

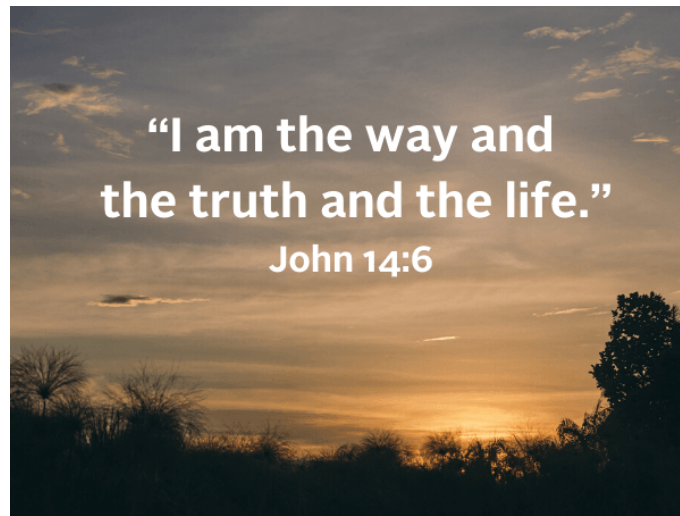


Anglican Parish of Kilmore, Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook

Engage: Fellowship: Ecumenical: Community = E.F.E.C.

7th May 2023

5th Sunday of Easter



*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 **Fr Alan Jarrad who will preside and preach today**, to all newcomers and visitors. Please introduce yourself to one of our welcomers, who will be able to offer you some help in feeling at home. The service for Holy Eucharist starts on page 119 of A Prayer Book for Australia; and Morning Prayer on page 19.*

Hymns: 134 590 226 432

Sentence: ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life,’ says the Lord. ‘No one comes to the Father except through me.’ *John 14.6*

THE COLLECT

Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles chapter 7.55 – 60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

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

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 31.1 – 5, 17 – 18

Said: Lord, I come to you.

¹ To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: let me never be put to shame. ² O deliver me in your righteousness: incline your ear to me and be swift to save me. ³ Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me: for you are my high rock and my stronghold. ⁴ Lead me and guide me for your name’s sake: bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me, for you are my strength...**R**

⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit: you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth. ¹⁷ All my days are in your hand: O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors. ¹⁸ Make your face to shine upon your servant: and save me for your mercy’s sake...**R**

Silence may follow each reading

Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Peter chapter 2.11 - 25

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. ¹² Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. ¹³ For the Lord’s sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God’s will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. ¹⁶ As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use

your freedom as a pretext for evil. ¹⁷ Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor. ¹⁸ Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' ²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Silence may follow each reading

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 14.1 – 14

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the

works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for church and the world.

Ever-living God, we give you thanks that you sent your Son to be our way, our truth and our life: in confidence we bring to you our prayers for all your people. We pray for your world. We pray for peace-keepers, aid workers, and all who work for a just and sustainable world. Righteous God, dwell in us, that our lives may proclaim your works. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our church: in places where the church struggles in the face of persecution or rejection; in places where the church is faithless, divided or disobedient. We give you thanks for those who risk their lives so that others may hear your good news, and for all who minister faithfully to your people. We pray for Philip our Metropolitan; Clarence our Bishop; for David Kerr our Priest elect; and for all clergy and ministers of your word and sacraments. Faithful God, dwell in us, that our lives may proclaim your works. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, in your power you provide for your people and rule over them in love. Grant to your servant Charles, our King the spirit of wisdom and government, that being devoted to you with his whole heart, he may so wisely govern, that during his reign your church may be protected, and Christian devotion may continue in peace; that so persevering in good works to the end, he may by your mercy enter your everlasting kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community: for our families, our friends and our parish family; for all whose work sustains others in this community. We give you thanks for all mothers whom we remember and celebrate today, for those whose lives shine with your spirit of forgiveness and love; for welfare agencies and for all who in their daily lives bring your love to others. Loving God, dwell in us, that our lives may proclaim your works. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need: for those who know loneliness, anxiety or grief; for those who know pain or sickness and all who face death. We give you thanks for those whose lives are filled with courage in the face of adversity and for those who bring your tenderness and consolation to others. We pray especially for Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Robert Whalley, Candice Pearce, Russel Taylor, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Jeanne Jones, Peg and Ken Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Glenda McDonald, Edie Simpson, Bruce Seaman, Thomas De Sousa, Mary Cassar, Joan Grimwade, June Westhoff, Vince Fazio and Adeline Bickley..... [parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer]. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for your followers of every age, and for all who have given their lives for you; for those whose lives have drawn others to you. Lead us in your way and open us to your truth, that with all your saints, we may be brought to the place of everlasting life, which you prepare for all your people. We remember this week those in your loving care: Rodney Heppell (10th); Elvie Walker, Brianna Hodges, Bill Beckingsale (11th); Alisha Becker (13th); Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Ever-living God, dwell in us, that in our living and at our dying we may proclaim your works. Lord 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, 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.



