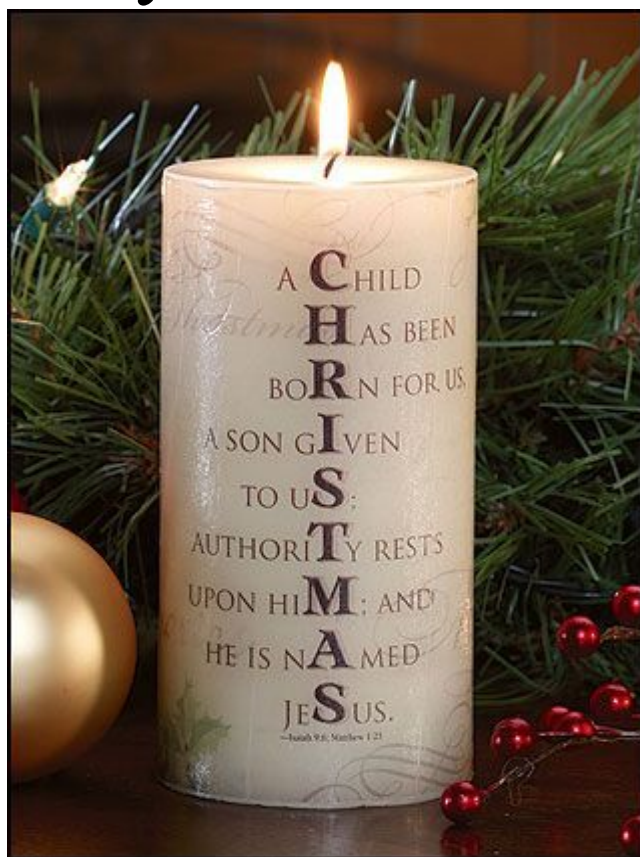




Engage: Fellowship: Ecumenical: Community = E.F.E.C.
Anglican Parish of Kilmore,
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook
Sunday 25th December 2022



Day

*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. **The service for Holy Eucharist starts on page 119 and that of Morning Prayer on page 19 of A Prayer Book for Australia.***

HYMNS: 304; (268 with the lighting of the candle); 318; 312; 303

Words of Welcome & Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

God our Father, today the Saviour is born and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light. Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy, to live in the light of your Son and to share the good news of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who has come into the world. **Amen.** *(a person lights the Christ candle)*

Lord Jesus, Light of light, you have come among us. Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

People of God: shout and sing! Tell the good news of peace on earth. Lord, bring us today into Christ's peace. All God's people say: **Amen!**

Angels dance and the bright star shines. All creation bows to the Lord of all. Lord, bring us today into Christ's light. All God's people say: **Amen!**

One with us, yet born to save, he will show us the way to God. Lord, bring us today into Christ's love. All God's people say: **Amen!**

People of God: say and sing: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.** *(The congregation sings the Hymn 268)*

Sentence: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. *John 1.1, 14*

Prayer of Preparation:

Invitation to Confession:

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Silence may be kept

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *(Please turn to page 120 in the AAPB)*

THE COLLECT

God Most High, whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence: grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah Chapter 52.7 – 10

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’ ⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. ⁹ Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 97

Response: Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvellous things; ² His right hand and his holy arm: they have got him the victory. ³ The Lord has made known his salvation: he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations. ⁴ He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel: and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth: break into singing and make melody. **Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name**

⁶ Make melody to the Lord upon the harp: upon the harp and with the sounds of praise. ⁷ With trumpets and with horns: cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king. ⁸ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it: the good earth and those who live upon it. ⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands: and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord; ¹⁰ For he comes to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. **Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name**

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 1.1 – 4

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of

God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow each reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 1.1 – 14

