



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,  
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**



*Welcome to all, especially, 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 – Morning Prayer; St Stephen's, Tallarook: 11.00am – Holy Eucharist.

**HYMNS: 161; 526; 316; 301**

*The lighting of the fourth Advent candle:*

Celebrant: Love never ends. We light the candle of love to remind us that Jesus brings us God's love and shows us how to love others.

(a person lights the candle of love)

Synaxis: Love is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the love we find in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray: Thank you God for the love 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 love with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

*(The congregation sings the 5<sup>th</sup> verse and chorus of Hymn 265)*

**Sentence:**

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. *Luke 1.45*

**THE COLLECT**

Gracious God, you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 Micah Chapter 5.2 – 5a

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Song of Mary**

**Said: My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant: from this day all generations will  
call me blessed. The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is his name.  
God has mercy on those who fear him: from generation to generation...**R**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm: and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting up the lowly. God has filled  
the hungry with good things: and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid  
of his servant Israel: to remember the promise of mercy, The promise made to our  
forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever...**R**

*Silence may follow each reading.*

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 10.5 – 10

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God” (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’ <sup>8</sup> When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow each reading.*

## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

Come, Emmanuel, God’s presence among us, our King, our Judge: save us, Lord our God! Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Chapter 1.39 – 45

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

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

<sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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: Jesus, son of Mary, **dwelt in us.**

A woman waits for the birth of her first child. Tenderly and lovingly she prepares a welcoming place for this new life. We, too, would prepare for this coming birth.

O God, we bring to you our prayers for your world. You laboured and brought forth and called the fruit of your labour good: help us, too, to cherish your creation. May your new life in us be brought to birth in justice and righteousness, that the earth may be set free from destruction and death and all your people live in freedom, safety and peace. (pause) Jesus, son of Mary, **dwelt in us.**

We bring to you our prayers for your church. You brought your church into being and commissioned us to bear your love to the world: help us to be faithful to our calling. May we be aware of the stirrings of new life within, that we may wait in joyful expectation for the mystery of your coming to unfold and proclaim your glory in all the world. (pause) Jesus, son of Mary, **dwelt in us.**

We bring to you our prayers for all in need. At your birth there was no room for you and you took your place with the lowly and the poor: help us to find room in our hearts for the lonely and forgotten, the sick and all who suffer. 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, Bruce Scott, Val Watts, Shirley Perkins, Madeline Allen, Barry Nunn, and Beris Hannam. May your presence transform their grief, despair and pain, that they may come to know new dignity, comfort and hope. (pause) Jesus, son of Mary, **dwelt in us.**

We give you thanks for your faithful people of every age in whom you have been pleased to dwell and especially we give you thanks for the trust and obedience of the virgin Mary. We pray for those whom we remember today: Kevin Elson, McGregor Kean, Edie Pattinson, Rick Calliste (23<sup>rd</sup>); Edna Moore, Kathy Hincks, John Kirby (24<sup>th</sup>); Christine Marshall, Alan Tomlinson (25<sup>th</sup>); Wilby Milburn, Alice Hughes (27<sup>th</sup>); John Dixon (28<sup>th</sup>); Elise Stock (29<sup>th</sup>). Rest eternal grant to them O

**Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them.** O God, you know that birth is a painful business, sometimes a fearful business; you know that giving birth calls for effort and single-mindedness; help us to give our attention to this coming birth. May we who wait for your coming open to you the dark and secret places of our lives, make a place for your transforming love and rejoice when we recognize your presence. (pause) Jesus, son of Mary, **dwelt in us.**

We pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... Rest eternal grant to them O **Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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** – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at Kilmore 7.30pm.

**Monthly “BBQ”**- Our next BBQ on 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Christ Church Rosters:** Rosters for the following three months are now available. Please take your copy and assist with delivering to those not at church.

**Thank you** to Suzy, Sherine and Shirley for all taking on the jobs of the church linen at Christ Church - Suzy for washing the 'smalls' and Sherine and Shirley for the altar cloths. Thank you, too, to all who look after our churches and grounds throughout the year.

