



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook
3rd January 2021
The Epiphany of our Lord**



*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 **Jacob Avery Kelly** to be baptized (Broadford), his parents and family, to newcomers and visitors. **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: 207; 314; 675; 268

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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

The Magi finally comes to adore Jesus and acknowledge him as God and King and offer their gifts. (*Magi are place in the manger*)

Let us pray:

Dear Lord Jesus, we acknowledge you as our Lord and Saviour. We have nothing to offer you, we have no gold of love, we have not the incense of prayer, and no myrrh of mortification. What then shall we offer you? We only have our hearts to give, filthy and poor as it is. Please accept the gift of our hearts and change it to your honour and glory. **Amen.**

Sentence: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60.1*

THE COLLECT

Everlasting God, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, 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 prophet Isaiah Chapter 60.1 – 6

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 72.1 – 7, 10 – 14

Said/ Sung: Every nation of the earth will adore you, Lord.

¹ Give the king your judgement, O God: and your righteousness to the son of a king, ² That he may judge your people rightly: and the poor of the land with equity. ³ Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness: and the hills also with prosperity for his people. ⁴ May he give justice to the poor among the people: and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor. **Every nation of the earth will adore you, Lord.**

⁵ May he live while the sun endures: and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations. ⁶ May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields: and as showers that water the earth. ⁷ In his time shall righteousness flourish: and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more. ¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. **Every nation of the earth will adore you, Lord.**

¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him: and all nations do him service. ¹² He will deliver the needy when they cry: and the poor that have no helper. ¹³ He will pity the helpless and the needy: and save the lives of the poor. ¹⁴ He will redeem them from oppression and violence: and their blood shall be precious in his sight. **Every nation of the earth will adore you, Lord.**

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 3.1 – 12

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church

the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 2.1 – 12

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’ ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray:

Lift up your eyes and look around; see the glory of God revealed. (pause) God of signs and wonders, **hear our prayers.**

You revealed yourself to the world and the heavens announced your coming; open our eyes to find you today in the wonders of your creation and in all who work for the preservation of your beautiful world. (pause) God of signs and wonders, **hear our prayers.**

You revealed yourself to the world and the kings bow in adoration before a baby; open our eyes to find you today in the weak and vulnerable people of the world and in all who choose to set aside pomp and privilege. (pause) God of signs and wonders, **hear our prayers.**

You revealed yourself to the world and a tyrant is filled with fear; open our eyes to find you today in those who suffer at the hands of tyrants and in all who challenge harsh and corrupt regimes. (pause) God of signs and wonders, **hear our prayers.**

You revealed yourself to the world and the Gentiles became heirs to your mystery; open our eyes to find you today in those outside your church and in all who work to break down barriers of exclusion. (pause) God of signs and wonders, **hear our prayers.**

You revealed yourself to the world and the sick are healed, the sad are comforted; open our eyes to find you today in those who suffer in body, mind or spirit and in all who seek to alleviate the pain of others. We pray especially for Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Beris Hannam, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Allan Rose, Beryl Kirby, Anne Rose and Candice Pearce ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer.*] (pause) God of signs and wonders, **hear our prayers.**

You revealed yourself to the world and we share in the promise of your glory; open our eyes to find you today that we may neither carelessly miss nor willfully ignore your presence among us. We pray for those whom we remember today: Kathleen Smith, Elva Montgomery (3rd); Arthur Dean, Alan Still (4th); Andrew Lawson, Kathleen Chapman (5th); Patty James (7th); Michael Perry, Judith Carboon, Irene Anderson (8th); George Brown, Ernest Shinn (9th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** May we, like the sages of old, read the signs of your coming, follow your light and be drawn to adoration in your presence. (pause) God of signs and wonders, **hear our prayers.**

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause) God of signs and wonders, **hear our prayers.**

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. Non-Communicants are invited to receive a blessing.

NOTICES:

Offertory Giving: Now our church buildings have reopened for public worship, the Offertory Giving plate is at the back of each church for your 'Collection'. Whilst we are still safe distancing during our services, the Collection Plate will not be taken around. If you do not use Direct Debit or Internet Transfer for your weekly offering, please place your Giving in the plate on your way into (or out of) church. If you want more information about Direct Debit deductions to the parish for your weekly giving, please see the note in this Pew Sheet for our banking details, or discuss this with our Parish Treasurer.

Kilmore Community Garden: Our Parish is proud to be part of this project to enable them to use some of our land at Christ Church for community use. Their next meeting will be the 13th January 2021.

Church cleaning at Christ Church: Thank you to all who were involved in the cleaning of the church in the past years. Please let us know if you wish to continue to be rostered for dusting and vacuuming for 2021.

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 our Parish. Please deliver it to the Rectory, it will be distributed every Friday morning.

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Op Shop will reopen on Friday 8th January 2021. We are putting all preparation and procedures in place for the Op Shop to open safely.

Next Sunday 10th January: The Baptism of Our Lord		
Genesis 1.1 – 5; Ps 29; Acts 19.1 – 7 ; Mark 1.4 – 11		
Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Morning Prayer
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	No Service till further notice	

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 11; 12	Ps 13; 14
4 th January	Isaiah 33.17 – 24	Isaiah 65.1 – 16
	John 4.1 – 14	Ephesians 3.1 – 13
Tuesday	Ps 15; 16	Ps 17.1 – 13, 15 – 16
5 th January	Isaiah 35	Isaiah 66.1 – 11
	John 4.13 – 26	Ephesians 3.14 – 21
Wednesday	Ps 18.1 – 31	Ps 18.32 – 38, 45 – 52
6 th January	Isaiah 38.9 – 20	Isaiah 66.12 – 23
	John 4.27 – 38	Ephesians 4.1 – 16
Thursday	Ps 19	Ps 119.1 – 16
7 th January	Song of Songs 1.1 – 11	Song of Songs 1.12 – 2.7
	John 4.39 – 54	Ephesians 4.17 – 28
Friday	Ps 20; 21.1 – 7	Ps 24; 26
8 th January	Song of Songs 2.8 – 17	Song of Songs 3
	John 5.1 – 18	Ephesians 4.29 – 5.5
Saturday	Ps 22.1 – 22	Ps 63
9 th January	Song of Songs	Joshua 3
	John 5.19 – 29	Mark 10.32 – 45

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Love in Action thank you all for your ongoing support.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday 31st January 2021 at Christ Church, Kilmore at 10.00am for the service followed by the APM.

Op Shop Opening date: Friday 8th January 2021

Monday 4th 09.00am – 3.00pm Cleaning and opening for Donations only

Tuesday 5th 09.00am – 3.00pm Donations only

Thursday 7th 09.00am – 3.00pm Drop off and sorting

Trading:

Friday 8th 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 9th 10.00am – 12.00 noon

**A Blessed 2021
to all of our parish
families and your
love-ones.**