Parish News and Information:

New Priest-in-Charge for our Parish announced! Bishop Clarence, and in consultation with the Diocesan Nominators and the Parish Nominators, is delighted to announce that The Rev'd David Kerr has accepted the appointment to be the next Priest-in-Charge of our Parish. Fr David comes to us from the Parish of Shepparton where he has been the Assistant Priest for the last two years. We pray for Fr David as he prepares to move to our Parish, to be our Shepherd, Leader and Priest to us all. Fr David's Induction will take place on Saturday May 27th at 10.30am at Christ Church.

This Sunday we welcome back Fr Alan Jarrad with us this morning at Christ Church and St Matthew's. Fr Alan will be with us this Sunday and on the 21st. We will not be having a full time or part time Locum in the parish during the Parish vacancy, but as announced, Fr David Kerr will be with us by the end of May. We will have Morning Prayer across the Parish next Sunday 14th May. The times will be the usual weekly times we are used to.

Communication during the parish vacancy: During the time that the parish will be vacant, any parish information will be sent out electronically by email. If you do not have internet and email, please let Caroline Burge know and a 'buddy' will be assigned to you to keep you updated.

The Op Shop needs volunteers: Please let Kathy Cassar know if you are willing to assist.

Historical Society Evening at Christ Church: A great evening was held last Tuesday at Christ Church when the Kilmore Historical Society visited. It was also good to see Glen and Catherine Turnbull again. They were our Guest Speakers for the evening.

New Parish Directory and Parish Roll: To enable parishioners to contact each other (changing rosters; caring; catching up etc) and for our new Priest (whenever that might be), the Parish Directory is to be updated. Please write your details on the sheets at the back of each church. If you do not want your details in the Parish Directory, please tick the "Parish Roll only" box. This will be in readiness for the new Priest for our Parish.

Mothers Day Raffle: A large Mothers Day raffle is being held at Christ Church. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. This will be drawn on Saturday 13th May.

Christ Church Linen: If anyone is willing to take on the role of washing the Altar linen (the main altar cloths every few months and/or as required; plus the small cloths used during Mass; and the changing of the colour of the Altar frontal), please see Caroline as a matter of urgency before she goes away!

Parish Prayer List: Names on the parish prayer list for those in need are updated and added to as required. If there are any names that you are aware of who can be removed due to healing blessings being received, please let Caroline (or whoever is doing the Pew Sheet) know. Thank you.

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

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Monday 8th May 10.00am – 12.00pm Op shop: Trading, Drop off, sorting.
 Thursday 11th May 10.00am – 12.00pm Op shop: Trading, Drop off, sorting.
 Friday 12th May 10.00am – 04.00pm: Op shop: Trading
 10.30am – Res Eucharist at Blue Cross RACF
 Saturday 13th May 10.00am – 12.00pm: Op Shop: Trading

Next Sunday 14th April 2023: Fifth Sunday of Easter:		
Christ Church, Kilmore	9.00am	Morning Prayer
St Matthew’s, Broadford	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen’s, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer

Daily Readings	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 8th May	Ps 89. 1-18	Ps 89. 19-38
	Exodus 31	Judges 2. 6-23
	John 12. 20-33	1 Corinthians 7. 12-24
Tuesday 9th May	Ps 89. 39-53	Ps 91
	Exodus 32. 1-14	Judges 3. 7-21
	John 12. 34-43	1 Corinthians 7. 25-35
Wednesday 10th May	Ps 92	Ps 94
	Exodus 32. 15-35	Judges 4
	John 12. 44-50	1 Corinthians 7. 36-40

Thursday 11th May	Ps 95	Ps 97
	Exodus 33. 1-17	Judges 5. 1-18
	John 13. 1-11	1 Corinthians 8
Friday 12th May	Ps 99	Ps 85
	Exodus 29. 38- 30.8	Joshua 24. 1-15
	John 10.19 – 30	1 Corinthians 2.12 – 3.4
Saturday 13th May	Ps 86	Ps 103
	Exodus 33. 18-34	Judges 5. 19-31
	John 13. 12-20	1 Corinthians 9. 1-14

Parish Priest Elect – Fr David Kerr:

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