**Op Shop opening hours over Christmas and New Year:** The Op Shop will be open as usual except for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon (open in the morning until 12.30pm) and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December. Normal hours will resume from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**Bishop John's 10th Anniversary Celebrations:** Bishop John celebrated his tenth anniversary as our Bishop last Saturday with a wonderful Mass, speeches and celebratory refreshments in the Cathedral grounds afterwards. Thank you to all who went and represented our Parish.

**Parish Carols and Lollies:** A great Carol Service was held at Christ Church last Sunday with a children's Nativity, traditional Carols, Lessons, and supper. All 1580 lollies were distributed and enjoyed by all.

**Emergency Relief: For next week PLEASE donate cereal, milk, vegemite, peanut butter.**

**Debit /EFT Offerings** - Account details: BENDIGO BANK - Account Name 'Anglican Parish of Kilmore'; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Parishioners using direct debit or electronic funds transfer please use these bank details when making offerings.

## **PARISH DIARY [Regular Meetings and Events]**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of the month:** Parish BBQ - 12.30pm.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month:** Quiet Morning – 11.00am – 12.00 noon

**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> Wed of the month:** Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm.

**Wednesdays 10 am:** Knitting Group at Christ Church.

### **PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am – 12.00pm Op Shop Church House

<b>Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December:</b> First Sunday after Christmas 1 Samuel 2.18 – 20, 26; Ps 148; Colossians 3.12 – 17; Luke 2.41 – 52		
Christ Church, Kilmore	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Combined Service (One Service Only)		

**Parish Priest** - Revd André Du Plooy, 9 Union Street, Kilmore, Ph 5782 1155;  
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**Priest (PTO)** Fr John Young, Broadford, 3658, Mobile 0404 756 346

<b>Daily Scripture readings</b>	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 130; 131; 133	Ps 132
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 28.14 – 29	Isaiah 59.15b – 21
	Galatians 3.23 – 4.7	Revelations 22.14 – 21
Tuesday	Ps 132.10 – 18	Ps 138
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Micah 4.1 – 8	Micah 5.2 – 5a
	Matthew 1.18 – 2.6	1 John 4.7 – 21
Wednesday	Ps 137.1 – 6; 138	Ps 139
26 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 29.1 – 12	Isaiah 60.1 – 11
	Acts 6.1 – 7; 7.1 – 47	Titus 1
Thursday	Ps 140	Ps 141; 142
27 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 29.13 – 24	Isaiah 60.12 – 22

	John 1.1 – 18	Titus 2
Friday	Ps 143; 146	Ps 119.153 – 176
28 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 30.1 – 14	Isaiah 61
	John 1.19 – 34	Titus 3
Saturday	Ps 145	Ps 147
29 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 30.15 – 28	Isaiah 62
	John 1.35 – 51	Ephesians 1.1 – 14

**Parish Website for information:** [www.anglicankilmore.org.au](http://www.anglicankilmore.org.au)

*Parishioners and visitors are advised that photographs may be taken of activities in the Parish from time to time for use on Parish website, Facebook and for publication in the Advocate. If you do not wish to be included in a photo please stand clear of the group at the time. Photos are never taken without a warning.*

## **Christmas Services December 2018**

24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve  
11.30 pm Midnight Mass Broadford

25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day  
09.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

30<sup>th</sup> December – Sunday after Christmas  
10.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore  
Combined Service Kilmore (one service only)

**Lay Ministry Invigoration Seminar: Saturday 23rd February 2019,**  
9.30am - 1.30pm (Registration from 8.30am - 9.30am)

Where: Purbrick Hall, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta

**Who: For those people requiring a Bishop's authorisation for ministry, and clergy**

**Names must be submitted by 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

Cost: \$10 - includes morning tea and lunch Payment: Payable on the day  
Or by cheque to: Wangaratta Anglican Diocesan Corporation Or for direct payment details phone 03 5721 3484

**Focus: Risk Management Eucharistic assistants, pastoral visiting and home communion Lay ministry and lay readers Liturgical and children's ministry Parish safe Church officers.**

**Eucharist and distribution of Bishop's licenses at 12.30pm. Followed by lunch to help you on your way**