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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

18th December 2022



*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: 161; [265: 4th verse and chorus: lighting of Candle]; 526; 301; 316
The lighting of the Fourth Advent candle:

God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your Son. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy. Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your love and healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.** *(a person lights the candle)*

People of God: prepare! God, above all, maker of all, is one with us in Christ. Maranatha! **Come, Lord Jesus!** God, the mighty God, bends down in love to earth. Maranatha! **Come, Lord Jesus!** God with us, God beside us, comes soon to the world he has made. Maranatha! **Amen** (*The congregation sings the 4th verse and chorus of Hymn 265*)

Sentence:

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. *Matthew 1.23*

Invitation to Confession:

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence may be kept

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

THE COLLECT

Gracious God, you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of prophet Isaiah Chapter 7.10 – 16

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

Responsorial Psalm: 80.1 – 7, 17 – 19

Response: Lord, make us turn to you

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock: you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory; ² Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh: stir up your power, and come to save us. ³ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. ⁴ O Lord God of hosts: how long will you be angry at your people's prayer? ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears: and given them tears to drink in good measure. **Lord, make us turn to you**

⁶ You have made us the victim of our neighbours: and our enemies laugh us to scorn. ⁷ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. ¹⁷ Let your power rest on the man at your right hand: on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself. ¹⁸ And so we shall not turn back from you: give us life, and we will call upon your name. ¹⁹ Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **Lord, make us turn to you**

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans Chapter 1.1 – 7

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 1.18 – 25

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ ²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’ ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray:

In the darkness we wait for the coming of the Light: in the darkness faith is formed, love takes shape and hope is born.

With the world we wait for your coming: let us wait with the hungry, the homeless, the poor, the oppressed; let us wait with the peoples of warring nations, Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Palestine, Israel, Afghanistan, Yemen, Iran, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and with all who long for peace; let us wait with all who carry heavy burdens of responsibility. Incarnate God, come to us in wisdom, in justice and in peace, that we may rejoice at your presence. **Come, Jesus, come and in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

With your church we wait for your coming: let us wait; open and receptive to love; let us wait, aware of the quickening movements of new life within; let us wait, with Philip, our Archbishop, Clarence, our Bishop, ready to experience the pains of birth and the joy of new life. Incarnate God, come to us in wonder and in mystery, that

we may rejoice at your presence. **Come, Jesus, come and in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

With the people of this city, we wait for your coming: let us wait with our families and friends; let us wait with those who are hurt, rejected, estranged; let us wait with the unemployed, with those who are working through the anguish and turmoil of natural disasters and with those for whom we find no room. Incarnate God, come to us in forgiveness, in reconciliation and in love, that we may rejoice at your presence. **Come, Jesus, come and in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

With those who suffer we wait for your coming: let us wait with the confused and the fearful; let us wait with the lonely and the grief-stricken; let us wait with the sick and those who are dying. 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*]. Incarnate God, come to us in healing, in reassurance and in hope, that those who suffer may rejoice at your presence. **Come, Jesus, come and in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

With all your faithful servants we wait for your coming. We give thanks for all who have recognized your presence and for all who have opened themselves to your purpose and power: the prophets, John the Baptist, St Joseph and the virgin Mary. The recently departed Peggy Boyd and all who we remember this week who have gone before us: Jeffrey Morgan, Robert Pratt, Gladys Martin, Elsie Chutter, Dianne Humm (18th); Roy Sobey (19th); William Mandel, Neville Payne, Ian Poulter (20th); Kevin Elson, McGregor Kean, Edie Pattinson, Rick Calliste (23rd); Edna Moore, Kathy Hincks, John Kirby (24th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Incarnate God, come to us, that, rejoicing at your presence, we may dwell forever with you and you with us. **Come, Jesus, come and 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) **Come, Jesus, come 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.**

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

Wednesday 21st December 01.00pm – Res Eucharist Caladenia RACF
02.30pm – Res Eucharist Dianella RACF

Thursday 22nd December 11.00am – Holy Eucharist at the home of Edie and Stan in Broadford

Saturday 24th December 11.30pm – Christ Eve Midnight Mass at Broadford

Next Sunday 25th December: Christmas Day: Isaiah 62.6 - 12; Ps 97; Hebrews 1.1 – 4; John 1.1 – 14		
Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Holy Eucharist
One Service at Kilmore		

Daily Readings	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 110; 111	Ps 112; 113
19 th December	Isaiah 19.1 – 15	Isaiah 56
	Mark 11.27 – 12.12	Revelation 20.1 – 10
Tuesday	Ps 114; 115	Ps 116; 117

20 th December	Isaiah 19.16 – 20.6	Isaiah 57.1 – 13
	Mark 12.13 – 27	Revelation 20.11 – 21.18
Wednesday	Ps 121; 122; 123	Ps 119.129 – 152
21 st December	Isaiah 26.1 – 19	Isaiah 57.14 – 21
	Mark 12.28 – 40	Revelation 21.9 – 21
Thursday	Ps 118.1 – 18	Ps 118.19 – 29; 120
22 nd December	Isaiah 27.2 – 13	Isaiah 58
	Mark 12.41 – 13.13	Revelation 58
Friday	Ps 124; 125; 126	Ps 127; 128; 129
23 rd December	Isaiah 28.1 – 13	Isaiah 59.1 – 15a
	Mark 13.14 – 37	Revelation 22.6 – 13
Saturday	Ps 130; 131; 133	Ps 85
24 th December	Isaiah 28.14 – 29	Isaiah 59.15b – 21
	Galatians 3.23 – 4.7	Revelation 22.14 – 21

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God Bless Ukraine

Guard her people

Guide her leaders

And give her peace

For Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

Advent Bible Study on Tuesday 20th December 2022 at 06.30pm with bring and share finger supper. Christ Church, Kilmore.

Service times for Christmas Season

24th December – Christmas Eve
11.30 pm Midnight Mass Broadford

25th December – Christmas Day
09.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

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

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