



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook**
Sunday 2nd December 2018
First Sunday of Advent



*Welcome to all, especially, **Grace Harper Kelly** to be baptized today, her parents and family, newcomers and visitors. Please introduce yourself to one of our welcomers, who will be able to offer you some help in feeling at home. Please join us for Morning Tea after the Eucharist. **Our service starts on page 119 of A Prayer Book for Australia.***

Today: Christ Church, Kilmore: 09.00am - Holy Eucharist; St Matthew's, Broadford: 11.00am – **Holy Eucharist with Baptism**; St Stephen's, Tallarook: 11.00am – Morning Prayer; Transfiguration, Pyalong: 4.00pm – Holy Eucharist.

HYMNS: 560; 580; 272; 273

Sentence:

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*
The lighting of the first Advent candle:

Celebrant: Today we light the candle of hope. The people of Israel hoped in God's promises and was not disappointed. Again and again God delivered Israel from its enemies. We too have the same experience of salvation. That is why we believe in God's promise to send Jesus to us once again to judge the world and establish his kingdom forever upon the earth. *(a person lights the candle)*

Synaxis: - Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray: Thank you God for the hope you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. **Amen.**

(The congregation sings the 1st verse and chorus of Hymn 265)

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, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ 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 Jeremiah chapter 33.14 – 16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 25.1 – 10

Said: Guide me, teach me, for you are my saviour.

¹ In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope: in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed, nor let my enemies triumph over me. ² Let none who wait for you be put to shame: but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing. ³ Show me your ways, O Lord: and teach me your paths. ⁴ Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me: for you are the God of my salvation. ⁵ In you have I hoped all the day long: because of your goodness, O Lord...**R**

⁶ Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness: for they are from of old. ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: but according to your mercy think on me. ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he direct sinners in the way. ⁹ The meek he will guide in the path of justice: and teach the humble his ways. ¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true: for those who keep his covenant and his commandments...**R**

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians Chapter 3.9 – 13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow each reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Chapter 21.25 – 38

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁵ ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ ‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’ ³⁷ Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. ³⁸ And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray:

Our prayer responses are: Come, Jesus, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, we wait for you. In confidence that your coming among us draws near, we bring our prayers for your world and for your church.

O God, your coming fulfils your promises of justice and of peace. We pray for the peoples of all nations, especially Syria, Palestine, Israel, USA, Ukraine and Russia. Bring to end war and oppression, that your people may be set free to live in safety and harmony. (pause) Come, Jesus, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, your coming shakes the powers of heaven and the peoples of earth. We pray for the leaders of nations and all in positions of authority, especially for Scot Morison our Prime Minister and Daniel Andrews our Premier of Victoria. Teach us your ways of righteousness and truth, that we may enjoy wise government and live in a spirit of generosity to all people. (pause) Come, Jesus, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, your coming heralds the time of our redemption. We pray for your holy, catholic church, its people and clergy, especially for Philip, our Archbishop and John, our bishop. Waken us from the sleep of sin, that at your coming we may be found watchful and ready to greet you. (pause) Come, Jesus, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, your coming shows us the way of steadfast love. We pray for all whom we love and all with whom we share our lives. We pray for our community and all communities struggling with the effects of drought, bushfires and floods. Give us a true care for each other, that we may live as a loving and reconciling community. (pause) Come, Jesus, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, your coming brings healing and hope to your people. We pray for those whose bodies hurt, whose minds are confused, whose hearts are sad. We pray especially for: Richard Patterson, Bruce Radford, Clare Albrey, Kathy Slade, Karen Goodger, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Joy Rowe, Rob Muddyman, Elaine Haddock, Francis Piva, Sharron de Battista, Barry Watts, Fr John Young, Ray Daly, Marguerite Kisvardai, Jim Chatz, Dianna Kelly, Val Watts, Shirley Perkins, Madeline Allen, Barry Nunn, Beris Hannam and Kathleen Taylor. Bring comfort and relief to those in distress, that they may know themselves held in your tender care. (pause) Come, Jesus, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, we wait for you to come in power and in great glory. We give you thanks for your faithful servants of every age, for all who see you now in your heavenly glory. We pray for those whose anniversary of death we remember today: Lillian

