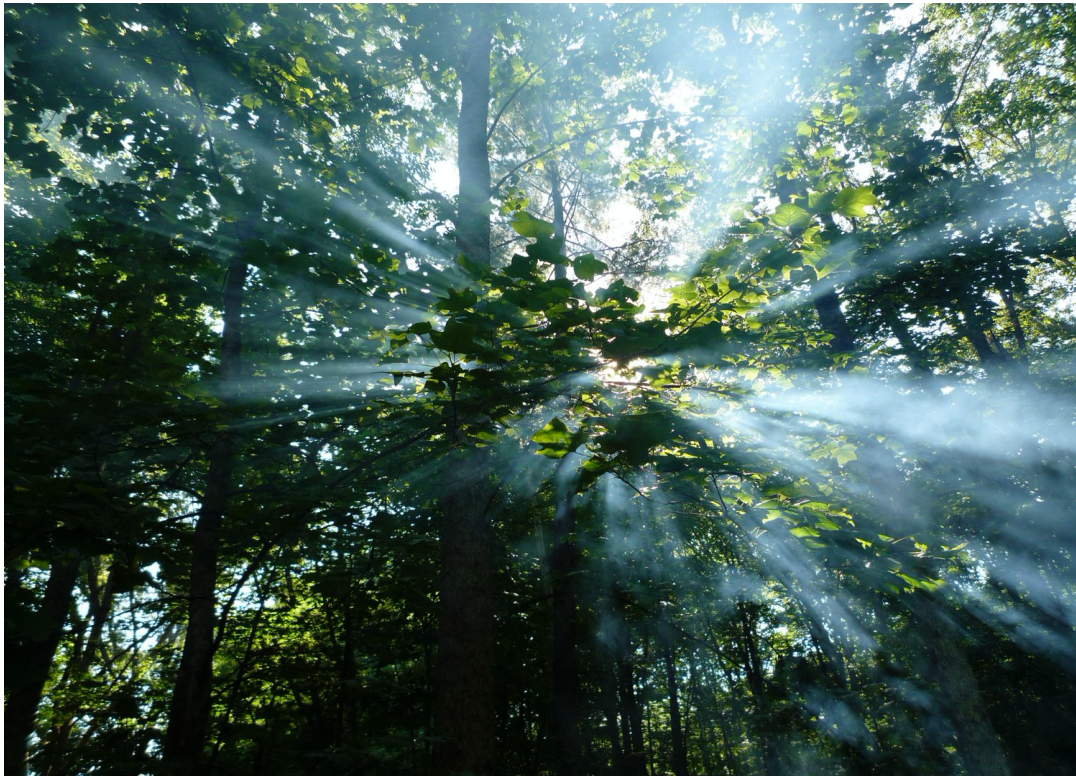




**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook
22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

8th November 2020

Lord, make us ever vigilant...



*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 observe social distance and sanitise your hands on entering and when you leave the church. Please have you mask on during the service and remove only on receiving communion.** Our service starts on page 119 of *A Prayer Book for Australia**

Sentence: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. *Matthew 24.42, 44*

THE COLLECT

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Joshua 24.1 – 3a, 14 – 25

¹ Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³ Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; ¹⁴ ‘Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.’ ¹⁶ Then the people answered, ‘Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.’ ¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, ‘You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.’ ²¹ And the people said to Joshua, ‘No, we will serve the Lord!’ ²² Then Joshua said to the people, ‘You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.’ And they said, ‘We are witnesses.’ ²³ He said, ‘Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.’ ²⁴ The people said to Joshua, ‘The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.’ ²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 78.1 – 7

Said: O Lord, how wonderful are your works

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**

⁵ He established a law in Jacob and made a decree in Israel: which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, ⁶ That future generations might know, and those yet unborn: that they in turn might teach it to their children; ⁷ So that they might put their confidence in God: and not forget his works, but keep his commandments, ...**R**

Silence may follow each reading

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 4.9 – 18

⁹ Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; ¹⁰ and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, ¹¹ to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, ¹² so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one. ¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Silence may follow each reading

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 25.1 – 13

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ ‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” ⁹ But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” ¹² But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray:

