



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,  
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook  
Second Sunday of Advent**

6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

*Peace beyond our understanding...*



*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 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**

**Sentence:** Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together. *Luke 3.4; Isaiah 40.5a*

### *The lighting of the Second Advent candle:*

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory forever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days, you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

### **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. *Silence is Kept.* **Merciful God, our maker ...** (p 120 APBA)

### **THE COLLECT**

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, 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 40.1 – 11

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord 's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' <sup>6</sup> A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers,

the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. <sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' <sup>10</sup> See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 85.1 – 2, 8 – 13**

**Said: Come, O Lord, and set us free**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you were gracious to your land: you restored the fortunes of Jacob. <sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people: and covered all their sin. <sup>8</sup> I will hear what the Lord God will speak: for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him. <sup>9</sup> Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him: and his glory shall dwell in our land... **R**

<sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other; <sup>11</sup> Truth shall flourish out of the earth: and righteousness shall look down from heaven. <sup>12</sup> The Lord will also give us all that is good: and our land shall yield its plenty. <sup>13</sup> For righteousness shall go before him: and tread the path before his feet...**R**

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter Chapter 3.8 – 15a

<sup>8</sup> But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup> But, in accordance

with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup> and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

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

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Chapter 1.1 – 8

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

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight” ’, <sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

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

*Silence may follow each reading.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Let us pray:*

We wait, O God, for your glory to be revealed, for the angels’ message of peace and joy. We pray for the peoples of your world and for all your creation: Especially for countries struggling to combat the COVID 19 pandemic, the promising hope of a vaccine and the frontline medical staff and workers ensuring basic needs are met; for those in place of war and civil unrest; for those in places of injustice and

cruelty. Speak peace to your people, O God. Come and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We wait, O God, for your glory to be revealed, for the good news that salvation is at hand. We pray for your church throughout the world: for leaders of churches in this land; for Geoff our Primate, Phil, our Archbishop, Clarence, our Bishop; for all the clergy and people; for prophets who call your church to repentance today. Speak salvation to your church, O God. Come and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We wait, O God, for your glory to be revealed, for the Christmas message of reconciliation and love. We pray for our community: for our homes and our neighbours; for our schools, our hospitals and our places of work. Speak tenderly to your people, O God. Come and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We wait, O God, for your glory to be revealed, for your good news of healing and wholeness. We pray for all in need of your comfort and care: for those whom we neglect and those who cannot care for themselves; for those without resources and those without hope; for the sick and the sorrowing. We pray especially for Kathy Slade, Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Shirley Perkins, 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*]. Speak comfort to your people, O God. Come and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We wait, O God, for your glory to be revealed, with all your saints we wait to hear the words 'Behold your God.' We give thanks for prophets of old and for all who call us to follow your ways of righteousness and peace. May we repent of all that is displeasing in your sight, that, with your faithful people of ages past we may be gathered into the joy of your presence, inhabitants of a new heaven and a new earth. We pray for the faithful departed we remember this week, ); George Poulter, Joan McLean, Edward Kennard (6<sup>th</sup>); Edith Whittingslow (7<sup>th</sup>); Ray Jackson, Eric Beaumont (8<sup>th</sup>); Michelle Potts, Tara Alexander, Marjorie McDougall (9<sup>th</sup>); Clarence Parkinson (10<sup>th</sup>); William IsBister, Grace Patterson, Harry Lazarus (12<sup>th</sup>). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Come quickly to your people, O God. 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 quickly to your people, O God. 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 the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper with us. Non-Communicants are invited to come and receive a blessing.***

#### **NOTICES:**

**Parish Council meeting our next meeting date is 16th December 2020. Please let us have your reports by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

#### **Finances:**

Our Parish is not able to rely on Funds being raised either by the OP Shop or many other fundraisers at this time please consider your weekly offertory giving by giving through Direct Debit or just paying into our account at any Bendigo Bank. As most bills require payment within one month it would be great if donors could consider monthly giving so that we can plan any withdrawals we may need from Trust accounts. Our costs have been cut to the very minimum and are being adjusted downwards as far as we can possibly take them.

**Hand Sanitizer Donations:** One of the essential requirements of our church buildings reopening for public worship, is to provide hand sanitizer for all who come into our buildings. With a parish of four centres, and two bottles required in each church (one at the door for the people as they arrive, and one for the priest and server at the altar prior to communion), it would help greatly to have hand sanitizer readily available. With our numbers increasing, we are starting to get through hand sanitizer quite quickly. One suggestion has been to ask all parishioners (if they are able) to add an extra bottle of hand sanitizer to their weekly shopping list and donate this to the church. This will not only keep us all safe, but also help our parish budget. Thanking you in advance for your help.

**Kilmore Community Garden:** Last Wednesday the Kilmore Community Garden group met at Christ Church to form a committee and to gather information and suggestions for the future of the 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 13<sup>th</sup> January 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**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am – 12.00 Quiet Morning Meditation, Kilmore  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am Eucharist at St Matthew, Broadford

<b>Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Third Sunday of Advent</b>		
Isaiah 40.1 – 11; Ps 85.1 – 2, 8 – 13; 2 Peter 3.8 – 15a; Mark 1.1 – 8		
Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	No Service
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Holy Eucharist

## **Daily Scripture Readings**

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 90	Ps 119.89 – 104
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 7.1 – 17	Isaiah 43.14 – 44.5
	Mark 6.30 – 56	1 Thessalonians 5.12 – 28
Tuesday	Ps 89.1 – 18	Ps 89.19 – 38
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 7.18 – 8.4	Isaiah 44.6 – 23
	Mark 7.1 – 23	2 Thessalonians 1
Wednesday	Ps 89.39 – 53	Ps 91
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 8.5 – 9.1	Isaiah 44.24 – 45.8
	Mark 7.24 – 37	2 Thessalonians 2
Thursday	Ps 92; 93	Ps 94
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 9.2 – 17	Isaiah 45.9 – 25
	Mark 8.1 – 13	2 Thessalonians 3
Friday	Ps 95; 96	Ps 97; 98
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 9.18 – 10.11	Isaiah 46.1 – 47.4
	Mark 8.14 – 26	Revelation 14.1 – 12
Saturday	Ps 99; 100	Ps 103
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 10.12 – 32	Isaiah 48.1 – 13
	Mark 8.27 – 9.1	Revelation 14.13 – 20

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**Love in Action thank you all for your ongoing support.**

**Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place as soon as the current restrictions allow us to do so. A fourteen-day notice will be given.**

### **Christmas Services December 2020**

13<sup>th</sup> December – 05.00 pm Carols and Lessons in the Carpark  
St Matthew's, Broadford

20<sup>th</sup> December - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent.

09.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

11.00am Holy Eucharist – St Matthew's, Broadford

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

27<sup>th</sup> December – Sunday after Christmas

10.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

Combined Service Kilmore (one service only)