



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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021**



*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: 141; 447; 309; 315**

**Sentence:**

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful. *Colossians 3.14–15*

## THE COLLECT

God of community, whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood: may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours that we fail not in loyalty to you, but make choices according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

## FIRST READING

A reading from the first Book of Samuel Chapter 2.18 – 20, 26

<sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, ‘May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord’; and then they would return to their home. <sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

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

*Silence may follow each reading*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 148

**Said: Praise the Lord, exalt his name for ever.**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven: O praise him in the heights. <sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host. <sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all you stars of light. <sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heaven: and you waters that are above the heavens. <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded and they were made. **Praise the Lord, exalt his name for ever.**

<sup>6</sup> He established them for ever and ever: he made an ordinance which shall not pass away. <sup>7</sup> O praise the Lord from the earth: praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps; <sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, mist and snow: and storm-wind fulfilling his command; <sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills: fruit trees and all cedars; <sup>10</sup> Beasts of the wild, and all cattle: creeping things and winged birds; **Praise the Lord, exalt his name for ever.**

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth, and all peoples: princes, and all rulers of the world; <sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens: old folk and children together. <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is exalted. <sup>14</sup> His glory is above earth and heaven: and he has lifted high the horn of his people. <sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the praise of all his servants: of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord. **Praise the Lord, exalt his name for ever.**

*Silence may follow each reading.*

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians Chapter 3.12 – 17

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

*Silence may follow each reading.*

## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' <sup>49</sup> He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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

*Silence may follow each reading.*

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Let us pray:

Praise to you, Jesus Christ, for you were with God before time began, yet you make your dwelling place with all creation.

We pray for your suffering people in places of war, oppression or disaster; for the people of USA, Syria, Myanmar and Yemen; for leaders of tribes and nations and for all who exercise authority; for all who work for peace and a more equitable sharing of the world's resources. Help us to live as one human family, in whom your way of justice is found. Jesus born as one of us, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Praise to you, Jesus Christ, for you dwell in the highest heaven, yet you come to us as a baby, showing us God in human form. We pray for your worldwide church, and for all who rejoice at your birth; for all who recognize you at your coming and all

who seek you still; for Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our Bishop and for leaders of churches and for all who minister here in your name. Make us a church united in truth and faith, a body in which your love is found. Jesus born as one of us, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Praise to you, Jesus Christ, for you grew and were nurtured in a human family, sharing our human joys and pains. We pray for the community of Devonport, Tasmania, for our families and friends, for those with whom we work and play; for the people of this community; the homeless, the hungry, the unemployed; for those affected by the Covid pandemic; for all who work to improve the quality of life in this place. Make us a community of welcome and forgiveness, a people in whom your ways of reconciliation are found. Jesus born as one of us, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Praise to you, Jesus Christ, for you came to us to helpless and needy, born among the poor and the oppressed. We pray for those in need today, all for whom society finds no room; for those for whom Christmas is a sad and lonely time; for those who mourn, for the sick and the dying; for those who work to alleviate the suffering of others. 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, Russel Taylor, Kate Jessup, Jamie Meyer, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Jeanne Jones, Rebecca Wallis and Vince Fazio ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer.*]. Help us to bring comfort and consolation to your little ones, and make us a people in whom your compassion is found. We give thanks for where healing blessings have been received. Jesus born as one of us, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Praise to you, Jesus Christ, for you have come to dwell with your people. We give you thanks for your faithful servants of every age; for Mary and Joseph, and all who have welcomed you to their hearts and homes; for those we have loved and all who have nourished us in our faith and whom we remember today: Wilby Milburn, Alice Hughes (27<sup>th</sup>); John Dixon, Ronald Hawker (28<sup>th</sup>); Elise Stock (29<sup>th</sup>); Derrick Davies, William Sherwood, Lilliam McLachlan, Marguerite Fagg (30<sup>th</sup>); Edie Hannam, Vera Robinette, Lewis Nyman, Rex Collette (31<sup>st</sup>). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Following in their footsteps, may we continue to grow in favour with you, that as you made your home with us, so we may come at last to dwell with you in your heavenly home. Jesus born as one of us, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause) Jesus born as one of us, 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 of the Lord's Supper with us. Non-Communicants are invited to come and receive a blessing.*

## **Notices:**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 OP Shop committee Meeting** at Church-house at 12.30 pm.

**Parish Council meeting Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021** at 7.30pm at Kilmore.

**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]**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month:** St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm  
contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month:** Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

## **PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am – 12.00pm Op shop: No trading

# **Op Shop Closed**

<p><b>Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022: The Epiphany of our Lord</b> Isaiah 60.1 – 6; Ps 72.1 – 7, 10 – 14; Ephesians 3.1 – 12; Matthew 2.1 – 12</p>
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Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephan's, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	Until further	Notice

## Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 140	Ps 141; 142
27 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 60.12 – 22	Isaiah 28.14 – 29
	John 1.1 – 18	Titus 2
Tuesday	Ps 143; 146	Ps 119.153 – 176
28 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 61	Isaiah 29.1 – 12
	John 1.19 – 34	Titus 3
Wednesday	Ps 145	Ps 147
29 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 62	Isaiah 29.13 – 24
	John 1.35 – 51	Ephesians 1.1 – 14
Thursday	Ps 148; 149	Ps 144; 150
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 63.1 – 9	Isaiah 30.1 – 14
	John 2.1 – 12	Ephesians 1.15 – 23
Friday	Ps 83.1 – 8	Ps 11
31 <sup>st</sup> December	Isaiah 63.10 – 19	Isaiah 65.17 – 25
	John 2.13 – 25	Luke 21.25 – 36
Saturday	Ps 113	Ps 115
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022	Deuteronomy 30.6 – 20	Deuteronomy 10.12 – 11.1
	Acts 3.1 – 16	Romans 10.5 – 13

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### **TO ALL PARISHIONERS**

**Your attention is drawn to the following resolution passed by the Parish Council: -**

**To build a Ambulette Toilet at St Stephen's, Main Road, Tallarook.**

Comments on this proposal may be made by parishioners **in writing** to the Vestry/ Parish Secretary, provided such comments are made within the period of exhibition, which must be for at least four (4) consecutive Sundays.