Ever-loving God, in every generation you have cared for your children and your mercy is everlasting: hear the prayers we bring for your world and for your church. We pray for the peoples of every land: for all who suffer the horrors of war, for soldiers, civilians and refugees; for all who endure the effect of famine, disease and natural disasters; for all who govern and those who administer law. We give you thanks for all who work to bring an end to oppression and suffering, remembering especially those who have given their lives that others might live. Loving God, we wait for your coming, for your reign of justice and peace; **in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church throughout the world: for all priests and pastors, teachers and youth workers; for the newly baptized and for those whose faith has grown cold; for all who worship or minister in this parish. We give you thanks for all who bring to others your gospel of salvation, remembering especially those who work in places that are dangerous, remote or unresponsive. Loving God, we wait for your coming, for your reign of righteousness and truth; **in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the communities in which we live: for those without work and those with too much responsibility; for those who are forgotten, unwanted or abused; for our families, our friends and all whom we love. We give you thanks for all whose work enriches this community, remembering especially all who give their time to care for the needy, the elderly and the young. Loving God, we wait for your coming, for your reign of forgiveness and love; **in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in trouble or distress: for the destitute and those who despair for the future; for the broken hearted and all who mourn for loved ones; for those in mental torment, for the sick and for the dying. We pray especially for Kathy Slade, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Shirley Perkins, Beris Hannam, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Allan Rose and Candice Pearce ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*]. We give you thanks for all who bring comfort, hope and relief to your people, remembering especially all medical staff, chaplains and pastoral workers. Loving God, we wait for your coming, for your reign of compassion and healing; **in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all who have served you faithfully to their life's end. We remember those whose anniversary of death we celebrate this week: Joan Rigby, Jack Hiscock (8th); Francis Shinn (9th); Lorna Carboon (11th); William Smith, Fred Wright (14th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** (response) Keep us ever watchful and ready for the day of your coming, that we may hear with joy the archangel's call, and, with all who have died in Christ, rise to meet you. Loving God, we wait for your coming in glory; **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) Loving God, we wait for your coming in glory; **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.**

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

NOTICES:

Parish Council meeting our next meeting date is 18th November 2020. Please let us have your reports by Tuesday 17th November.

Finances:

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.

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Wednesday 11th November 11.00am – 12.00: Quiet Morning Meditation, Kilmore
Thursday 12th November 10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew, Broadford

Op Shop closed till further notice.

Next Sunday 15th November: Twenty – Forth Sunday after Pentecost: Judges 4.1 – 10; Ps 123; 1 Thessalonians 5.1 – 11; Matthew 25.14 – 30

Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 22.1 – 22	Ps 22.23 – 32; 23
9 th November	Jonah 1	Bell and the Dragon 1 - 22
	Matthew 22.34 – 46	Revelation 3.1 – 6
Tuesday	Ps 25	Ps 27
10 th November	Jonah 2	Bell and the Dragon 23-44
	Matthew 23.1 – 15	Revelation 3.7 – 13
Wednesday	Ps 28; 29	Ps 30; 32
11 th November	Jonah 3	Wisdom 1.1 – 15
	Matthew 23.16 – 28	Revelation 3.14 – 22
Thursday	Ps 33	Ps 31
12 th November	Jonah 4	Wisdom 1.16 – 2.11
	Matthew 23.29 – 39	Revelation 4
Friday	Ps 35.1 – 17	Ps 35.18 – 29; 36
13 th November	Susanna 1 – 33	Wisdom 2.12 – 24
	Matthew 24.1 – 14	Revelation 5
Saturday	Ps 34	Ps 119.17 – 40
14 th November	Susanna 34 – 64	Wisdom 3.1 – 15
	Matthew 24.15 – 31	Revelation 6.1 – 11

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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.

“Help us to build a safer and more supportive Anglican Church for people who have experienced domestic violence. Join a research project aimed to help improve church practices. If you have had an experience of domestic violence and a current or previous link with the Anglican Church, please share your perspective. The online survey is anonymous and anyone can take part. Go to surveys.ncls.org.au/NAFVP/experience to find out more.”

Love in Action thanks you all for your ongoing support particularly during this time.

We are now building our supplies for Christmas both with food hampers and Christmas gifts. We need everything **in BEFORE Friday 4th December** so we can collate and organise things and get them to families before Christmas.

1.

- Christmas gifts unwrapped for
- *only few preschool boys and girls
- * primary girls and boys
- * teenage girls and boys- possibly general gift vouchers
- *young male and female adults
- * male and female older adults.

#2.

- Christmas food
- *shortbread
- *chocolates
- *frozen turkey rolls
- *mince pies
- *bon bons
- *Christmas serviettes
- * pretzels
- * tinned ham
- *Long life custard

Thank you all so much.
Barbara