Evans (2nd); Esma Woods, Albert Boyd (3rd); Hilda Maher, Neil Pearce (4th); Angus Cooper (5th); George Poulter, Joan McLean, Edward Kennard (6th); Edith Whittingslow (7th) Ray Jackson, Eric Beaumont (8th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Strengthen us to follow you in faith and hope and love, that at the day of your coming we, with all your saints, may go with joy to meet you and stand before you, blameless in your eyes. (pause) Come, Jesus, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause) Come, Jesus, and 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.**

Celebrant [Let us pray] **Page 125**

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:

Next Parish Council Meeting - Parish Councillors will meet Monday the 10th December for an end of year BBQ instead of the usual meeting. Partners are welcome. This will be held at 6.30pm Gavan Hall, Broadford. The male members to provide the salads and the females the sweets!

Monthly "BBQ"- Our next BBQ on 27th January 2019 will be at the home of Caroline Burge. We will celebrate Australia Day on this day.

Op Shop - Helpers are always needed at our Op Shop to assist with sorting and serving. Our Op Shop is an integral part of our parish life and ministry. If you would like to assist in any way, or if you want further information, please see Dianne Dixon or one of the Op Shop workers.

Op Shop Volunteers Thanksgiving Lunch on Thursday 20th December at the Red Lion Brewery, Sydney Rd, Kilmore at 12.00 noon. Please RSVP with Chaz Noonan and Dianne Dixon on or before Sunday 16th December 2018.

Sunday 9th December the Tallarook parishioners will celebrate the life of Ian Staring during the 11.00am service in a memorial requiem mass. All welcome to attend.

Next Sunday 9th December: Second Sunday of Advent Malachi 3.1 – 4; Song of Zechariah; Philippians 1.1 – 11; Luke 3.1 – 6		
Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	No Service
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Holy Eucharist (Requiem)

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Daily Scripture readings	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 78.16 – 38	Ps 78.39 – 70
3 rd December	Isaiah 1.18 – 31	Isaiah 40.1 – 17
	Mark 4.1 – 20	1 Thessalonians 1
Tuesday	Ps 80	Ps 81
4 th December	Isaiah 2.6 – 18	Isaiah 40.18 – 31
	Mark 4.21 – 41	1 Thessalonians 2.1 – 12
Wednesday	Ps 82; 84	Ps 85; 87
5 th December	Isaiah 2.19 – 3.12	Isaiah 41.1 – 16
	Mark 5.1 – 20	1 Thessalonians 2.13 – 20
Thursday	Ps 86	Ps 88
6 th December	Isaiah 3.13 – 4.6	Isaiah 41.17 – 29
	Mark 5.21 – 43	1 Thessalonians 3
Friday	Ps 90	Ps 119.89 – 104
7 th December	Isaiah 5.1 – 17	Isaiah 42.1 – 17
	Mark 6.1 – 13	1 Thessalonians 4.1 – 12
Saturday	Ps 89.1 – 18	Ps 89.19 – 38
8 th December	Isaiah 5.18 – 30	Isaiah 42.18 – 43.13
	Mark 6.14 – 29	1 Thessalonians 4.13-5.11

Parish Website for information: www.anglicankilmore.org.au

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Christmas Services December 2018

16th December – 05.00 pm Carols and Nine Lessons
Christ Church Kilmore

23rd December - 4th Sunday in Advent.

09.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

11.00am Holy Eucharist – St Stephen, Tallarook

24th December – Christmas Eve

11.30 pm Midnight Mass Broadford

25th December - Christmas Day

09.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

30th December – Sunday after Christmas

10.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore
Combined Service Kilmore (one service only)