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray: Loving God, we give you thanks and praise that at your coming the angels sang a message of peace and good will. We pray for all our brothers and sisters who long still to hear your message today; those whose lives are shattered by war; for victims of hatred and persecution. By your light dispel the darkness of our

aggression and intolerance. **Jesus, hope of all the world, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for your coming among us, for we found favour with you and you delight to dwell with us. We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ as together we celebrate your birth; for all who spread your good news, for Philip, our Archbishop, Clarence, our Bishop and all who have never heard your name. By your light dispel the darkness of our faithlessness and disobedience. **Jesus, hope of all the world, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise that at your coming you are born into a family, sharing our human joys and sorrows. We pray for our family and friends and all with whom our lives are bound; for those separated from loved ones; those who are working through the anguish and turmoil of natural disasters and those who will spend Christmas alone. By your light dispel the darkness of our loneliness and selfishness. **Jesus, hope of all the world, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise that at your coming you make your place with the unwanted and the poor. We pray for all for whom society finds no room; the homeless, the outcast, the friendless and the unloved; for the sick and the dying and for all who minister to them. We pray especially for Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl Kirby, Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Robert Whalley, Candice Pearce, Russel Taylor, Kate Jessup, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Jeanne Jones, Rebecca Wallis, Colin Jamieson, Alan Rose, Peg Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Glenda McDonald, Stan and Edie Simpson, Doreen Armstrong, Rae Sendall, Natalia Apaseray, Alison Mead, Fr Mark Willoszyn, Bruce Seaman and Vince Fazio ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*]. By your light dispel the darkness of our terror and pain. **Jesus, hope of all the world, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise that throughout the ages people have rejoiced at your coming. We give you thanks for all who have recognized you and pointed others to you; for the blessed virgin Mary, for Joseph, for the shepherds and sages; for all who have search for you and come to worship you. We pray for those whom we remember today: Christine Marshall, Alan Tomlinson (25th); Wilby Milburn, Alice Hughes (27th); John Dixon (28th); Elise Stock (29th); Derrick Davies, William Sherwood, Lilliam McLachlan, Marguerite Fagg (30th); Edie Hannam, Vera Robinette, Lewis Nyman, Rex Collette (31st). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** By your light dispel the darkness death, so that we, with all your saints, may come at last to the radiance of your presence. Open our eyes to see the signs of your coming, open our ears to hear the

angel voices, open our hearts to make a place for you; let us recognize you in our midst, for we too would worship you. **Jesus, hope of all the world, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause) **Jesus, hope of all the world, 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 in the Lord's Supper with us. If you do not wish to share in the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Parents of children should encourage them to fold their arms, if they do not want them to receive the sacrament.

Notices:

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

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

The Op shop will be closed from the 19th December 2022 and only be open from the 12th January 2023.

Next Sunday 1st January 2023: The Epiphany of our Lord: Isaiah 60.1 – 6; Ps 72.1 – 7, 10 – 14; Ephesians 3.1 – 12; Matthew 2.1 – 12		
Christ Church, Kilmore	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
One Service at Kilmore		

Daily Readings	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 137.1 – 6; 138	Ps 139
26 th December	Isaiah 29.1 – 12	Isaiah 60.1 – 11
	Acts 6.1 – 7; 7.1 – 47	Titus 1
Tuesday	Ps 140	Ps 141; 142
27 th December	Isaiah 29.13 – 24	Isaiah 60.12 – 22
	John 1.1 – 18	Titus 2
Wednesday	Ps 143; 146	Ps 119.153 – 176
28 th December	Isaiah 30.1 – 14	Isaiah 61
	John 1.19 – 34	Titus 3
Thursday	Ps 145	Ps 147
29 th December	Isaiah 30.15 – 28	Isaiah 62
	John 1.35 – 51	Ephesians 1.1 – 14
Friday	Ps 148; 149	Ps 144; 150
30 th December	Isaiah 30.29 – 31.9	Isaiah 63.1 – 9
	John 2.1 – 12	Ephesians 1.15 – 23
Saturday	Ps 83.1 – 8	Ps 19
31 st December	Isaiah 31	2 Samuel 22.47 – 51
	John 2.13 – 25	Romans 15.8 – 21

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God Bless Ukraine

**Guard her people
Guide her leaders
And give her peace
For Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.**

Service times for Christmas Season

1st January 2023 – The Epiphany of our Lord
10.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore
Combined Service Kilmore (one service only)

**Happy Christmas and
Every Blessing for a
prosperous 2023**