better stewards of Your creation.

Prayer of Penitence

Loving God, you have invited us into relationship with you, and others. For the times when we have turned away and broken the bonds between us. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

You have given us many gifts to share with one another. For the times when we have used them without regard for others.

Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy**

You invited us to be to be your disciples in the world. For the times when we have rejected your invitation and taken our own path. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

COLLECT

God, creator of the universe: Fill us with your love for the whole of creation, awake in us the passion to work for your world with passion and boldness. Lift us up on eagles' wings, so that we may not be overwhelmed by the task ahead. In the power of the Holy Spirit who renews the face of the Earth. **Amen**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Esther Chapter 7.1 – 6, 9 – 10; 9.20 – 22

¹ So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ² On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' ³ Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. ⁴ For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' ⁵ Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' ⁶ Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. ⁹ Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved

the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.'¹⁰ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.²⁰ Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far,²¹ enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year,²² as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 124

Sung / Said: The Lord is on our side

¹ If the Lord had not been on our side, now may Israel say: if the Lord had not been on our side, when our enemies rose against us,² Then they would have swallowed us alive: when their anger was kindled against us.³ Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, and the torrent gone over us: the raging waters would have gone clean over us. **The Lord is on our side.**

⁴ But praised be the Lord: who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.⁵ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler: the snare is broken, and we have gone free.⁶ Our help is in the name of the Lord: who has made heaven and earth. **The Lord is on our side.**

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of James Chapter 5.12 – 20

¹² Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'Yes' be yes and your 'No' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and

effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark chapter 9.38 – 50

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁸ John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' ³⁹ But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴² 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹ 'For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

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

Silence may follow each reading.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People

Let us pray: God who created everything beautifully, uniquely and specially, we pray for your world and your people: we give thanks today for the many gifts God has given us: for the beauty of the earth and the abundance of its creatures, for food to nourish us and water to quench our thirst, for the seasons that nurture us and the relationships that sustain us. May we be good stewards of creation, using our skills and talents for the benefit of all. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember today all those whose lives are already affected by climate change, especially the poorest and most vulnerable throughout the world. Those who suffer the effect of the current world pandemic. Leaders who seek a better life to their people and encourage unity, reconciliation and peace. We pray that God be with them and suffuse them with the gift of hope and strength to fight for a better world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our churches, around the world, that as communities of faith we may be active participants in work for climate justice. We pray for those in positions of leadership, for Philip, our Archbishop, and Clarence, our Bishop, that they may use their voices to speak out on behalf of those most vulnerable to climate change, and the whole of God's creation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves, that we may recognise the invitation to discipleship as a gift. May we open ourselves to recognising the many people and places in which God works, building relationships with all who strive to protect God's creation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** (*Compiled and adapted from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland*)

We bring before you all who suffer; the sick, the homeless, the unemployed and the lonely. 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. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those with whom we shared our lives and now have passed beyond our vision. Archie Haddock (26th); 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, Bernie Brown, Robert Crute, Ned Carter (2nd). 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. We ask these things through Christ who loves us and the Holy Spirit who empowers us. **Amen**

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 18th October OP Shop committee Meeting at Church-house at 12.30 pm.

Parish Council meeting Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 7.30pm at Kilmore.

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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 27th September 10.00am – 12.00pm Op shop: Trading, Drop off

Wednesday 29th September 2.30pm – Res Eucharist at Dianella RACF

Thursday 30th September 10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew's Broadford
10.00am – 12.00 Op shop: Trading, Drop off, sorting

Friday 1st October 10.30am – Res Eucharist at Blue Cross RACF
10.00am – 04.00pm Op shop: Trading

Saturday 2nd October 10.00am – 12.00 noon Op Shop

Next Sunday 3rd October: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Job 1.1; 2.1 – 10; Ps 26; Hebrews 1.1 – 4; 2.5 – 12; Mark 10.2 – 16

Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	until	Further Notice

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 68.1 – 20	Ps 68.24 – 35
27 th September	1Kings 16.8 – 34	Job 26
	Matthew 9.1 – 13	Colossians 1.1 – 8
Tuesday	Ps 71	Ps 119.65 – 88
28 th September	1Kings 17	Job 27
	Matthew 9.14 – 26	Colossians 1.9 – 20
Wednesday	Ps 69.1 – 16	Ps 69.17 – 23, 31 – 38
29 th September	1Kings 18.1 – 20	Job 28
	Matthew 9.27 – 38	Colossians 1.21 – 29
Thursday	Ps 72	Ps 73
30 th September	1 Kings 18.20 – 40	Job 29.1 – 20
	Matthew 10.1 – 15	Colossians 2.1 – 17
Friday	Ps 74	Ps 75; 76
1 st October	1 Kings 18.41 – 19.8	Job 29.21 – 30.15
	Matthew 10.16 – 27	Colossians 2.8 – 15
Saturday	Ps 77	Ps 78.1 – 15
2 nd October	1 Kings 19.9 – 21	Job 30.16 – 31.4
	Matthew 10.28 – 42	Colossians 2.16 – 23

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The Spring Fashion Parade 2pm, Saturday, 9 October 2021, at the beautiful Gavan Hall, High Street, Broadford.

(Covid restrictions permitting)

Come and join in the fun and pick up a bargain! Beautiful clothes at low prices; mostly pre-loved with some brand-new items on offer \$5 entry fee Includes complimentary light refreshments!!!